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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,

### **Parent governor election**

I wish to express thanks for the tenure of Claire Copeland, parent governor, for her expertise, counsel and support of the school. Next week a letter will be sent out inviting new nominations and the timeline for the election of a new parent governor ready for the May meeting of the local governing body

### **ClassCharts and School Gateway apps**

The newsletter will contain regular reminders to parents to ensure they have downloaded these apps. We have had great success with moving to the School Gateway for reporting absence so we are confident that ClassCharts will catch on. The recorded presentation on this has been saved on the PARENT PORTAL section of the school website for your reference.

### **Cameras for site survey on February 8th-9th**

For the last two days of term there will be cameras monitoring vehicular and pedestrian access to the front of our school site throughout the day. This is an important part of the work towards securing better perimeter security and safer pedestrian access to our site as part of the Conditions Improvement Fund bid the school won.

### **Dates for your diary**

As we approach the end of a short half term please take note of the important dates section – notably the late start on Thursday February 8th for staff training and the school closure on Monday February 19th due to cross trust staff training.

Best wishes,  
Ms Cavilla

# UPDATES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON-JONES

## Attendance

Every day in education counts. Missed lessons leads to missed understanding, and in an academically selective school such as Nonsuch, this can lead to added pressure placed onto the student.

Data suggests that those students who have an attendance figure of 95% or greater will achieve higher grades academically. Attendance at 90% or below is considered as persistent absence by the government and over a school year that student would lose 95 hours of learning time.

**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	98.18	1.38	0.34	6
Year 8	97.67	1.70	0.62	7
Year 9	96.99	2.39	0.53	7
Year 10	96.23	2.95	0.76	18
Year 11	94.96	3.76	0.67	11
Year 12	95.80	3.03	1.04	16
Year 13	93.87	4.60	1.51	38
All years	96.22	2.85	0.79	103



Session attendance summary (4/9/23 to 30/1/24)

## Reporting absence

Please report absences via Schoolgateway. Download the app here: [Nonsuch High School for Girls - Reporting Absences](#).

## Class Charts for parents

A reminder that our presentation about the launch of class charts to parents can be found on the Parent portal of our school website [Nonsuch High School for Girls - Portals \(www.nonsuchschool.org\)](http://www.nonsuchschool.org)

You should have received an email on Friday with a code that allows you to log into your child's account.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Fostering information - please also see attached flyer for further information

At Nexus Fostering , we're looking for local people like you to become foster carers. By providing a loving and stable home environment, you can support the increasing number of children and young people in the local area who cannot live in their family homes. Not all children require long-term care.

We also need foster carers for short-term placements, respite care, and to provide temporary homes to support young parents and their babies. So, if you have a spare room and are ready to change lives, please give us a call on 01452491980 or email Bridget Fletcher on [bridgetf@nexusfostering.co.uk](mailto:bridgetf@nexusfostering.co.uk)



## Sutton Parents' Forum information

Please also see the attached flyer for information about the Play and Stay sessions run by Sutton Parents' Forum during half term, at the Tweedale Children's Centre in Carshalton, near to the David Weir leisure centre.



## Train to Teach Webinar

Thursday 8th February

5pm - 6pm



How to apply for teacher training with Sutton SCITT

Check out the Events page on our website to register for your place  
[www.suttonscitt.org.uk](http://www.suttonscitt.org.uk)



# SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

## Operation Encompass

### What is Operation Encompass?

Operation Encompass is a collaborative procedure involving various agencies that aims to provide timely support for children and young people who have witnessed domestic abuse in their homes.

**Partnership working:** Operation Encompass involves partnerships between the Metropolitan Police, local authorities, and designated safeguarding leads in schools. By working together, these parties ensure that appropriate steps are taken to support students who have experienced domestic abuse.

**Information sharing:** The Metropolitan Police notifies the designated safeguarding leads within schools about any domestic abuse incidents where a child or young person was present. This allows the school to adjust their approach and provide necessary support during what could be a challenging day emotionally. The information shared includes the date and time of the incident and a notification of the previous day's domestic incident.

**Supplemental protocol:** It is important to note that this protocol does not replace existing procedures or solely address child welfare. It should always be followed alongside current safeguarding measures.



Operation Encompass serves as an additional means to reinforce safeguarding practices and ensure the wellbeing of children after a domestic incident. Schools can use this knowledge to offer immediate silent observation and awareness, with any further needs being addressed through standard pastoral care processes.

**Disclosure details:** The information disclosed through Operation Encompass pertains to instances where the child was present during a domestic incident involving their parents, resulting in police involvement.

**Disclosure process:** This information is securely sent to specially trained designated safeguarding leads in school, Mrs Hart and Mrs Williamson-Jones on the following morning after the incident occurred.

## PE - U15 Indoor Cricket

On Friday January 26th, our U15 Cricket team competed in a tournament at Woldingham School. The team played their very best and we saw some great teamwork and communication.

They were great at cheering and supporting their teammates. Overall, they came second in the competition - a fantastic result. Also, a special congratulations to the matches POMs: Shreyasi, Gunreet and Ella!



# SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

## Nonsuch Young Musician of the Year 2024

Isabelle and Lucy (Y8) write: On Monday January 22nd, Nonsuch hosted our annual 'Nonsuch Young Musician Of The Year' competition, judged by guest judges from Sutton Music Service, Ms Cavilla and Miss Cross-Padden. Fifteen students from across the school took part in the final, which was full of amazing performances. Five students from each Key Stage competed for the following prizes: KS3, KS4, KS5, Prize; Piano Prize; and an overall winner!

It was a very hard decision as each competitor had a strong performance, but congratulations go to:

**Isabelle** Y8 (KS3 winner)  
**Alyza** Y11 (KS4 winner)  
**Yuqing** Y12 (KS5 winner)  
**Aree** Y12 (Piano Prize winner)  
**Natalia** Y12 (Overall winner). Well done if you participated in the competition, whether you entered the final or not!

And a special thank you to Ms Patterson - the competition would not have happened without you!



## School production - buy your tickets now!

Students have been working very hard to put together this year's school production which is 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. Please do support them by coming to one of the performances on **Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th February**. Tickets are available on ParentPay, as shown on the wonderful poster. There was a House contest for students to enter their poster design, with this winning artwork from Isabella (Y8) now promoting the production.



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.

# SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

## RAF flying day - Y12 cadets

Caitlin and Lara (Y12) write: "As part of being cadets in the RAF, flying days (although rare) are lots of fun! We were lucky to have the opportunity to have a flying day at RAF Benson in South Oxfordshire recently. We practised jumping from a dummy plane seat and how to pull the parachute. (thankfully something we didn't actually have to do for real). Both of us were first-time flyers, making it a nerve-wracking yet exciting moment. As the plane took off we had amazing views and few far enough to see Oxford. We got to take control of the plane, experience G-force up to G4 and even do some aerobatics! It was an amazing experience, and we hope we can go back again soon.



## Surrey SATRO Engineering

On Thursday January 25th the DT department took 18 students to compete in the Surrey Satro engineering competition. The teams were tasked with the challenge of creating a vehicle which could transport Lego bricks across 1.2m using the least amount of material possible. They had to use their knowledge of kinetic energy to move the vehicle using the force of an elastic band.

All three teams displayed excellent teamwork and problem solving skills under the pressure. After presenting in front of the judges, the results were:

In the KS3 category: Nonsuch.....**2nd**

In the KS4 category: Nonsuch.....**1st**

In the KS5 category: Nonsuch.....**1st**

KS4 and KS5 progress to the finals in March. We hope that KS3 scored high enough to join us. Well done to all students who competed...Posi, Arshiya, Pia, Siya, Yi Xin, Maya, Yathra, Teju, Tanishkaa, Elizabeth, Parichita, Nuha, Zahra, Lara, Eti, Mishka, Anusha and Veronika.



# SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

## PE - U12 Hockey

Our U12 hockey squads played a fixture against Sutton for the second time this season. Great improvement was shown throughout the matches, across both halves. The A team drew 2-2 and the B team were so close but lost 3-1. We are so pleased with all their hard work within these matches and the improvements shown to narrow the score. Extra congratulations to Alannah and Tiara for getting player of the match!



## PE - U14 and 15 Netball



On Tuesday January 30th we had a five-team tournament against Downsend School. Our U14AB and U15ABC teams all played across five courts. Each team worked really hard together. Our U15A team had a very close game which resulted in defeat, but our other teams all successfully won their matches with some special mentions to the POMs!

U15A: 32-14 POM = Melanie

U15B: 24-6 POM = Maya

U14A: 18- 13 POM = Eirin

U14B: 44-2! POM = Khianna

U14C: 30-2! POM = Xanthe

# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Week 1</b>	Year 13 Mock Exams & Art
Monday 5th February	
Tuesday 6th February	
Wednesday 7th February	
Thursday 8th February	PSHE CPD - Late start - 9.55am registration Sutton Borough KS4/Mixed Dance Competition - 12.30
Friday 9th February	School Ski Trip - departs
<b>12th - 16th February</b>	HALF TERM
Week 2	
Monday 19th February	INSET Day Bronze, Silver & Gold D of E training day
Tuesday 20th February	School ends at 12.25 for all students Year 10 parent-teacher consultation afternoon - remote
Wednesday 21st February	Sutton Primary School Badminton - 15.30 -18.00 Year 10 parent-teacher consultation - 16.00 - remote Bronze D of E parents briefing - 18.00-online
Thursday 22nd February	
Friday 23rd February	