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NONSUCH NEWS

Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

It's been an incredibly busy week here at Nonsuch as we hosted our third annual Activities Week. The sheer breadth of enrichment opportunities on offer for our students has been exceptional and reflects our strong belief in the importance of holistic education. Learning does not begin and end in the classroom. Enrichment helps students build confidence, develop new interests, and make lasting memories.

We've had residential trips heading off to the North East, Spain, and Germany, while across the week, students enjoyed a variety of day trips around London and in our local area and community, filled with challenge, excitement, and cultural learning. Meanwhile, school remained a hive of activity with a plethora of on-site experiences taking place, from workshops to performances and hands-on learning sessions.

A heartfelt thank you to our brilliant PTA, whose ongoing support helped us make these opportunities a reality. We will soon share a round-up and photos capturing just a slice of what's taken place. Activities Week is always one of those special times that students recount and remember for years, so a final thank you to staff for making this happen.

Adding to the week, on Thursday and Friday, our Robotics team represented us at the National Finals, and over the weekend, our CCF students took part in a leadership training camp—well done to all involved.

After such a full couple of weeks of ball girling, activities, and more, we return to something like normality next week. I'm looking forward to Year 6 Transition Day on Wednesday, Year 12 Guidance and Mock Interview Day on Thursday, and Sports Day on Friday.

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	96.95	93.48	93.79	0	97.71	0	67.14
Authorised	1.90	2.38	6.43	4.88	100	2.24	100	32.54
Unauthorised	0.19	0.67	0.10	1.33	0	0.05	0	0.32
Persistent absence ≥10%	19	32	54	42	234	17	214	612

23/06/25-27/06/25

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.

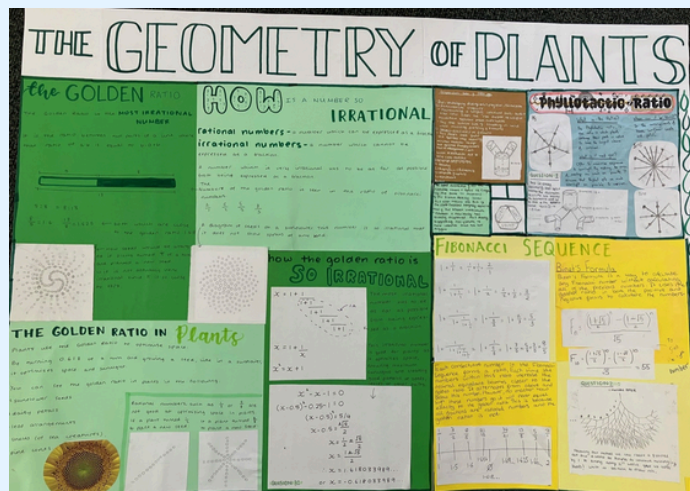
Students' achievements

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



UK Mathematics Trust National Final

Sophie (Y9) writes: "On Monday June 16th, Alice, Tulsı, Olivia and I were lucky to participate in the UK Mathematics Trust National Team Final, following on from the regional Team final we participated in during March. We were up against nearly 80 schools from around the UK and were challenged with four rounds of various activities. Additionally, there was a poster round in which we had to create a poster about the geometry of plants. Our poster even managed to get shortlisted amongst other brilliant posters. Overall the experience at the Royal Horticultural Halls was a fantastic and fulfilling experience."



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

Léa (Y7) writes: "I recently took part in the Outdoor National Ultimate Frisbee Championships with my team, Epsom Ultimate. We won the indoor event in November so we were trying to win outdoors as well to claim both titles in the same season. They were unbeaten all day and won the final 8-2. They also won the "Spirit of the Game" trophy for being the nicest and fairest team. It was a great day, especially because my team mates and I are all a year young for the division. To win both competitions is a huge achievement." Well done, Léa!



Biology Challenge success

Congratulations to the Y9 and Y10 students who took part in the recent Biology Challenge

These Olympiad competitions are online, multiple-choice questions on biology topics appropriate for each age group, and includes some questions based on wider knowledge of biology. The following students have been awarded bronze, gold or silver medal awards - well done to all. Gold is only awarded to 5% of students taking part, Silver to 10% and Bronze to 10%. Many Nonsuch students were Commended, or Highly Commended for their entries.

Yr9/Yr10 Biology Challenge medal awards went to:

Gold: Kayal, Hamshini, Anukarnika, Katherine, Alice, Srikala, Tanya, Hamshini

Silver: Kyra, Shivaani, Hansika, Sahana, Ananya, Sahasra, Sophie, Nila, Riya, Abigail, Tvisha, Katherine, Kashvi

Bronze: Vidita, Claire, Aanya, Tejaswi, , Stuti, Emily, Simay, Nishka, Seana, Samanvi, Nithyaa

Well done to all our participants! We will share the success of our Y12 biologists who took part in the Intermediate Biology Olympiad soon!



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!



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	
Monday 30th June	Year 9 Coastal Fieldwork, East Head West Wittering Year 8 Rounders and Tennis Interhouse Year 12 Art Workshop
Tuesday 1st July	Year 10 Tate Britain Trip Y9 Coastal Fieldwork, East Head West Wittering Inaugural Interhouse Chess Competition – Lunchtime - Hall MMI evening – 16.00-18.00
Wednesday 2nd July	Year 6 Induction Day Year 12 Oxbridge Open Day Visit Year 9 Rounders and Tennis Interhouse Inaugural Interhouse Chess Competition – Lunchtime – Hall
Thursday 3th July	Year 12 Mock Interviews Year 12 Guidance Meetings Year 12 UCAT Workshop – 9.00 – 16.00 Young Carers' Meeting Inaugural Interhouse Chess Competition – Lunchtime - Hall 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
Friday 4th July	Sports Day
Saturday 5th July	Silver D of E Practice Expedition 3-day expedition – New Forest Bronze D of E Qualifying Expedition 2-day expedition – Surrey Hills
Week 1	
Monday 7th July	Silver D of E Practice Expedition School Production - Matinee (Year 7) 15.30-17.30
Tuesday 8th July	Inclusion Coffee Morning – 8.55am Gold D of E online briefing for practice expedition – 15.30-16.15 School Production 'The Witches' – 19.00-21.00
Wednesday 9th July	Year 10 Guidance Meetings Year 7 Rounders and Tennis Interhouse School Production 'The Witches' – 19.00-21.00
Thursday 10th July	Year 5 Open Evening 16.30-20.00
Friday 11th July	Late start for students – 9.55