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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

Welcome back after the half-term break. I hope you all enjoyed some restful time with family and friends.

We have a busy and exciting half-term ahead. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students continue with their public exams, and they continue to demonstrate impressive focus and determination. Planning is in full swing for Activities Week, which promises to offer a rich range of experiences for students across the school. A huge thank you to the staff who are organising these opportunities.

Over the weekend, our Year 9 and 10 ball girls began their work at the Queen's tennis tournament a two-week event this year. Thank you to our PE department for their time and support in preparing students for this exciting opportunity. Our Geography department is also busy with fieldwork trips with Year 10 pupils visiting the River Tillingbourne, and our Year 12 students are on a three-day residential at Castle Head. This week, Year 10 students begin their NEA and MFL speaking assessments, and Year 8 students begin their end-of-year exams. We wish them all the very best.

A reminder that the parent governor ballot is open until Monday June 16th. Thank you to all who applied your support is greatly appreciated.

Finally, warm wishes to our families who celebrated Eid al-Adha last Friday. We hope you had a joyful and meaningful celebration.

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	96.01	93.10	95.18	93.29	31.87	92.80	0	70.81
Authorised	2.50	2.14	2.86	3.76	68.02	4.40	100	27.22
Unauthorised	1.49	2.26	1.96	2.96	0.11	2.20	0	1.53
Persistent absence >=10%	27	33	33	52	234	53	214	646

02/06/25-06/06/25

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.

Term dates for 2025-2026

Please make a note of our term dates for next academic year which are on our [website](#). These are in line with the borough.



SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Concert Wednesday June 19th

Join us for an evening of music at our School Summer Concert 2025!

Our talented students have been working hard to bring you a heartwarming showcase of songs and ensemble performances.

Tickets are available on ParentPay from Monday June 9th.



PTA Quiz Night

The Nonsuch PTA Quiz Night is making its eagerly awaited return on Friday, June 20th - and you're invited! Please see the flyer sent to parents last half term. The main details are also here:

Doors open at 6:00 PM

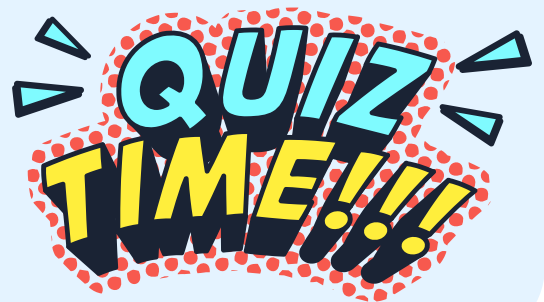
Held at Nonsuch High School

Teams of up to 6 (or come solo—we'll match you up!)

Tickets: £13 for adults, £9 for Nonsuch students/under 16s

This is a cashless event (card/contactless payments only)

Book your tickets now [here](#)!



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!



SCHOOL NEWS

Student spotlight - photos in The Face magazine

Katie in Year 12 took these great photos for The Face magazine of a recent gig in London which have been published online. Well done, Katie!

THE FACE



Student spotlight

Esther (Y9) writes: "I have played squash for England twice this year! I played in the 5 Nations U15 squash tournament for England in Nantes, France earlier this year from April 4th-6th. I won all my matches with great pride. Once again, this year, France posed as a strong opponent in the finals, and I am overjoyed that the team and I managed to win 5-1 in matches.

In May, I played in Bordeaux, France to represent England in the European Championships 2025 in the U15 team. This is my first time playing this tournament and I was extremely happy to win all my matches against Spain, Turkey and Hungary, I played Hungary in the semi-finals and am proud to win this match as this win helped the team move towards the finals where we played against Poland. This was a once-in-a lifetime experience and am thrilled to take part in bringing home a gold medal for England." Well done, Esther!



SCHOOL NEWS

House Contest - Tunnock's Teacake Challenge

Students recently had the chance to enter a fun and creative House Contest in association with the Food Teachers' Centre. The three winners of the House Contest for the teacake challenge are:

Elliora in Y7, Lukshika in Y10 and Olivia and Liannaka in Y7. The creativity of entries was excellent - well done to everyone who entered, who all receive House Points for positivity. Elliora, Lukshika, Olivia and Liannaka will be entered by Miss Hicks into the national competition for the chance to win lots of Tunnock's treats!



Student spotlight

Sophie (Year 12) writes: "I came third at the Jack Petchey Foundation Schools Individual Finals, the table tennis school tournament that I mentioned to you before. This is the [link](#) to the official website and I played under the U19-Girls category." Congratulations, Sophie!



SCHOOL NEWS

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

Please apply [here](#) for this role. The closing date is June 16th.

Student spotlight

Ira (Y8) writes: "I set myself a challenge to climb the three peaks in the British Isles before I turned 13 and managed to complete it this half term, with Snowdon being the last peak. I have set up a [fundraising page](#) to support ACT (Access and Conservation Trust) that tirelessly maintains the mountain footpaths for climbers. Any donation would be much appreciated. Thank you." A fantastic achievement, Ira - well done!



SCHOOL NEWS

PE

U12AB cricket v Sutton

The Y7 cricket teams had their first cricket match of the year last week. The squads worked really well particularly on fielding as a team. A massive well done to everyone that played and a special mention to the players of the matches below.

Batter POMs – [Suria](#) and [Tithee](#), Bowler POMs – [Elliora](#) and [Vistuthy](#)

U13AB cricket v Sutton

The Y8s also had their first cricket fixture of the year against Sutton. We saw fabulous bowling and batting from everyone. Both were really amazing games resulting in two wins! One match by 38 runs and the other by eight runs. Big congratulations to all the players and special mention to the players of the matches below.

Batter POMS- [Emily K](#) and [Emily B](#), Bowler POMS – [Tanvi](#) and [Tiahni](#)

U15AB cricket v Wallington

The U15 squads played a cricket match against Wallington last week. This was a great afternoon filled with lots of communication and teamwork. Everyone really pulled together in their teams to encourage one another. We left with one win and one narrow loss. Great work everyone and well done! Also to the players of the matches below:

Batter POM – [Simay](#), Bowler POM – [Anjini](#)

U13 tennis v Sutton

We had our first tennis fixture of the year on May 13th with our U13 squad playing against Sutton. It was a great range of doubles matches. Lots of great skills and tactics were played by all the players. We came out winning the fixture and we want to say a big well done to the four players!



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1	Year 13 exams Year 11 GCSE Year 10 NEA Week & Year 10 MFL Orals Queens Y12 Geography Residential Trip (Monday- Thursday)
Monday 9th June	
Tuesday 10th June	
Wednesday 11th June	
Thursday 12th June	
Friday 13th June	
Week 2	Year 13 exams Year 11 GCSE Queens
Monday 16th June	UKMT Team Challenge - National Final
Tuesday 17th June	Year 8 HPV Catchup session – Room 101 SEN Afternoon – 12.30-15.00
Wednesday 18th June	Summer Concert – 18.00-20.00
Thursday 19th June	Sixth Form Induction Day Year 11 Celebration & Prize Giving – 15.45 – Hall/Quad Year 12 UCAS Information Evening – 17.00
Friday 20th June	Sixth Form Induction Day