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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,

### **Leadership and careers**

It has been a privilege to sit on the panel to interview students for posts on the next generation of student leaders. All candidates were so impressive. In putting themselves forward they have shown courage and integrity and every single one would grace the student senior leadership of any school. The soft skills that are developed through these processes and the elections going on throughout the school in Years 7-10 are a key part of our careers education. We will be holding our online annual careers fair with dozens of speakers from our alumnae, parents and other contacts over the evenings of April 23rd and 24th. More information will follow before the end of term.

### **Relationships, Sex and Health Education consultation**

We are delighted with the positive response from parents to this phase of our consultation – thank you for your interest and support.

### **Parent governor opportunity**

Another parent engagement opportunity is to enquire about the parent governor vacancy we have. A letter was sent to parents on Monday March 4th. If you are interested, please see the letter of that date and if you have questions, contact the office for my attention and I will get back to you.

### **International Women's Day events**

The CARE team supported by deputy head girls, put on an amazing series of events all week to celebrate International Women's Day on Friday 8th March. The excellent trivia quiz at lunch time was extremely popular and the atmosphere was one of friendly competition. It was a team effort but thanks to Ivana and Angie for masterminding events, supported by the events and communication teams.

No time to get bored as we prepare to enjoy Raising and Giving week next week – information has gone out to students and is included in this newsletter.

Best wishes,  
Ms Cavilla

# UPDATES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON-JONES

## Attendance

In January, the Government launched a new campaign around school attendance to remind families that every day of school is important, moments matter, attendance counts.

The campaign forms one part of the government's wider strategy to increase attendance. It is focused on 'avoidable absence' – odd days lost because of mild colds or coughs. As a school we have a clear policy where we monitor illness. For students, who have four or more days absence in a half term due to illness, we ask for medical evidence. These days can either be sporadic or taken as one. The Chief Medical Officer says it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. The guidance found here can help you as a parent to decide: [Is my child too ill for school?](#) If your child has been off school for a number of days we have a duty of care to ensure that they have received medical evaluation and treatment. The Government attendance hub also has information that can help you to make informed decisions: [How to improve your child's school attendance and where to get support](#)

**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.

## Golden Ticket

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 that has 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:

Year 7: **Mars**

Year 8: **Neptune**

Year 9: **Mercury**

Year 10: **Ride**

Year 11: **Mars**

Year 12: **12.3**

Year 13: **13.9**

**The winner of the overall school prize is:**

**9 Mercury**



## Relationships and Sex Education consultation

Thank you to all who participated in last week's RSE consultation parent focus groups. Your input is invaluable in guiding our decisions about the curriculum. In the next two weeks, we will be gathering feedback from students and staff. Once we have assimilated all information, we will provide you with an updated draft policy including curriculum to look at. We will ask for your feedback on this policy via Microsoft form.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## NONSUCH - CAREERS

### HIGHER EDUCATION & APPRENTICESHIPS - SHOUTOUT!



## Apprenticeships

### UNIVERSITY & APPRENTICESHIP OFFERS

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are incredibly proud of our students receiving offers for university courses of their choice and places on apprenticeship programmes.

As such, we want to celebrate these achievements with you and will be sharing a selection of these each week with you.

Thank you,  
Careers @ Nonsuch High School for Girls

**University Offers:**

- ENGINEERING**
  - Electronic Engineering
  - Mechanical Engineering
  - Materials Science and Engineering
  - Chemical Engineering
  - Design, Innovation and Creative Engineering
  - Aeronautics & Astronautics
  - Aerospace Engineering
  - Robotics Engineering
  - Structural and Architectural Engineering
- HEALTHCARE**
  - Cognitive and Clinical Neuroscience
  - Optometry
  - Infection and Immunity
  - Global Health and Social Medicine
  - Operating Department Practice
- ARCHITECTURE**
  - Architectural Engineering
  - Architecture

Please check nutritional information via the link on poster if you have allergies



## Doughnut Day

### 27 March 2024

- Doughnuts £1.20 each
- Time - Lunch break (12:25pm - 1:00pm)
- Location: School Hall (entry ONLY via the doors by the netball courts).
- Card/Contactless / Cash accepted (exact money only)

[Nutritional info - krispykreme.co.uk/ingredients](https://www.krispykreme.co.uk/ingredients)

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Designed by Akalya, Y12

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS...

## GCSE AND A-LEVEL RECITAL

14TH MARCH 17:30 - 20:00  
MAIN HALL

PERFORMANCES FROM OUR GCSE AND A-LEVEL STUDENTS

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS AVAILABLE:  
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/0WTL1P2T4Y](https://forms.office.com/r/0wTL1P2T4Y)



SCAN HERE



Please note an upcoming workshop in April run by charity Off The Record, which you may find useful:  
[Self-Harm Support for Parents/Carers- 16th & 23rd April, 6.30pm](#)

Please take a look at the attached posters for parents regarding parenting teenagers with characteristics of ADHD and from Contact A Family.

## Reporting absence

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

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.

# SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

## CCF - Feb camp

Soryin (Y13) writes: During the half-term, the CCF cadets travelled to Jersey Camp on the Isle of Wight to compete in the annual February Competition Camp. For many of the Year 9s, it was their first proper camp, with Y12s as their section commanders. Cadets took part in various rotations such as first aid, close target reconnaissance, tactical concealment and survival. Most notably we were able to do some live firing on the range, which is always a thrilling experience! Despite the low temperatures, spirits were high and all cadets participated with immense enthusiasm. It was a brilliant camp and certainly one to remember, especially as it was the penultimate one for us Y13s!



## Squash success for Esther (Y8) - congratulations!

Esther (Y8) writes: "I am pleased to say that I won the English Junior Championships (a platinum event) in the GU13. This took place from the February 9th-11th. This is the first time I have won this event so it was a wonderful experience. I played in Middlesex and hopefully next year I'll be able to retain my title for GU15."

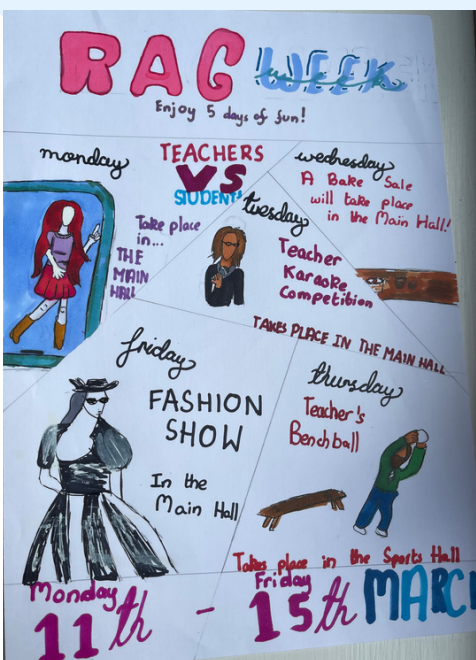
We would also like to add that Esther is England U13 Number 1 in squash - an amazing achievement all round! Well done, Esther, we are so happy for you!



# SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

## The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe: Whole School Production!

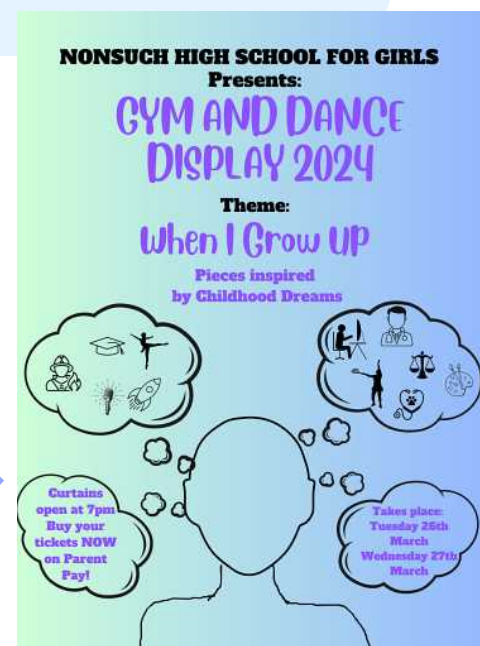
Maria (Y8) writes: We had our production on February 27th, 28th and 29th and performed The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. Over 60 students participated as cast or crew, working for around six months to bring Narnia to life! In the production, I was playing the role of Lucy, the youngest of the four Pevensie children, and this was a fantastic opportunity. Not only did I meet new people and make new friends, I was able to learn so much from everyone who took part, thus I shall take on this knowledge and put it to use over my time here at Nonsuch. It was the first time that there has been a matinee show for the school production, being performed in front of a retirement community and Year 7s; it was a spectacular idea and an amazing experience. Finally, I must thank the people behind organising the production: Ms Pinel and Miss White. Every rehearsal, they would come in with an outstanding amount of energy and with that, they were able to produce this exceptional show. They have inspired me and made my love for drama grow even more. I cannot wait to see what they put together next year but I am certain it will be magnificent.



Design by Anahita (Y7)

Take a look at what's on for RAG WEEK!

Get your tickets for the Gym and Dance display coming up later this month!



# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Week 1</b>	Tutor Meetings RAG Week
Monday 11th March	
Tuesday 12th March	
Wednesday 13th March	Young Carers Action Day 2024
Thursday 14th March	GCSE & A Level Recital 17.30 (Hall)
Friday 15th March	DTP/Men vaccination catch up session – 9am Year 8 Hockey & Netball Interhouse – P3 & 4
<b>Week 2</b>	
Monday 18th March	KS3 & KS4 Regional Badminton Competition
Tuesday 19th March	LYG Sports Hall Athletics
Wednesday 20th March	Year 13 Parents' Evening – 16.00-18.30 (Hall)
Thursday 21st March	Year 7 Interhouse Netball/Hockey
Friday 22nd March	Year 9 Hockey/Netball Interhouse PTA Board Game Night – 18.00 - LGCR