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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

It has been an incredibly busy but thoroughly rewarding week here at Nonsuch.

Midweek, I had the pleasure of attending our summer concert. The musical performances were nothing short of outstanding, and I was especially proud to see our students displaying exceptional leadership throughout the event. A heartfelt thank you to Miss Patterson and the entire music department for bringing it all together so beautifully.

On Saturday, I was fortunate to visit Queen's Club, where I witnessed firsthand our students in action as ball girls. Their professionalism, focus and dedication were a credit to the school, well done to all involved!

Thursday and Friday were packed with energy as we welcomed our returning Year 11 students and new joiners for Sixth Form Induction Days. It was wonderful to see new friendships forming and excitement building for the next chapter of their journey. We also held a lovely Year 11 Celebration Event, recognising the efforts and achievements of this cohort. On Thursday evening, our Year 12 students took centre stage for the EPQ Showcase, presenting their independent projects.

Looking ahead, we are busy preparing for our third annual Activities Week. I'm very much looking forward to seeing our students explore the many enrichment opportunities on offer thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of our staff. It promises to be another wonderful week in an already vibrant term.

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	97.90	88.86	94.19	93.65	15.77	93.52	0.05	67.97
Authorised	1.86	10.86	5.62	5.62	84.19	5.38	99.91	31.66
Unauthorised	0.19	0.29	0.19	0.74	0.04	0.48	0	0/27
Persistent absence ≥10%	17	196	53	65	234	73	214	852

16/06/25-20/06/25

Please note that Years 11 and 13 are now on study leave.

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

UKMT Junior Challenge success

A huge congratulations to the 69 Year 7 and 8 students who qualified for the UKMT Junior Challenge follow-on rounds, the Junior Kangaroo!

We are extremely proud of all our participants, who include 10 students who achieved Gold certificates, placing within the top 10% of all qualifiers nationwide. Gold certificates were awarded to Esther, Lamisa, Najibah, Evelyn, Prithiksha, Mandi, Dhruhi, Lakshanya, Ananya, and Tiahni. Special recognition goes to Mandi, who achieved the Best in Year for Year 7, while Ananya and Lakshanya, both Year 8, achieved Best in School.



Uniform notice

As part of maintaining high standards across the school, we kindly remind you that all students are expected to wear appropriate school shoes as part of the uniform policy. Trainers and sports shoes are not permitted for daily wear. We appreciate your continued support in helping us uphold our uniform standards.



Student spotlight

Gabby (Y7) writes:

"On June 8th, I took part in the Thames Turbo Aquathlon at Lady Eleanor Holles. In total, I swam 250 m and ran 2km. Overall, I came in 4th place out of 24 and completed it in 14 mins 57 seconds." Well done, Gabby!



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Geography Field Trips - Years 7 and 10

It has been an exceptionally busy period for our Geography Department (pictured), with several year groups out on field trips recently. On May 20th and 21st, the department took all of Year 7 to Box Hill to put students map skills into practice. Students have to navigate along a trail using an OS map, grid references, map symbols and a compass. It was a great adventure topped off with the best ice cream!



Then, on June 3rd and 4th, the department took the GCSE Year 10 Geographers to investigate the River Tillingbourne (pictured) from source to mouth. This included students getting in the river to measure width, depth, velocity and completing a sediment analysis. We had some rain, some sun, some escaped horses and some delicious ice cream in Shere Village.



As always, thank you to all the staff who supported us and to parents who enabled this trip to happen.

Nonsuch SEN Community Coffee Morning Tuesday July 8th

Join us for a relaxed and welcoming SEN Coffee Morning — a great opportunity for parents and carers of children with special educational needs to connect, share, and support one another. Everyone is welcome regardless if your child already has a diagnosis or you are concerned that they may have special educational needs.

Whether you want to talk about what's working well, share challenges, or simply enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits with those who truly understand, this is your space.

Please join our Educational Psychologist, Emma James, SENDCO Nicola Bond and neurodiversity mentor, Hana Muhtaseb.

Date: Tuesday July 8th

Venue: Room 101 (please come to Main Reception first)

Time: 9-10am

Please RSVP to muhtaseb-h@nonsuchschool.org

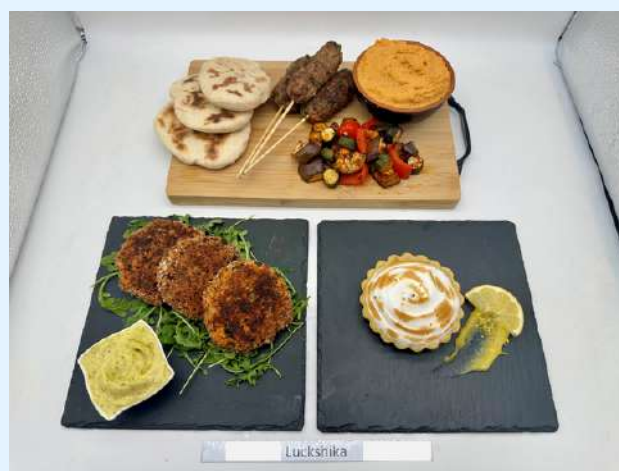
We'd love to see you there!



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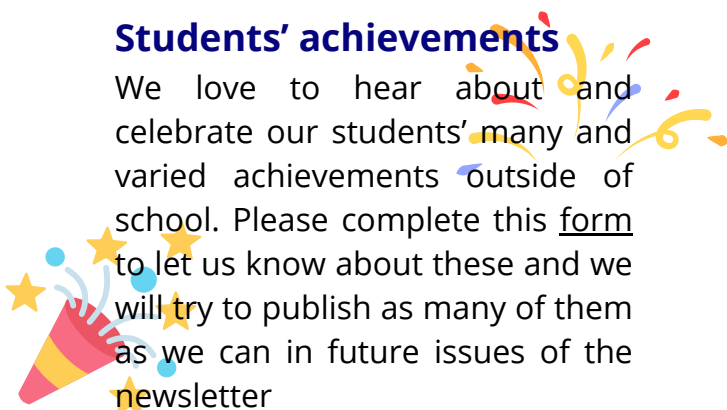
Food Technology - Year 10

Our Year 10 Food and Nutrition students completed their three-hour NEA practical mock earlier this month, in which they planned and cooked three dishes that are suitable for the nutritional needs and preferences of teenagers. Students cooked fully independently and ensured their dishes were presented to a professional standard. The students cooked hygienically and demonstrated a range of technical skills such as filleting fish, portioning chicken, dough making and shaping. Miss Hicks was really impressed with the quality of the dishes and is looking forward to seeing the students' outcomes for their NEA practical in Year 11.



Students' achievements

We love to hear about and celebrate our students' many and varied achievements outside of school. Please complete this [form](#) to let us know about these and we will try to publish as many of them as we can in future issues of the newsletter



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1	ACTIVITIES WEEK Cologne Trip – residential Valencia Trip – residential Year 9 Hadrian Wall – residential (3 days) Year 12 Work Experience
Monday 23rd June	
Tuesday 24th June	
Wednesday 25th June	
Thursday 26th June	Robotics National Championships – (11 students)
Friday 27th June	Robotics National Championships – (11 students) CCF Year 10 Camp – (3 days)
Week 2	
Monday 30th June	Year 9 Coastal Fieldwork, 66 students, East Head West Wittering Year 8 Rounders and Tennis Interhouse Year 12 Art Workshop
Tuesday 1st July	Year 10 Tate Britain Trip, 63 students Y9 Coastal Fieldwork, 66 students, East Head West Wittering Mini Multiple Workshop – Hall – 16.00-18.00
Wednesday 2nd July	Year 6 Induction Day Year 12 Oxbridge Open Day Visit Year 9 Rounders and Tennis Interhouse
Thursday 3rd July	Mock interviews and guidance meetings – Year 12 UCAT workshop – Year 12 Young Carers’ Meeting September Ready Book Club Meet – 14.30 – Library Silver D of E Kit Drop off – 15.30- 16.00 Bronze D of E Route Planning and Kit Drop off – 15.30-17.30 Multiple Mini Interview evening Year 12 – Hall – 16.00-18.00
Friday 4th July	Sports Day
Saturday 5th July	Silver D of E Practice Expedition (3 days) – New Forest Bronze D of E Qualifying Expedition (2 days) – Surrey Hills