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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

As we approach the half-term break, I want to reflect on a vibrant and rewarding few weeks at Nonsuch.

Our students have been busy across all year groups. This week, Year 7 have enjoyed their trip to Box Hill, while Year 12 have taken part in valuable Higher Education Days. Exams for Years 11 to 13 are now well underway, and we continue to be impressed by the calm focus and commitment shown. We were also delighted by the excellent results in the Junior Mathematics Challenge. Congratulations to everyone who took part, and best of luck to those progressing to the Olympiad and Junior Kangaroo rounds.

We're also celebrating the Geography Department's successful Woodland Trust bid, which will bring 105 trees to our school site in November. This rewilding project will support learning and environmental action across our community.

This week, I also shared details of an opportunity to join our Local Governing Body as a Parent Governor. This is an important role and a chance to help shape the future of the school. If you are interested, I encourage you to apply. More details are to be found later on in this issue of the newsletter.

Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support — particularly around attendance, which continues to be vital to student wellbeing and success. And well done to all who marked Mental Health Awareness Week by reflecting on the power of community.

Wishing all our students and families a restful and restorative half-term break.

Mrs Williamson
Headteacher



UPDATES FROM MS OSBORNE

Attendance

Attending school every day can help your child to achieve their aspirations, and the aspirations you have for them. School attendance is also important for giving them the enrichment opportunities that can help support their social and mental wellbeing.

The research on the link between attendance and attainment is clear; the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

We appreciate that it can be difficult to know whether your child is too ill to attend school. However, NHS guidance is clear that it is fine to send them in with a minor cough or common cold, provided they don't have a temperature.

We aim for all our students to have an attendance rate of 95% or above. You can monitor your child's attendance data through the Schoolgateway app and ensure that it remains at this rate. If there is anything that we may be concerned about, your child's form tutor, Head of Year, or I will contact you.

Guidance on attendance

Details of the Government's drive to improve attendance at school can be found [here](#), along with links to wider guidance on supporting your child's attendance. The full guidance is [here](#).

The Government has an [attendance hub](#) which can help parents make informed decisions about attendance and it also has advice for parents around illness and attendance at school. This [guidance](#) helps parents make informed decisions about their child's health and attendance.

All in %	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13	All
Attendance	97.86	97.43	96.05	97.04	53.37	0	0	72.88
Authorised	1.43	2.38	3.38	2.66	46.46	0	100	26.80
Unauthorised	0.71	0.19	0.57	0.30	0.17	0	0	0.32
Persistent absence ≥10%	17	25	29	30	234	0	214	549

12/05/25-16/05/25

Yearly Attendance	Yearly Days Missed	Yearly Learning Hours Missed	Learning Hours Missed Over 5 Years
100%	0	0	0
97%	6	30	150
95%	10	50	250
90%	20	100	500
80%	40	200	1000
50%	100	500	2500

ClassCharts for parents

A reminder that our presentation on ClassCharts for parents can be found on the [parent portal](#) of our school website.

SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

Safeguarding email

If you have any concerns or questions regarding safeguarding or child protection, please contact us at safeguarding@nonsuchschool.org. We are here to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone within our community, and we take any reports or enquiries seriously. Your email will be treated confidentially and promptly addressed by our dedicated safeguarding team.

Schoolgateway absence reminder

We have noticed an increased number of absence messages that are not being received in the attendance area of the Schoolgateway. If absences are not reported following the route below the Attendance Officer is not automatically notified and your daughter's reason for absence will not be recorded. Even when replying to a text, please follow the route below.

Please also note that attachments cannot be sent via the Schoolgateway. Therefore, if you are required to supply any evidence for an absence, please email attachments to office@nonsuchschool.org. Please refer to the PDF sent with this newsletter for a reminder of absence reporting either side of a school holiday.

Unfortunately, this is due to the set-up within Schoolgateway and is unavoidable.

The route is:

- Click on your child's name
- Click on Reporting
- Click on Attendance
- Click on 'Advise of Future Absence' - Complete the information not overwriting your daughter's name and tutor group

You need to be a priority 1 parent/carer to be able to download and your email address and mobile number must be up to date. Please email office@nonsuchschool.org if you need to update us. Download the app [here](#).

First Aid

Please advise [First Aid](#) of any recently-diagnosed medical conditions/allergies.

Hayfever Medication

If your child suffers from hayfever/allergies, please ensure that they take any medication needed in the morning before leaving for school. If you would like us to hold any medication in school can you please send it in a clearly labelled, original packaging/box. You will also need to complete a 'Permission to Administer Medication' form which can be found on our website or a hard copy can be collected from Main Reception.

Epipens

If your daughter carries her own epipen, please ensure that she is carrying it in her school bag every day she comes to school.

SCHOOL NEWS

PTA Quiz Night

The Nonsuch PTA Quiz Night is making its eagerly awaited return on Friday, June 20th - and you're invited! Please see the attached flyer - the main details are also here:

Doors open at 6:00 PM

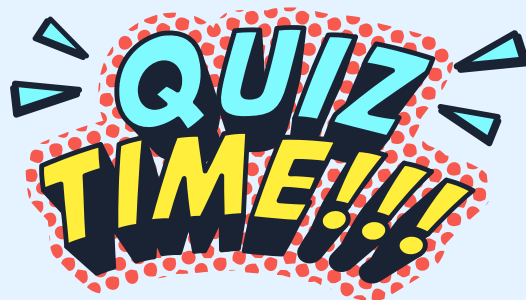
Held at Nonsuch High School

Teams of up to 6 (or come solo—we'll match you up!)

Tickets: £13 for adults, £9 for Nonsuch students/under 16s

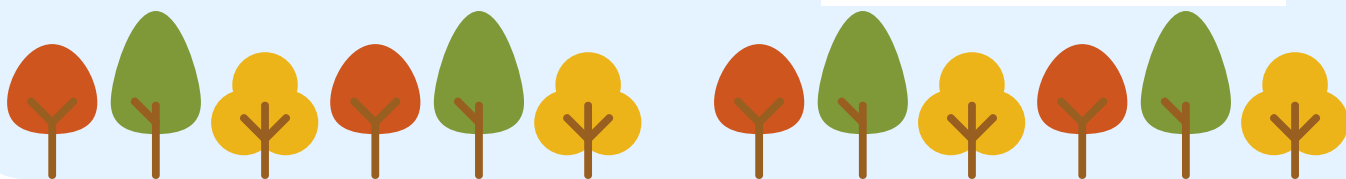
This is a cashless event (card/contactless payments only)

Book your tickets now here!



Geography Department and the Woodland Trust - successful bid!

The Geography Department's application to plant trees from the Woodland Trust has been successful! In November, we will have 105 saplings of a variety of trees including silver birch, hazel, rowan, sessile oak and blackthorn ready to plant on site here. We hope the Green Ambassadors, the Gardening Club, The Geographical Society along with any other volunteers will help us rewild parts of the school site. Huge thanks to Mr Penfold, our Premises Manager, for his support with our bid.



Junior Maths Challenge success

We are very pleased to announce that of our 165 Y7 and Y8 students who took part in the Junior Mathematics Challenge, that we had a superb set of results, with 103 Gold Certificates, 49 Silver Certificates, 10 Bronze certificates and three Participation Certificates.

Seventy-four students have qualified for the follow-on rounds which take place on June 10th. There are 68 students who have qualified for the Junior Kangaroo and six who have qualified for the Junior Olympiad - Minha, Thea, Minji, Olivia, Mathusa and Bernice. Well done to them and to all who participated - we are really proud of you.

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 f = \frac{\sqrt{x+a^2}}{x} \\
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Parent Governor vacancy

We are seeking an individual to join the Nonsuch High School for Girls (NHSG) Local Governing Body as a Parent Governor for a term of four years. There is one role available.

Being a Parent Governor is an excellent opportunity to contribute your skills to the school and its community, as well as being an opportunity for professional and personal development. As a Parent Governor, you will develop an understanding of how to analyse and use data, how to manage different stakeholders, how to navigate challenges and how to think and act strategically. You will also gain a good understanding of the education sector and experience of governance meetings.

The role of Parent Governor is an elected one. By submitting your supporting statement through this application form, you are putting yourself forward for election. The Parent Governor election will be open to all parents at Nonsuch High School for Girls.

In order to be eligible, you must be a parent of a student at Nonsuch High School for Girls. The term of office is for four years.

If your child is a student at NHSG and ceases to be so before your term of office ends, you will not be eligible for re-election. However, if your child is still a student at NHSG when your term of office ends, you will be eligible for re-election if you wish to stand.

By submitting your application, you confirm you are a parent of a child at NHSG.

If you have any questions about the role, please contact governance@girlslearningtrust.org

Please apply [here](#) for this role.

Mental Health Awareness Week

What is it?

Last week (May 12th-18th) was Mental Health Awareness Week in the UK. Its aim is to raise awareness of mental health and to promote mental wellbeing for all. Organised by the Mental Health Foundation, it gives everyone the chance to reflect on their mental health. The week is vital in increasing public understanding of mental health and how mental health problems can be supported.

This year, the theme is 'The Power of Community'. The aim of this week is to celebrate the power and importance of community and to create ones that care for people living with mental illness.

Why is it significant?

The week emphasises the importance of understanding that mental health is just as necessary as physical health. It helps to encourage open conversations, reduce stigma, and to remind people that it is okay to ask for help. It gives us the chance to focus on personal wellbeing, to spread kindness and learn methods of taking care of our mental health every day.

How can you get involved and what resources are available?

There are many different ways to get involved! For example, you can learn about mental health issues and how to support yourself and peers who might be facing these problems. Many resources are available in terms of mental health. For example, Nonsuch offers many resources – like the SHARP system – for anonymous reporting, mental health support, and access to helpful wellbeing information.



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1	Year 12 exams, MFL orals, Art exams Year 13 exams Year 11 GCSEs
Monday 19th May	
Tuesday 20th May	
Wednesday 21st May	Late start for students (9.55am) Year 12 HE Day Year 7 Box Hill Trip
Thursday 22nd May	Year 12 HE Day Year 7 Box Hill Trip
Friday 23rd May	Imperial College Science & Innovation Finals
	HALF TERM – 26th May – 30th May
Week 2	Year 12 exams, MFL orals, Art exams Year 13 exams Year 11 GCSEs
Monday 2nd June	INSET DAY - school is closed for students
Tuesday 3rd June	Borough Athletics – David Weir Centre Year 10 Geography Trip
Wednesday 4th June	Year 10 Geography Trip Cologne trip Information Evening – 18.00
Thursday 5th June	Spanish Trip Information Evening – 18.00
Friday 6th June	Year 8 HPV Immunisation
Saturday 7th June	Queens – 1st day