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# NONSUCH NEWS

Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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## MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON-JONES



Dear students, parents, and carers,

This week we said farewell to our wonderful Year 11 and Year 13 students. Year 11 marked the occasion on Tuesday with a celebration event, while Year 13 enjoyed their prom last Friday night and final celebration on Thursday. We wish them every success in their upcoming exams and look forward to welcoming Year 11 back for Sixth Form induction days in June, as well as their GCSE celebration event.

A special congratulations to Thush in 8M, whose mission patch design has been selected to accompany a scientific experiment heading to the International Space Station - a fantastic achievement!

Planning for our Activities Week is well underway. Students have been selecting their onsite options this week, with a variety of engaging and enriching experiences on offer. Activities Week provides a valuable opportunity for students to explore new interests and develop skills beyond the classroom as part of a well-rounded, holistic education. We look forward to what promises to be a memorable week in June.

Finally, please do complete the Parent Survey, sent out two weeks ago, as your feedback is vital in helping us shape the future of our school. We are also still accepting applications for the role of Parent Governor. This is a great way to get involved and support the school's strategic direction.

With warm wishes,

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	95.24	96.07	92.02	97.66	28.03	0	67.29	78.28
Authorised	2.32	2.02	3.63	2.03	71.76	0	29.21	19.62
Unauthorised	0.65	0.12	0.89	0.31	0.21	0	2.86	0.84
Persistent absence ≥10%	15	16	29	19	235	0	214	528

05/05/25-09/05/25

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Webinars for parents

The Education and Wellbeing Service have a range of helpful webinars for parents. You may find the following sessions helpful:

- Supporting Your Teenager with Emotional Difficulties and Self-Harm - Tue, May 13 • 7:30 PM and Thu, May 15 • 12:30 PM

Parents can sign up [here](#).



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Celebrating the life of Miss Plastow 1934-2025

Miss Plastow was a longstanding member of staff at Nonsuch for 33 years and only the second of Head of PE since the school's inception in 1938. Her life was celebrated last week at a service in which Mrs Williamson delivered a tribute on behalf of the Nonsuch family. Former members of staff and ex-students, including Mrs Barkey, Headteacher from 1987-1994, as well as Mrs Kemble, a Nonsuch Old Girl from the Class of 1948, attended. We were grateful to be asked to provide flowers for the service. Our tribute read: *With love and thanks from the Nonsuch community, past and present. Your dedication and commitment to all the students you taught will never be forgotten. Your legacy will continue.*



## Young Enterprise success!

On Wednesday 30 April 30th, the Y12 Young Enterprise students took part in the Sutton and Merton regional Company of the Year competition at Subsea 7 in Sutton. The team were crowned regional company of the year, as well as bagging prizes for sustainability and managing director. They now progress to the South London finals on May 13th at the National Physical Laboratory, Twickenham. The company is called Magnolia Designs and they are selling crochet kits. The company have negotiated with a local yarn retailer to repurpose dead stock to ensure that the product is as sustainable and ethical as possible.



## Space station logo design success



Thush (Y8) has designed a logo for the University of Liverpool for their research project Microage. Her design ended up in the final 12 across the country and her design will be launched onto the International Space Station. She received a goodie bag and certificate. Many congratulations, Thush!



# SCHOOL NEWS

## UKMT Intermediate follow-on rounds - Kangaroo and Olympiad

Congratulations to the 41 Y9-11 students who were invited to the follow-on rounds for the UKMT Intermediate section. Well done to [Olivia](#) and [Sophie](#) who both achieved Gold certificates for the Grey Kangaroo as well receiving Best in Year and Best in School respectively. In the Pink Kangaroo, congratulations go to [Joann](#) and [Minseo](#) who achieved Gold Best in Year and Best in School respectively. [Sahaana](#) and [Amy](#) also achieved gold certificates.

It was wonderful that [Mahi](#) and [Parnika](#) were invited to sit the Hamilton Olympiad and the McLaurin Olympiad respectively with both achieving merits. We are very proud of all who took part!

## UKMT Junior Challenge

On May 1st, 166 Y7 and Y8 students signed up to sit the UKMT Challenge consisting of 25 mind-bending questions. This is a fantastic enrichment opportunity for our students. We are very encouraged by the numbers that have taken part in this competition and look forward to their results and incites into the next rounds which take place in June.



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PE

On Thursday May 1st we took 15 year 8 students to Croydon High for an athletics meet. This was a great opportunity for our athletes to practice all the different athletic events. The students achieved some amazing times/scores, they should all be very proud. Click [here](#) via a school email address for some great action shots of the afternoon.

# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	Year 12 exams, MFL orals, Art exams Year 13 A levels Year 11 GCSEs
Monday 12th May	
Tuesday 13th May	
Wednesday 14th May	
Thursday 15th May	
Friday 16th May	
Saturday 17th May	Ball Crew Training – 9.00-12.00
Week 1	Year 12 exams, MFL orals, Art exams Year 13 A levels Year 11 GCSE
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	