



MONDAY FEBRUARY 26TH 2024 | ISSUE 10

# NONSUCH NEWS

Our weekly newsletter for the school community



WHAT'S INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- Messages from Ms Cavilla
- Updates from Mrs Williamson-Jones
- Community notices
- School and department news
- Upcoming dates for your diary

## MESSAGES FROM MS CAVILLA



Dear parents, carers and students,

This week on my walk about in school I have been struck by the amount of activity that engages our students outside of lessons: school production rehearsals, clubs including cookery, robotics and ball-girling alongside do many others. I am delighted that our students are so positively engaged and grateful for the generosity of commitment of colleagues who provide the opportunities.

In terms of notices for information please see below on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter:

- the timeline for consultation on our review of our Relationships, Sex and Health Education policy
- information about changes to bus routes, notably the 470, that may affect you
- reminder about how to download the Schoolgateway app for reporting absence.

I also wish to remind you to ensure you have downloaded the ClassCharts app for insights into punctuality, rewards and debits.

### **Bus stop behaviour and safety**

On Friday, whilst ensuring students got onto buses safely and respectfully, we saw students on the other side of the road, queuing IN the road in front of the bus to avoid queueing on the pavement. It is dangerous and disrespectful. We regularly remind our students how to behave in public and I am taking this opportunity to share some behaviours we see where young people are not taking responsibility for their own safety or that of others.

With 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 95hrs 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	98.17	1.39	0.37	3
Year 8	97.67	1.72	0.61	7
Year 9	96.99	2.36	0.57	7
Year 10	96.30	2.88	0.76	17
Year 11	95.51	3.75	0.74	13
Year 12	96.15	3.05	0.79	14
Year 13	94.16	4.60	1.24	34
All years	96.43	2.82	0.73	95



Session attendance summary (4/9/23 to 20/02/24)

## Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Consultation

This academic year we will be reviewing and updating our RSE Policy and curriculum. We would like to consult with parents and carers to ensure that our policy meets the needs of pupils and parents and reflects the community we serve. The aim of this is to ensure that our RSE provision is appropriate for our students. We need your feedback to help us to do this. We will be running two in-person focus groups and one online. Please see the times and dates below:

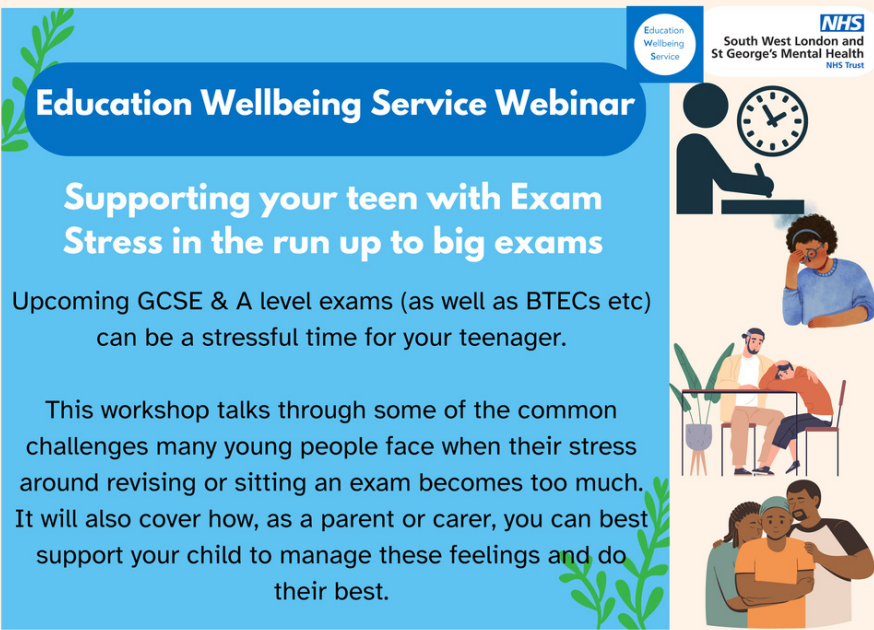
- Tuesday March 5th 8.30 am-9.30 am (in person at school)
- Wednesday March 6th 6pm-7pm (online)
- Thursday March 7th 4pm-5pm (in person at school)

To take part, please complete [this online form](#) by Friday March 1st 2024. We will then send out further details including links to the online session. Please see the letter sent out last week with further information in it regarding the expectations placed on schools.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Supporting your child with upcoming exams

The upcoming GCSE and A level exams can lead to stress in our young people. To give you some strategies to manage challenges that may arise during this time, The Education Wellbeing Service is offering a Live webinar for parents and carers of young people in years 11 and 13 titled 'Supporting your child with exam stress'. The webinar will be presented on Monday 26th February 12.30-1.30pm and again on Tuesday 27th February 7.30-8.30pm. Please sign up using this link: [Secondary/College Parents -Workshops | Eventbrite](#)



**Education Wellbeing Service Webinar**

### Supporting your teen with Exam Stress in the run up to big exams

Upcoming GCSE & A level exams (as well as BTECs etc) can be a stressful time for your teenager.

This workshop talks through some of the common challenges many young people face when their stress around revising or sitting an exam becomes too much. It will also cover how, as a parent or carer, you can best support your child to manage these feelings and do their best.

**DATE / TIME**


Monday 26th February 12.30-1.30 pm  
Tuesday 27th February 7:30 - 8:30 pm

**LOCATION**

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite (and check out our others!) by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:

[CLICK HERE to book](#)



wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

## Local bus route changes

Please read the attached information from Transport for London regarding changes to bus routes which may affect your child's journey to and from Nonsuch. The changes come into effect from Saturday, March 2nd 2024.



## Reporting absence

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

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

## GCSE Photography

We would like to share the following work by Molly, Yamini and Isshana in Y11. Having completed their photo shoots students are now experimenting with their imagery, Yamini has been exploring some chemical based techniques in the darkroom, Molly & Isshana are working by hand to manipulate printed imagery. We hope you enjoy.



## Cambridge Biology Challenge

January 2024 saw the launch of the brand-new Cambridge Biology Challenge. Run by Homerton College, this new nationwide competition challenges students to think deeply about the sort of questions that they ask at Cambridge. Every three weeks, a new question is revealed, and teams of up to five students have two weeks to submit a response. This first question was 'Why don't animals have wheels?' where Homerton College received over 400 entries. Well done to all participants who achieved commended certificates and to the following students who achieved highly commended certificates.

Y10: Aamina, Preethy, Joanna, Nitharsana, Shruthika, Jasleen, Dana, Alice, Erin, Sanjana, Tejaswi, Zara

Y11: Anisha, Navani, Fanxi, Dhriti, Vidula

Y12: Tvisha, Rishika, Jenny, Isadora, Sophia, Candice

The next question, 'Are humans still evolving?' is certain to prompt some interesting entries. Best of luck to the Nonsuch participants in round 2!

## Year 8 Imperial success

## Imperial College London

Oceanauts, a team of four Year 8 students, have been invited to attend the finals event at Imperial College later this term after their team's video entry for the Natural Sciences Faculty's School Sciences Competition was selected to be among the finalists in their category of 11-14 year olds. Well done to Aashvi, Lilian, Nethuni and Mia of 8Johnson. We wish you well.

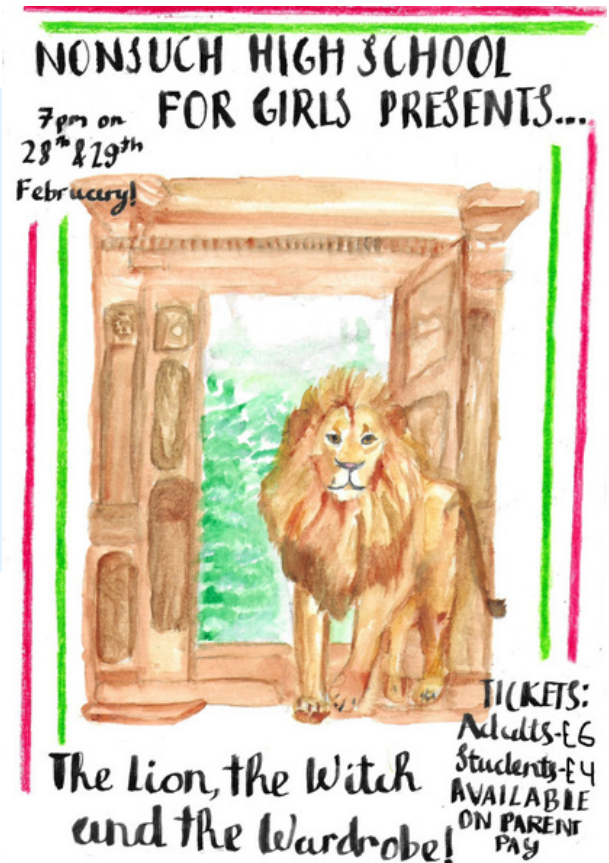


**HOMERTON COLLEGE**  
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

# SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

## School production Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th February

There's still time to get your tickets to see this year's school production of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. Please support the students by coming to one of the performances on **Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th February**. Tickets are available on ParentPay.



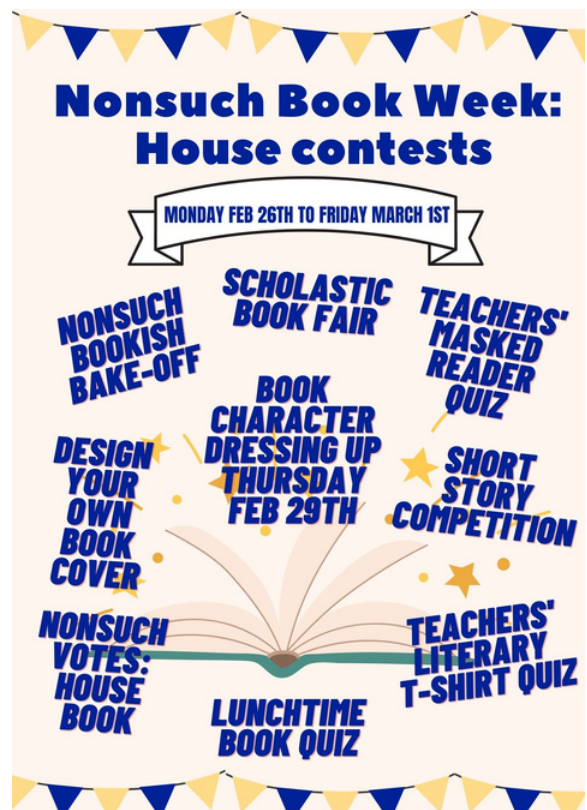
## Nonsuch Book Week - Scholastic Book Fair



The school library is fundraising for new books as part of Nonsuch Book Week. We are hosting a Scholastic Book Fair all week, where every purchase made by a student equals points the library can then redeem for brand-new library books for all to enjoy.

Parents/carers and students have all received a letter outlining the exciting new titles for children and young adults available to buy next week.

Students are very excited for the events and activities taking place all week next week as part of the school's celebration of reading for pleasure.



# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Week 1</b>	Nonsuch Book Week
Monday 26th February	Scholastic Fundraising Book Fair (all week in the library)
Tuesday 27th February	
Wednesday 28th February	School Production – 19.00 (Hall)
Thursday 29th February	Non-uniform day – Dress as a book character day School Production – 19.00 (Hall)
Friday 1st March	Year 9 DTP & Meningitis Vaccination
<b>Week 2</b>	
Monday 4th March	
Tuesday 5th March	Year 12 Parents' Evening – 16.00 (in school)
Wednesday 6th March	
Thursday 7th March	Oxbridge Information Evening – 19.00-20.00 (Hall)
Friday 8th March	