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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON-JONES



Dear students, parents, and carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. It's been lovely to see the school come alive again as we move into this busy period of the school year.

Over the break, we had some wonderful news from the National Schools Chess Finals where our U19 team placed fifth nationally - an incredible achievement! They faced some tough competition and beat many of our local rivals. We are really proud of them.

Last week was a busy one: our Year 7 students had their parent-teacher consultations, which were a great opportunity to celebrate progress and talk about next steps. We also welcomed potential new Sixth Form students to our Welcome Afternoon, giving them a flavour of life at NHSG.

The summer term marks the beginning of exam season. Our Year 10s are currently sitting their mock exams, while our Year 11 and Year 13 students are approaching their final days before study leave. We're looking forward to celebrating their journey with us at their leavers' events next week, it's always a special time in the school calendar.

Finally, we are currently seeking a new Parent Governor to join our Local Governing Body. If you're interested in helping shape the future of our school please do look at the information found within this newsletter

Wishing everyone a positive and productive term ahead.

Mrs Williamson-Jones
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	97.26	97.08	96.25	98.89	91.72	94.76	82.07	93.91
Authorised	0.89	1.49	3.04	0.74	6.25	3.93	14.25	4.44
Unauthorised	1.85	1.43	0.71	0.37	1.98	1.19	3.45	1.58
Persistent absence ≥10%	17	18	32	10	72	40	108	297

21/4/25-25/4/25

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.

The MET Police Central Youth Team, are currently offering FREE and online, parent/ carer engagement webinars on preventing gaming and gambling harms among young people. Please see the PDF leaflet with this newsletter for more information and how to register.

Upcoming support webinars for parents

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

- Parenting Teens - Conflict & Communication Wed, Apr 30 • 6:30 PM
- 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](#).

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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

You can put yourself forward for this role at:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/15882/EDV-2025-GLT-58692>

PE Interhouse

Last half term we had our Years 7-11 interhouse competitions – this included netball, football and hockey! 🏐🏑🏒🏆

View the photos by clicking on year group links using your school email address:

The overall winners of each year group were:

Year 7 Winner – [Mercury](#)!

Year 8 Winner – [Mercury](#)!

Year 9 Winner – [Jupiter](#)!

Year 10 Winner – [Neptune](#)!

Year 11 Winner – [Venus](#)!

Each link will take you to see some fabulous moments from each interhouse competition.

If you would like to see some more team videos from all the interhouses, please watch [this video](#).

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U14 Hockey v Sutton

Our U14 team has their last hockey match of the year against Sutton yesterday. It was such a lovely game in the sunshine, all the players really came together and communication was clear throughout the match. Although it ended in a 1-0 loss, everyone left with their heads held high! Well done to our player of the match: [Amy](#)!



Student spotlight

Léa (Y7) writes: "My frisbee team Epsom Ultimate entered the U14 Open (Boys) National Championships in Ultimate Frisbee with our girls' team. Twenty-one teams entered and we finished in third place, taking the Bronze medal." Well done, Léa!



Student spotlight

Gabby (Y7) writes: "In March, I did a swimathon to raise money for Cancer Research. In total I swam 146 lengths (3650 metres) in 1hr and 20mins." Well done, Gabby!



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.

PE

U12A Football – Semi Final Match

Our U12 football squad played in the Sutton semi-final league game against Cheam High. The attitude and sportsmanship of the squad, despite a tough opposition, was outstanding! They played extremely well with Léa being nominated as POM.

KS3 National Badminton

On Saturday March 29th, the KS3 Badminton Team made the journey to the National Badminton Centre in Milton Keynes to compete in the National Badminton Finals against schools from around England. The students even managed to get signed shirts from Paralympic silver medallist Krysten Coombs! They were representing London and the South East after competing in a County and Regional round to take their rightful place in the finals. After winning all three matches in the group stages and the semi-final match, they faced tough opposition in the final. The Team achieved a silver medal which is a fantastic achievement - well done! We all hope to be able to go back to the National Schools Championships next year! Photos of the day are [here](#).

Gym and Dance Display

At the end of last half term, we had our annual Gym and Dance Display where we saw many amazing performances. An enormous amount of hard work and dedication went into creating each and every routine that was shown. It was a fantastic night with over 200 students performing in front of 300 people across both nights! Photos are [here](#).

Sixth form tournament

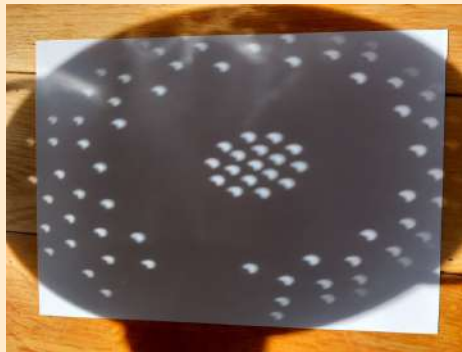
On Wednesday April 2nd, we hosted our Sixth Form Netball Invitational Tournament. Nonsuch entered three teams into the competition, as well as Ewell Castle entering two teams. Each team played four matches which were filled with great tactics and skills, leading to lots of goals being scored. Our teams placed 1st, 2nd and 4th overall! Well done to all the players!!



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Astronomy Club

Astronomy club made pinhole cameras recently and were treated to the perfect opportunity to use them when the Moon partially obscured the Sun, creating an eclipse. Please enjoy the photos from students including [Eva](#) and [Shriya](#) as well as Ms Halliwell's family in the Netherlands.



Rights Respecting Steering Group

What is Earth Day?

Earth Day takes place annually on April 22nd. It brings attention to issues affecting our planet. Earth Day is the largest environmental protest movement in the world. It was founded in 1970 as a day to educate people about environmental issues and how they can be dealt with both individually and collectively. This celebration is often extended to an entire week of events and campaigns centred around sustainability and the recent global climate crises.

History of Earth Day

In 1990, Earth Day developed into a worldwide celebration, bringing over 200 million people from 141 countries together. This created a symbol of unity and a shared, crucial commitment to protect our planet. Earth Day played a significant role in paving a path for the United Nations Earth Summit which took place in 1992. This brought together global leaders to address and discuss pressing environmental issues. This event led to many more global discussions, over the following years.

Earth Day 2025

This year, the theme is "Our Power, Our Planet" inspiring people across the world to use renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean energy by 2030. Experts have deemed this goal crucial to stunt the rise of global temperatures. Everyone can do their part to help achieve this goal, whether you choose to educate yourself and others on renewable energy, or spread the message of environmental sustainability.



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Chess success

During the April break the Nonsuch U19 Chess team participated in the ECF Chess Finals for Girls. The competition was an 'all-play-all' final involving the top 10 school teams from around the UK. Games were 25 minutes + 10 seconds per move. St Catherine's in Bramley in Surrey has been hosting this event for the last 10 years and is at the forefront of promoting girls' chess. Win, lose or draw, the friendly, collegiate atmosphere was there for all to see. Such is the growing popularity of the girls' tournament, the semi-final event which took place in January featured on BBC TV and radio, which cannot fail to boost the profile of chess.



The Nonsuch team of [Maya](#), [Tiara](#) and [Leia](#) played extremely well against some strong opposition with several of the matches going right to the wire, including a match against one of the competitors who is a WCM (Women Candidate Master). The team managed to pull an impressive 8 out of 12 points on the final day. We achieved a fifth place finish with only 1.5 points between third and fifth place.

A huge well done to the team for their hard work in preparing for both the semi-finals and finals and for raising the profile of chess with other students. This young team (Y7, Y8 and Y10) will be easily competing for a top three position within the next few years. A huge thank you also to the parents who supported us during the course of these two days.

Student spotlight

[Shradha](#) (Y10) writes: "On March 15th, I performed in four different vocal categories at the Bromley (Kent) Festival of Music and Speech. I won two first places and two second places. Following this, I was chosen as the representative for the singing category to perform at the Star Performer Competition, on March 23rd, along with winners from multiple other music categories. This was my third consecutive year performing at the Star Performer event." Congratulations, Shradha!



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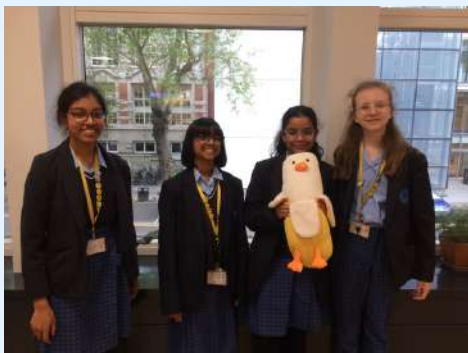
Art success!

Huge congratulations to [Kescheka](#) (Y10) who has been awarded a prize for her artwork 'Let us go back to our roots' in the Grantham Climate Art Prize 2025. Kescheka has been selected as the runner up in the 15-18 category, out of over 550 applicants - this a great achievement! The competition's theme this year was 'From Grey to Green: Design the Future' and the aim was to create an artwork in response to the climate crisis. Kescheka has been invited to the unveiling of the winning and runners up designs in May, at Imperial College in South Kensington. Well done!



Imperial College Competition - Year 8

Four of our Y8s, [Deepika](#), [Arushi](#), [Kavi](#) and [Anna Maria](#), travelled up to Imperial College London for the finals of the Science & Innovation Competition on Wednesday, April 23rd. They were one of three teams to make the finals out of a pool of about 60 teams. Team Hippopotomonstrosesquippedalio spoke incredibly well on their plan to create sustainable textbooks using sugar cane waste products, and did Nonsuch proud with their enthusiasm and commitment to science. We look forward to seeing next year's entries!



**Imperial College
London**



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	Year 10 exams until Wednesday morning Year 11 MFL Orals all week Year 13 Art Exams Wednesday to Friday Year 9 Exams – First exam Wednesday afternoon
Monday 28th April	
Tuesday 29th April	
Wednesday 30th April	
Thursday 1st May	UKMT Junior Maths Challenge
Friday 2nd May	Year 11 last day
Week 1	Year 12 exams MFL orals Art exams Year 13 MFL Orals Year 11 GCSE exams start 8th May
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed
Tuesday 6th May	Year 11 Leavers' Assembly 10.15 -11.15, pizza 11.15, dismissal 12.00
Wednesday 7th May	Year 13 Last Teaching Day
Thursday 8th May	Year 13 Celebration Event 9.30am breakfast, 10.30 assembly, 11.30 dismissal
Friday 9th May	
Saturday 10th May	Ball Crew Training – 9.00-12.00