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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

After an exhilarating Activities Week last week, it's wonderful to see school life returning to a sense of normality though, of course, school life remains as busy as always.

This week, our students have been out and about, making the most of enriching curriculum opportunities. Year 9 enjoyed their coastal fieldwork at West Wittering. Meanwhile, Year 10 visited Tate Britain, and Year 12 took a trip to Oxford, experiencing university life at Oxbridge.

It was also a pleasure to welcome our newest members to the Nonsuch family during Year 6 Transition Day. Our incoming Year 7s displayed great enthusiasm and excitement coming into school, and we look forward to supporting them as they embark on this new chapter of their educational journey.

Thursday saw our Year 12 students engage in mock interviews and guidance meetings, crucial preparation for their future pathways. And Friday brought our biggest house event of the year, Sports Day, where competition, camaraderie, and school spirit were on full display.

Last weekend, our Silver and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh groups set off on their expeditions, another highlight of our vibrant school life. Looking ahead, Year 10 NEA week and guidance meetings promise another busy week, alongside the CCF camp departing next Saturday for Year 9 and a few Year 10 students. Finally, a reminder that our school production of *The Witches* and Open Evening are also taking place this week. We look forward to welcoming many families and friends to celebrate our students' talents and achievements.

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	97.38	96.67	95.42	96.43	0	89.70	0	94.93
Authorised	2.44	2.62	4.29	2.89	0	6.49	0	3.94
Unauthorised	0.18	0.71	0.30	0.68	0	2.50	0	0.87
Persistent absence ≥10%	21	27	34	31	0	72	0	187

30/06/25-04/07/25

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.



SCHOOL NEWS

Wimbledon BookFest Competition success!

We're delighted and very proud that a number of our students have achieved great success in the annual Young Writers' Competition, organised by Wimbledon BookFest. Over 70 schools submitted entries to this prestigious competition, which seeks out new writing talent from primary and secondary schools across South-West London. This year, the theme was 'The Legend'.

Merits were awarded to **Thirana** (Y7), **Ira** (Y8) and **Tanishkaa**, while **Jisoo** (Y7), **Rosie** (Y11), **Abi** (Y10) and **Kathleen** (Y13) achieved a Distinction. Finally, **Aanya** (Y12) was runner-up in the KS5 Poetry Stage, whilst **Max** (Y12) won the KS5 Stories category! Students with a Distinction and above will have their work published in the anthology and will each receive a copy, and **Aanya** and **Max** will be awarded their prizes at a ceremony in October. Congratulations to all!



Biology Challenge success



Congratulations to the Y12 students below who took part in the recent Biology Challenge!

Gold: Haasini

Silver: Mahveen, Jiya, Sridhriti, Esha, Nishtha, Rhea, Bharathi, Navani

Bronze: Lara, Mariam, Izzah, Riddhi, Rupadharshni, Ramya, Charlotte, Sunidhi, Mariam, Dharshni, Jessica, Isabella, Bhavi, Rohita, Karina, Mahaniah, Alyza, Aditi, Hamna, Aitana, Inayah, and Hannah.

Instrumental Lessons 2025-2026

Dear Parents/Carers,
If you are interested in instrumental lessons for your daughter next year, please fill in this form.



SCHOOL NEWS

PE - Borough Champions Y10 Rounders

Our incredible Year 10 rounders team won their Borough competition last week, showing amazing teamwork and determination. Facing off against three other local schools, our team displayed powerful batting, sharp fielding, and fast reaction skills. Their hard work throughout the year has paid off, and they've made the school very proud. This is the Year 10s third win in a row! A massive congratulations to every player!



National Food Competition - Nonsuch success!

We are delighted to announce national success following our 'Tunnock's Teacake Challenge' House competition.

Nonsuch students were tasked with presenting and garnish a Tunnock's teacake inspired by the theme of 'Culture and Celebration'.

Three entries were chosen and put forward to represent Nonsuch in the national competition.

We are proud to announce that [Luckshika's](#) 'Dia de los Muertos' submission was awarded second place in the national competition for her age group. The judges were particularly impressed with the presentation on the plate and how it met the brief. Well done, [Luckshika](#)!



UK Junior Maths Olympiad success

We are thrilled to announce the outstanding achievements of six of our students who recently participated in the UKMT Junior Maths Olympiad. Their dedication and hard work have truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments. Well done to Minji (Silver) and Thea and Olivia (Bronze) for ranking so highly.

All those who took part have demonstrated exceptional mathematical skills and perseverance, standing out in a highly competitive field. Their success is a testament to their commitment and the excellent support provided by our dedicated teaching staff.



l-r Bernice, Thea and Olivia

Summer Concert

The Summer Concert was a wonderful evening of music from a range of performers across the school. Two of our Y9 students have shared their experience below.

Maria: "I really like performing, it's really nice being on stage and being surrounded by really good singers. The performers on the day are enthusiastic and we come together as a school community to perform to the best of our ability."

Anna: "I enjoy the backstage experience because everyone is so excited and ready to perform on the stage. Even though we were so nervous, we were very proud when we had shared all our hard work with the audience."



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1	
Monday 7th July	Silver D of E Practice Expedition
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	Y10 Guidance Meetings Y7 Rounders and Tennis Interhouse School Production 'The Witches' – 19.00-21.00
Thursday 10th July	School ends 12:30 for students Y5 Open Evening – 14.15-20.00
Friday 11th July	Late start for students – 9.55
Saturday 12th-19th July	CCF Main Camp
Week 2	
Monday 14th July	Y10 Rounders and Tennis Interhouse
Tuesday 15th July	Year 10 Chemistry Workshop Sports Awards Evening – 15.30-17.30
Wednesday 16th July	Late start for students – 9.55 Y12 normal start time – end of term PSHE Y9 Rounders and Tennis Interhouse
Thursday 17th July	Celebrating Achievements Y7-10
Friday 18th July	School finishes – 12.30