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NONSUCH NEWS

Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MS CAVILLA



We are very grateful to the support shown for last week's Bag2School initiative and I look forward to the PTA being able to share their update from the donations made.

Dear parents, carers and students,

Whilst the main school newsletter and pastoral newsletter are now separate, to ensure our newsletters are clear and purposeful, their content is equally important. Please check which topics are being covered in each year group so that you can have a wider discussion at home about key topics. Students in school councils across Sutton have met to talk about the dangers of vaping. We are concerned that "vaping" is being used instead of the term "addiction". Use and abuse of vaping products is increasingly widespread – and HOW young people come into contact with them, the points at which they are sold and distributed is also an area of risk. We can work together to support young people in developing their decision-making through dialogue, so I advise you to check the pastoral newsletter regularly.

This half term is a critical one for decision-making as Year 11s enjoy "A Day in the Life of a Sixth Former" today, Year 12 embark on their Higher Education research with a parents' information evening tonight and Year 11 parents and students have subject and guidance meetings to further support options decisions. Year 9 students are also busy considering their GCSE options following parent consultations.

We are launching ClassCharts to parents via a webinar next Tuesday January 30th. This is another opportunity to share in your child's daily successes as well as pick up on any administrative issues.

I look forward to seeing parents and students alike at tonight's final of "Nonsuch Young Musician of the Year" and at the whole school production "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" showing on February 28th and 29th and then the Gym and Dance Display on March 26th and 27th.

With 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. We currently have 205 students in the school who have 100% attendance since the beginning of the school year. This is an amazing achievement and congratulations to them. We also have 106 students who have an attendance of 90% or below. 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	98.27	1.33	0.40	4
Year 8	97.63	1.67	0.70	7
Year 9	96.99	2.46	0.55	10
Year 10	96.30	2.91	0.79	18
Year 11	95.38	3.86	0.66	12
Year 12	96.16	2.83	1.01	17
Year 13	93.85	4.64	1.49	38
All years	96.33	2.84	0.81	106

Session attendance summary (4/9/23 to 16/1/24)



Class Charts for parents

We will be launching Classcharts to parents via an online webinar on Tuesday January 30th 2024. This webinar will explain how Class Charts works and how you can monitor your child's learning behaviours at school.

Please join us at 6pm using [this link](#).

Reporting absence

Absences need to be reported via Schoolgateway. Follow this link for downloading the app: [Nonsuch High School for Girls - Reporting Absences](#).

SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

Safeguarding information

We wanted to take a moment to inform you about an important aspect of our school's commitment to the safety and wellbeing of your child.

As part of The Girls' Learning Trust, we have implemented a comprehensive safeguarding and child protection policy that ensures the highest standards of care and protection for all our students.

The safeguarding and child protection policy outlines the procedures and practices that are in place to ensure the welfare of every student is prioritised. It covers a range of areas including mental health, safer recruitment, online safety, and reporting concerns. The policy has been developed in accordance with national guidelines and legislation, ensuring it is up-to-date and reflects best practice in safeguarding.

To provide you with full details about our safeguarding and child protection policy, we encourage you to access the complete document through the following link: [Girls' Learning Trust - Key Policies](#) which contains our key policies.

This will give you a comprehensive understanding of how we strive to create a safe environment for your child to learn and thrive in.

We understand that the safety of your child is paramount. By working together – parents, teachers, support staff, and the wider community – we can ensure that every student feels protected, valued, and supported throughout their educational journey at Nonsuch High School for Girls. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our safeguarding and child protection policy or need further clarification on any aspect of it, please do not hesitate to contact us at safeguarding@nonsuchschool.org or call the school and ask to speak with Mrs Hart, Designated Safeguarding Lead.

We appreciate your continued support as we work towards providing the best possible learning environment for your child.



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.

Junior astronomy challenge success

We enjoyed some excellent results from the recent junior astronomy challenge run by the British Physics Olympiad. Year 10 students Nuha and Sahaana won Gold awards and a further seven silver awards and nine bronze awards were achieved. Well done to all the students who participated.



SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

Y10 - Jack Petchey workshop

On Monday January 8th, 30 year 10 students were treated to a 'Speak Out' workshop run by the Speakers Trust in partnership with the Jack Petchey foundation.

Our facilitator Louise led the students through a variety of activities which worked on improving their understanding of public speaking skills and allowed them to practise speaking in front of others in a 'safe space'.

All students completed the session by giving a short speech on a topic of their choice. Congratulations to all of the students involved, and especially to the following students for winning the competition. They will go forward to the next round of the competition by presenting their speech in front of the year group in assembly on Wednesday January 24th. The winner from that competition will go forward to present their speech at the Sutton finals, to be held at Wilson's School.

Thanks to Louise and to all of the students involved for a helpful and inspiring day.

Finalists:

Merci, Roshni, Darshni, Aurora, Miriam and Sophie.

PE - U13 Gymnastics

Nonsuch competed in a U13 Gym competition at Putney High on Monday, January 15th. All the gymnasts did so well with their performances. They should all be very proud!



PE - U16 Hockey v Sutton

Here is a little throwback to Wednesday, December 6th, where our U16s had their first hockey match of the season. It was a great game to watch. We saw lots of hard work, resilience and fabulous teamwork. Although it ended in defeat everyone left with their heads held high.



SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

Badminton successes at national level

Laavanya (Y10) says: "During December I participated in the U15 Badminton National Championships, at Nottingham University. In Singles, I came third, winning a bronze medal."

Another of our Y10 students, Trisha, was part of the Surrey team taking part in the Yorkshire (RIO) Railway Institute Octagonal U18 Invitational Badminton Tournament during the weekend of January 12th-14th. Students from schools including Wilson's, Glyn, RGS Guildford, St Bede's, Farnborough Hill, Putney and Charters were also on the team.

This event gave them valuable experience of playing in a team event, especially before the Inter-counties U18 tournament to be held in April. Surrey had many close matches, finishing fifth overall, in what was a very pleasing result for the team representing their county!



Well done to both Laavanya and Trisha for these excellent achievements!

Y10- Architecture Workshop

Last week, Accelerate studios came in to provide a practical workshop for our Y10 Product Design students, focusing on architecture. Students learnt about the career opportunities within the built environment sector and discussed problems in the local area that could be solved through design.

They then worked in groups to complete a design task to create a windmill which fit the following design criteria:

- must be freestanding
- at least 30cm tall
- use at least four sails

Well done Year 10 and thank you to Gabby (Y13) who supported the running of the session. For more information about opportunities in architecture, visit <https://open-city.org.uk/accelerate>



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1	
Monday 22nd January	Day in the life of a Sixth Former Nonsuch Young Musician of the Year (Final) – 15:30 Year 12 Higher Education and Careers Evening – 19:00 – Hall
Tuesday 23rd January	KS4 Badminton Competition – 14.30
Wednesday 24th January	Year 11 Parents Evening – 16:00 – in school
Thursday 25th January	
Friday 26th January	U15 Indoor Cricket Competition (Woldingham) 08:30-15:00
Week 2	Year 13 Mock Exams & Art
Monday 29th January	
Tuesday 30th January	Year 11 Guidance Meetings
Wednesday 31st January	U13 Indoor Cricket Competition – 10:00 – Sutton High School
Thursday 1st February	
Friday 2nd February	