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# NONSUCH NEWS

Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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## MESSAGES FROM MS CAVILLA



Dear parents, carers and students,

### **Nonsuch competes**

From badminton to mock trials and the BEBRAS Computer science competitions, our students are beating their local competitors and those farther afield. It is with considerable pride that we can say this: not just because it is great to compete but because it is testimony to our students' talents.

### **Safety on site**

I am writing to remind everyone again that all students leaving site after 4.30pm must leave via main reception or the canteen gate. It is too dark to leave via the park gate yet we have been stopping students from leaving that way all last week. If students get the bus it is equally easy to cross Ewell road at the pedestrian crossing and walk down well-lit Anne Boleyn's Walk or down the Ewell Road on the side opposite the park.

### **Late start on Thursday**

Please note that this Thursday we have a PSHE training session for staff so

09.15: site opens

09.30: doors open for sixth form

09.45: doors open all other years

09.55: morning registration

10.15: usual lessons from period 2 onwards

Best wishes,  
Ms Cavilla

# UPDATES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON-JONES

## Attendance

We are continuing to get a number of requests for leave of absence around the Christmas holidays. A reminder that it is unlikely that a leave of absence will be authorised for a family holiday though we do really appreciate you speaking with us to letting us know in advance of the absence so that it does not spark a safeguarding concern. We will also be following up any illness in the week before and week after the Christmas holidays and will request evidence of this illness as outlined in our school attendance policy.

**Thank you for your continued support to ensure your child attends school.**

You can monitor your child's attendance data through the Schoolgateway app and ensure that it remains at 95% and above. If there is anything that we may be concerned about, your child's form tutor, Head of Year or myself will contact you.

Year group	Attendance (%)	Authorised (%)	Unauthorised (%)	Persistent absence >=10%
Year 7	98.54	1.25	0.2	2
Year 8	97.94	1.51	0.27	6
Year 9	97.24	2.39	0.37	12
Year 10	96.93	2.42	0.39	11
Year 11	95.37	4.11	0.51	14
Year 12	96.39	2.76	0.85	14
Year 13	93.81	4.75	1.43	34
All years	96.57	2.76	0.58	93



## Twilight

The last Twilight session of the term will be on Tuesday December 19th.

Twilight will restart on Monday January 8th 2024.

A new booking link on Evolve for Twilight sessions will be sent to students.

## Reporting absence

Absences need to be reported via Schoolgateway. Please follow this link for downloading instructions if required: [Nonsuch High School for Girls - Reporting Absences](#).

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Christmas Concert Thursday December 14th



Please come to join us for our annual Christmas Concert this Thursday. Students from all year groups will perform, dance and sing to celebrate this time of year. Tickets are available via ParentPay.



We love to celebrate students' extracurricular activities/achievements outside of school. Please complete [this link](#) so we can share as many of these as possible with the Nonsuch community.

Community notices from Sutton Libraries and our uniform supplier Stevensons

## Y8 - Sutton Community Awards 2023

Shanelle writes: "I had the privilege to play at the Sutton Community Awards ceremony recently at The Cryer Theatre in Carshalton. As a collaborator for Sutton STEAMS Ahead I will be taking part in a lot of upcoming projects representing the school and the community."



## Digital Help Sessions



### Do you need help:

- Joining video calls?
- Attaching files to emails?
- Using certain websites?
- Filling out forms online?
- Any other digital questions?

We're here to help! Come and say hello and we can help you get online.

Sutton Central Library: Tuesdays, 2pm - 4pm  
Westcroft Library: Tuesdays, 2pm - 4pm  
Wallington Library: Thursdays, 2pm - 4pm



## DT - please bring in your empty tins and boxes!



Please recycle your empty sweet/ice cream/takeaway tubs. Bring them to one of the DT teachers or the DT office.



## Opening Times

From everyone at Stevensons, we're sending you our best wishes and a little note to say that we are closing our stores over the Christmas holidays so staff can spend time with their family and friends.

We're closed from 18th December until 1st January.

We re-open on the 2nd of January

You can still order for home delivery or Click and Collect once the store re-opens.

Festive.





# SCHOOL NEWS

## Bar Mock Trial - Nonsuch students rise to the challenge in the Crown Court

On Saturday December 2nd, 16 Y12 teams from across London converged on Snaresbrook Crown Court in north-east London, in the London regional heat of the national Bar Mock Trial Competition. Amongst the teams, another Sutton school - Wilson's - lined up against us. Across three rounds, Nonsuch fielded either a prosecution or a defence team against another school. Trials, which had been prepped and practised under the watchful eye of Mr Key, were conducted according to Crown Court rules with professional judges or criminal barristers presiding.

Round 1: Bishop's Stortford High prosecuting against Nonsuch. Naa and Melaney as barristers were calm and collected, while Jayani and Amber were uncowed by the prosecution. Zi's ushering kept us all in order.

Round 2: Nonsuch prosecuting against Wilson's. This was the grudge match. Wilson's fought hard by criticising our prosecution witnesses Riya and Ayesha but these two held their nerve, and Zi fulfilled her demanding Clerk's role with style. Anusha and Hana then cross-examined Wilson's defendant and his witness. The judge later described the confrontation as a 'real courtroom drama'. The Wilson's defendant was found guilty as charged. Nonsuch had won!

Round 3: Nonsuch High prosecuting against Henrietta Barnett School, in the computer misuse case. Riya and Ayesha met their barristerial brief. Adhiraa ran things smoothly as the Clerk. Kiana and Thaiya were credible as witnesses. Our professionalism won through and we obtained the conviction sought.

Through all three rounds Adhiba, Menarah and Manasi, undertook jury duty across other cases and fulfilled their roles with serious attention. Finally, Aadvaita spent the day taking notes as a 'Court Reporter' - entering a parallel law journalism competition. We were treated then to a Q&A with some of the judges, where students found out useful information concerning study choices and career paths. Of the 16 schools, only the top three were to be announced. Nonsuch was very pleased to take bronze with third place. We were 'on the podium'. Well done, Nonsuch Bar Mock Trial Team!



## Year 7 - phases of the moon

Y7s are currently studying the Earth and Solar System in Science. In class we are using different types of models to understand the positions of celestial objects. As part of their homework, 7 Mars made fantastic edible models to demonstrate the phases of the moon as seen from Earth.



# DEPARTMENT NEWS

## English - Year 8 - Shakespeare comes to Nonsuch!

On Wednesday November 22nd, Albion Theatre visited Nonsuch to perform 'Much Ado about Nothing' on the school stage to all of Y8. Students were then treated to a workshop where they explored the famous 'gulling' scene from the play and performed a version of it in small groups.

The performance was a fantastic modern take on the story and students thoroughly enjoyed seeing a text that they have recently studied up on stage. The workshops enabled students to work with the actors from the production to discuss different interpretations. Students produced some excellent work which demonstrated their critical approach to the text and allowed them to explore the scene from different perspectives.

A huge thanks to Albion Theatre and all of the staff that supported the day; it was a brilliant opportunity for the students and something that they will remember!



## Computer Science - Bebras 2023

We were overwhelmed by the level of success enjoyed by Nonsuch students in November at the annual Bebras competition. Over 25% of students received distinctions and another 25% gained merits. All participants receive House Points for Endeavour, with those who qualified for an invitation into the OUCC competition receiving their Gold Certificates in their class. All certificates are available on Teams if anyone else wishes to print off their own. If you have previously had an invitation to OUCC, you are also invited to take part this year. If you didn't get an invitation but would still like to try it, sign up forms will be sent out in the next week. Those with invitations (and previous invitations) will have first priority and then we will approach anyone else. For a list of our Gold Certificate recipients, please see the end of this newsletter - we are extremely proud of everyone who took part!

Best in school	
Juniors (Y7)	Esther, 7 Jupiter, with a maximum score of 200
Inters (Y8 and 9)	Pippa, 9 Neptune
Seniors (Y10 and 11)	Julia, 11 Saturn
Elite (Years 12 and 13)	Sophie, 13.2



# DEPARTMENT NEWS

## PE - Rugby

We'd like to celebrate Jess' success in rugby so far.

**Jess says:** "I started playing rugby at four years old for Sutton and Epsom rugby football club, where I played tag until Under 10s then I moved to full contact (tackling) in an all girls' squad. Together we played in cup competitions against teams from across Surrey, where we won the plate twice. This season I moved to Old Reigatians RFC and we have already won four of the five games we have played since October. Our aim this year is to do well in the Surrey Cup and play in the final at the Stoop (the home of the Harlequins)."

Well done Jess - we are really proud of you!



## Upcoming fixtures 2023/2024

Date	Time	Sport	Team	Location
14/12/23	15:30	Football	U14	Nonsuch
09/01/24	15:30	Indoor Athletics	Y7&8	Nonsuch
15/01/24	10:00	Floor & Vault Gym Comp	U13	Putney High



## PE - Under 15 cricket

Our U15 Cricket Team participated in an Indoor Cricket Tournament at Ewell Castle on Thursday December 7th. Nonsuch competed against St. Andrews and Ewell Castle and won both matches, coming first overall! The players should be extremely proud of themselves. Great teamwork, communication and sportsmanship were evident in both games. We hope they strive for success and continue to excel as they enter the next round of the competition!



## PE - KS3 Surrey County Badminton

On Thursday December 7th our KS3 Badminton Squad competed in the Surrey County Badminton Championships at Tiffin Girls. We saw lots of hard work and tactical thinking throughout all the games. Our A squad won every game they played and our B only narrowly missed out in two games by just one point against Tiffin. Very well done to all the players. We wish them the best of luck as they go through to the London and Southeast Regional Round!



# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Week 1</b>	Year 11 Mock Exams
Monday 11th December	
Tuesday 12th December	
Wed 13th December	Yr13 National Archives Trip
Thursday 14th December	Late start for students - 9.55am registration Christmas Concert – 18.00
Friday 15th December	
<b>Week 2</b>	Year 11 Mock Exams
Monday 18th December	
Tuesday 19th December	A Level Prizegiving – 18.30-20.30
Wed 20th December	No Twilight session
Thursday 21st December	Last day of term

# BEBRAS 2023 GOLD CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

<b>Year 7</b>	Jupiter: Alina, Olivia, Lakshanya, Mannat, Anukshana, Chanice, Saanvi, Sophia, Kavi, Tulsi, Srisaivirani, Malaika, Anna Maria, Lala, Elena, Riva, Aadhya Mars: Emma, Bernice, Katie, Tabeena, Nishmigaa, Vash, Summer. Jaycie, Najibah Mercury: Meriam, Monica, Tiffany, Haasini, Mila, Evelyn, Jia, Swara, Aaliya, Phoebe, Adhya Neptune: Ayesha, Riddhi, Anjanah, Tiahni, Shreeya, Anika, Katy, Abhigna, Rachel Pluto: Varsha, Shradha, Hetty, Nilupuli, Dhruhi, Emily, Prithiksha, Iniga, Sophie, Shreya, Darcey, Hania Saturn: Inaya, Esther, Saashi, Mei-An, Elisa, Mia, Abby, Isabella Venus: Lana, Minji, Sophie, Lamisa, Karena, Emily, Mila, Jessie, Sanjana, Iris, Sofia, Heera, Mayka, Esme
<b>Year 8</b>	Jupiter: Kaitlyn, Lilian, Anushri, Stuti, Inayah, Mia, Sahasra Mars: Isabelle, Riya, Alia, Eshal, Asmitha, Abigail, Mia Mercury: Anna-lakshmi, Eeshal, Anriya, Ella, Isabella Neptune: Meenakshi, Aavya, Nandini, Zayna, Haley, Bhuvi, Madeleine, Cecilia, Tanvi, Sabeeqa, Saaya Pluto: Katherine, Kaya, Persie, Hannah, Nishita, Harshavi Saturn: Alice, Sophie, Harshani, Avalina, Nila, Samanvi, Sofia, Shruthika, Rachel Venus: Nishka, Jenisha, Alyssa, Aahana, Sieun, Liyana, Izzy, Diya, Ananya, Eloise, Abiksha, Aradanaa
<b>Year 9</b>	Jupiter: Nydile, Qing Zhi, Sonja, Siya, Ashana, Emily, Charlotte Mars: Misty, Ella, Joann, Eloise, Aara, Maya, Rakshana, Leanne Mercury: Akshaya, Surya, Sahasra, Caitlin, Ayesha, Angelina, Shradha, Hayzar, Alisa, Sienna, Sandhya, Marina, Akshita Neptune: Jess, Posi, Shreya, Emma, Sarah, Edie, Anisha, Raina, Sophie, Azka Pluto: Laura, Matylda, Abi, Mahi, Tanishka Saturn: Lior, Leyla, Rasiga, Zara, Jingxuan, Grace, Shivani, Chloe Venus: Kyra, Kirika, Hannah, Sofia, Olivia, Kritika, Lamiha, Laila, Maya, Shreeya
<b>Year 10</b>	Bell: Medha; Cannon: Alex; Chawla: Eva; Jemison: Manali; Ride: Sophia; Sharman: Monika, Nithila, Geeta; Tereskova: Ana
<b>Year 11</b>	Mercury: Jahnvi; Neptune: Yathra, Emily, Suhitha, Fiona; Pluto: Nishta; Saturn: Lara; Venus: Amelia