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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,

Student leadership positions

The process is starting to appoint the sixth form senior student leadership team for 2024-25. After the February half term we then also begin the process of appointing students in Years 7-11 for the leadership roles that reflect the senior leadership structure.

Class Charts

This week parents will receive a short recorded presentation regarding the ClassCharts app: how to download it and how to see how many house credits and/or debits students are getting and what they are being credited for. The Golden Ticket assemblies and our regular Year assemblies and end of term whole school celebration assemblies are a positive recognition of our students' values and contributions. ClassCharts aims to provide further insight and motivation.

This newsletter will contain regular reminders to get the app. Our campaign to encourage parents and carers to download the Schoolgateway app has been successful and we hope it won't be long before parents adopt ClassCharts too.

Late start on Thursday February 8th

Finally – a reminder that school starts a bit later on Thursday February 8th as we dedicate a morning to staff training on PSHE topics. A School Comms message will remind parents and we will also remind students via email. Morning registration will take place at 09.55 as we go into period 2 at 10.15 am.

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	98.28	1.36	0.35	6
Year 8	97.66	1.69	0.65	5
Year 9	97.07	2.40	0.53	9
Year 10	96.23	2.95	0.76	18
Year 11	95.49	3.76	0.66	14
Year 12	96.15	2.84	1.00	15
Year 13	93.95	4.52	1.51	37
All years	96.37	2.81	0.79	104



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

Reporting absence

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

This week I have been visiting year assemblies to award the form Golden Ticket for last half term. This ticket is awarded to a form in each year group with the best attendance, the best punctuality and the fewest sanctions. The year group winners are placed into a draw to win the overall form prize. The year group winners are:

Y7: **Neptune** Y8: **Mars** Y9: **Pluto** Y10: Johnson Y11: **Pluto**

Year 12: 12.4 Year 13: 13.1

The winner of the overall school prize is 11 **Pluto**.



SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

Jack Petchey award winners - Congratulations!

JACK PETCHEY AWARD WINNER

NOVEMBER 2023



SOPHIE 13.2

I am a member of Epsom and Ewell Harriers athletics club, which I represent in cross country throughout the autumn and winter and on the track in the summer. Last year, I came first in the Sutton schools borough cross country and following on from this placed 5th in the Surrey schools competition. This meant that I was selected to represent Surrey in the English Schools championships, competing against the best athletes in the country. I finished as one of the scorers for Surrey, helping us to finish 7th. While training regularly, I also achieved a distinction (and full marks) in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls. I regularly attended physics enrichment club organised by Ms Hanlon in order to prepare for the Senior Physics Challenge. I was very happy with my achievement of a gold award, for which I was invited to the British Physics Olympiad prize giving and to a problem solving day with some of the other high achievers.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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VIDULA 10JO

I am Vidula Lad, currently in Year 10 at Nonsuch, and I am delighted to express my gratitude for being honoured with the Jack Petchey Award in recognition of my commitment and passion for robotics. As an active member of the robotics committee, I have eagerly participated in various competitions such as FTC (First Tech Challenge), FLL (First Lego League), and EEP (Elite Engineering Program). Through these experiences, I have gained hands-on proficiency in coding languages like Scratch, Python, and Java, improved my building skills across diverse materials from Lego to metal robots, and developed essential leadership, teamwork, and communication abilities. These experiences have significantly contributed to the growth of my confidence. My journey in the robotics community began in Year 8, gradually shaping my overall personality and providing valuable insights into diverse STEM areas. Looking forward, I am keen to continue mentoring the robotics club alongside my peers in Year 11, guiding mentees to participate in competitions, and supporting their skill development.

The equipment I plan to acquire aims to enhance the capabilities of current and future roboticists, gaining success in competitions. In essence, robotics has provided me with opportunities for personal and skill development. It has played a pivotal role in shaping my character, and I am passionate about extending these opportunities to others. I believe everyone should explore robotics, regardless of their initial interest in STEM, as the competitions encompass various aspects beyond technology. It's a journey worth taking, and I'm excited to encourage others to join in this rewarding experience.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jack Petchey: Y10 Speak Out assembly

On Wednesday January 24th, five of our fantastic 'Jack Petchey: Speak Out!' finalists took to the stage in front of the whole of Y10 and performed their speeches. We heard speeches on a range of topics including why ballerinas are strong, why life is a gift and why we shouldn't eat McDonald's! The speeches were excellent and a number of members of staff commented on how well the students presented themselves. The winner of the competition was **Aurora** and the runner-up was **Sophie**. They will attend the Sutton final held at Wilson's.

Congratulations to all involved!

Finalists: Darshni, Merci, Aurora, Sophie and Roshni

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VICTORIA 13.8

I was chosen for this award due to my efforts in starting and running two chess clubs at Nonsuch (one casual and one competitive). I started these clubs with the intent of sharing my passion and all I've gained from chess with the school community, as I think every person can benefit in some way from playing chess: be it from the analytical skills that you develop or from the friends you make along the way. Participating in chess clubs has brought so much value to my life, therefore I hope that these clubs continue to run long after I have graduated, and that they bring people the same joy they brought me.

CONGRATULATIONS!

SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

Cybersecurity for families



National Cyber Security Centre

a part of GCHQ

Parent Zone and the National CyberSecurity Centre (NCSC) have joined forces to provide valuable education on online safety to young people. Together, they aim to equip young people with knowledge about safeguarding themselves from scams and hacking when using the internet. Parent Zone has also collaborated with the youth platform VoiceBox to develop an interactive quiz that evaluates the level of cyber security within families. This engaging quiz is tailored for two age groups: 11-12 year-olds and 13-14 year-olds.

To learn more and to access the quiz, please visit [Cyber security | Parent Zone | At the heart of digital family life](#)

School office request

Please give the School Office notice of at least two working days if you need an official school letter confirming that your child is a student at Nonsuch. Thank you.

PE - KS4 badminton



On Tuesday January 23rd, our KS4 Badminton Squad competed in the Surrey County Championships at The Ashcombe School. Both our A and B squads played amazingly well and lots of hard work was shown. Both squads were triumphant, winning every game they played! A very well done to all the players and we wish them the best of luck as they go onto the London and Southeast Regional Round!

PE - U13 Hockey reports



As: lost 2-1 with Amy as POM
Bs: lost 3-1 with Isabella as POM
Amazing effort from both teams not letting Croydon get through for the majority. All the players worked really hard to clear and carry the ball out wide which we have been practising in training.

It was great to see huge improvements in a match situation!

Our 13s had another fixture against Rosebery on Tuesday January 23rd, playing an amazing game and winning 5-2. Amy was nominated as player of the match for her amazing skill when moving with the ball. The team played a great game with new students taking to the pitch for their first ever hockey match for Nonsuch, which was a very exciting moment for them.

They played really well and created some lovely attacking play which resulted in a strong win.



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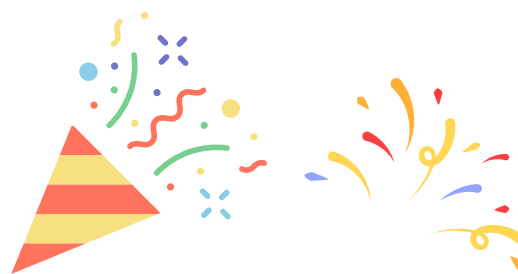
School careers support officer

We welcome Mrs Ahmad, who joins the school as our Careers Support Officer.

Mrs Ahmad writes: "In my last role I supported students with their transition after sixth form options at a different school and prior to that I worked in the financial services Industry, specifically, investment banking. I completed my undergraduate degree at King's College London and my Masters from the LSE. I am looking forward to supporting our pupils with regards to higher education and careers. I would like to harness the support of our parents and carers in this and I will be writing to you soon with ways we can work together."

Year 8 - Cyberfirst victors

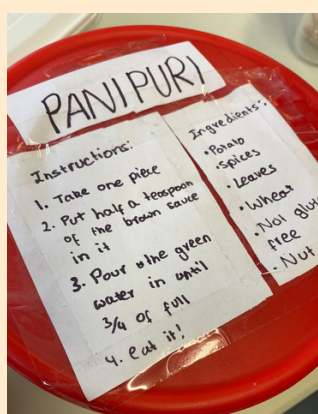
Congratulations to Anjini, Sophie, Alice and Isabelle, the NCSC CyberFirst top Year 8 team, Cyberfire, who were crowned the South East Winners recently. They will be celebrating their achievements with an award ceremony In Oxford in March.



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.

House Masterchef creations

We brought you the winners of this year's House Masterchef contest a fortnight ago, but here are some of the many entries the House Officials photographed. The standard and care taken by students was extremely high, and all should be very proud of their culinary efforts. We are looking forward to the Final in March, where we will find out who will be crowned the Nonsuch Masterchef 2024!



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CCF recruits camp weekend - Isle of Wight

Almost one hundred new Y9 cadets departed for "CCF Recruits camp" on Friday, January 19th. This weekend is held every year to give the new recruits a taste of what CCF is really like. It was a jam-packed 24 hours, starting with a 6am wake up and an 8am start on the different activities, which ranged from orienteering, first aid, shelters/cooking and the most popular - laser tag.

The cadets also completed a timed run with their sections, as well as having to solve a riddle in gruelling, high tense scenarios. As the sun began to set, the recruits took part in the jungle run, which is essentially a race between two sections, in which they must complete various team building tasks, such as carrying someone on a stretcher or building a human pyramid. Unlike usual CCF fashion, we managed to narrowly escape rain and the efforts of Storm Isha, as we returned via ferry in the early afternoon on Sunday.

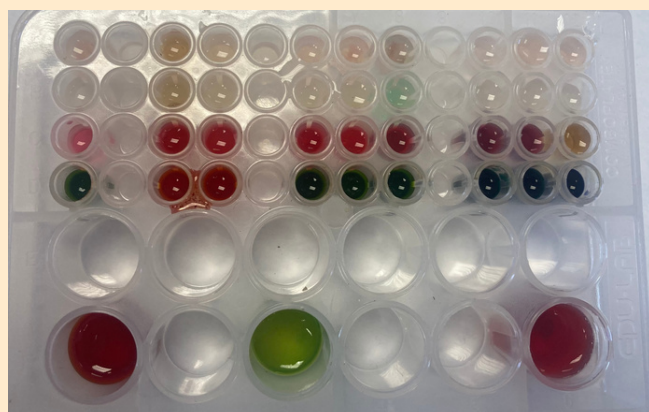
As usual, it was an incredible weekend. Watching the new cadets settle in and enjoy their time as much as we did, was truly rewarding and lovely to see.

A special mention to the Y11 girls selected to be in charge of Y9 groups over the weekend- it is a huge responsibility and task that was fulfilled to a very high standard. Well done Jessica, Faye, Karina and Heidi!



KS3 Science club

This week, club members have been making natural indicators from fruits and vegetables. They tested a selection of alkali and acid solutions with their indicators and compared them to universal indicator. They also got to try their hand at micro biochemistry by testing the indicators in a microwell plate.



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	Year 13 Mock Exams & Art
Monday 29th January	
Tuesday 30th January	Year 11 Guidance Meetings
Wednesday 31st January	U13 Indoor Cricket Competition – 10.00am – Sutton High
Friday 2nd February	
Week 1	Year 13 Mock Exams & Art
Monday 5th February	
Tuesday 6th February	
Wednesday 7th February	
Thursday 8th February	Late start - 9.55am registration Sutton Borough KS4/Mixed Dance Competition – 12.30
Friday 9th February	School Ski Trip departs
12th -16th February	HALF TERM
Monday 19th February	INSET day