

# NONSUCH HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

10 September 2021



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome back!

Students have done incredibly well in navigating their way around the school. Those in Years 8 and 9 are in a similar boat to new Year 7s, as they now have access to all specialist classrooms in a way they do not have when in bubbles.

We are still providing designated outside areas for before school and at break and lunch times for each year group.

Clubs and extra-curricular activity will begin on 20<sup>th</sup> September. Further information will follow and the timetable will be published on the school website. The Clubs Fair for Sports clubs run by school staff, will take place at 1.15pm on the front field on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September for students to sign up. Music clubs sign-up sheets can be found in the Music department. Lists close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

## **COVID MEASURES**

Parents will receive a letter under separate cover about reporting Covid symptoms and when young people are expected to be at school or self-isolate.

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September, all students will receive home Lateral Flow testing kits. We ask students to self test on Wednesdays and Sundays and to use TestRegister to report their results. Students will receive an email from TestRegister reminding them to register their results.

In school, we are strongly encouraging students to wear face masks in corridors and they may wear them in classrooms if they so choose. Our measures still include a heightened cleaning regime; hand sanitisation points and most importantly: ventilation. Rooms are kept well aired with windows open and more often than not, doors also.

In order to keep transmission as low as possible, our Parent Information Evenings, PTA and LGB meetings and Parent Consultation evenings will be remote sessions. Where possible, events may be in the open air, such as the PTA welcome event. Please see the date of upcoming Parent Information Evenings below.

## **NEW STUDENTS and STAFF**

It has been a pleasure to meet new Year 7 students, a small number of students who have joined us in other year groups and our cohort of new entrants to the sixth form. I have been walking the school, meeting new students when I can and they seem to be settling in well – given the disruption of the last year and a half.

We also welcomed new staff to the school:

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Mrs Williamson-Jones  
Miss Pardey  
Miss Don Bosco  
Mrs Malik  
Mr Williamson  
Miss Bulley  
Mrs Tandon

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Deputy Head - Pastoral  
Teacher of History  
Second in charge of Maths  
Teacher of Chemistry / Biology  
Teacher of Chemistry  
Teacher of PE  
Teacher of Maths

Ms Patterson  
Mr Bubnjar  
Ms Jo Pigott  
Ms Williams  
Miss Collins

Teacher of Music  
Teacher of Maths  
Head of German  
Teacher of RS  
PE Assistant

## **SUMMER GCSE and A LEVEL RESULTS and DESTINATIONS**

Congratulations to all our students for their commitment, resilience and positive approach to learning – despite all the unprecedented disruption to learning, students have gone on to perform exceptionally well. Not only have they performed well in their A level and GCSE subjects but they continued to show integrity and leadership through their engagement with school and wider community projects. Thanks to staff and parents and carers who supported students through a tumultuous year.

At A Level overall our students achieved

% A*	32.4
% A*-A	68.5
%A*-B	88.3
%A*-E	99.7%

GCSE results are also excellent.

% 9	45.4
% 8-9	74.4
% 7-9	90.0
% 6-9	97.5

In Maths and English 99.1% of grades were 9-6 and 100% 9-4.

24 students achieved 100% grade 9s and for a fourth year in a row value added progress is outstanding.

All sixth form students who applied through UCAS secured university places. We will shortly publish all leavers' destinations by university and chosen course on the school website. 9 students are off to Oxbridge; 29 students gained places to study Medicine (7 from the previous year's cohort); 5 Dentistry; 1 Veterinary Science.

Popular university destinations: Oxford, Cambridge, UCL, Imperial College, Kings College London, Queen Mary's London, City, Warwick, Durham, St George's, Bristol, Cardiff, Exeter.  
University places secured abroad: 1 place - U.S.A. (Baylor University in Texas)

## **SAFE TRAVEL TO SCHOOL**

A reminder to all parents and students that students should be in groups not smaller than 3 if travelling through Nonsuch Park to school. Students should keep mobile phones in pockets or bags so they can focus on their surroundings. There is a link to download the Hollie Guard app on the pastoral page of the school website <https://hollieguard.com/> which students can use if they feel unsafe at any point. This app immediately notifies students' chosen contacts, pinpointing your location and sending audio and video evidence directly to their mobile phones.

There was a report of an assault in the area of Nonsuch Park close to Ewell East station last weekend. No further information has been shared with the school.

Best wishes,

Ms Cavilla

## **Reminders for parents who drop off and pick up by car**

Increased car traffic causes pollution especially when engines are left idling. Wherever possible we urge that students walk, cycle or take public transport and we are delighted with the increase in students cycling or scooting to school. The best location for parking is Cheam Library, Kingway Road opposite St Dunstons. Please do not park across local residents' driveways or make U-turns in Anne Boleyn's Walk. Dropping off on the hill of Ewell Road and on street corners are other practices we have witnessed that are dangerous. If we all work together we can keep our young people safe.

**Letters attached to Email:**

Yr 9 – Ball Girl letter from Mrs Holmes

**Important Dates**

2021 – 2022	
<b>Selective Eligibility Testing</b>	Tuesday 14 September – School closed to students
<b>Inset Day</b>	Thursday 14 October
<b>Autumn Half Term Break</b>	Monday 25 October – Friday 5 November 2021
<b>Break Up Christmas Holiday</b>	Friday 17 December 2021
<b>Inset Day</b>	Tuesday 4 Jan
<b>Return to School Spring Term</b>	Wednesday 5 January 2022
<b>Spring Half Term Break</b>	Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February 2022
<b>Inset Day</b>	Monday 21 February 2022
<b>Return to School, Spring Term 2</b>	Tuesday 22 February 2022
<b>Break up Easter Holiday</b>	Friday 1 April 2022
<b>Return to School Summer Term</b>	Tuesday 19 April 2022
<b>Summer Half Term Break</b>	Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June 2022
<b>Break Up Summer Holidays</b>	Friday 22 July 2022

[www.nonsuchschool.org/109/term-and-holiday-dates](http://www.nonsuchschool.org/109/term-and-holiday-dates)

**Combined Cadet Force**

CCF cadets enjoyed three camps this summer and were blessed with glorious weather. Up to 60 Year 9’s participated in two Fieldcraft Days at Northey Avenue; years 10-13 visited Mereworth Woods for Military Skills Training and our Senior cadets embarked on their leadership weekend up in the Pennines. A special mention and congratulations goes to Grace Ellingham who has become the first female Corporal Major of Sutton Grammar School’s CCF contingent and is in overall charge of the army section.

Additionally over 60 Year 9 cadets have been successful in their applications to join CCF this autumn.



**Miss Geraghty is Running the London Marathon – Please click link below to donate!**

Miss Geraghty from the MFL Department is running the London Marathon on 3 October 2021 to raise money for the Friends of Kipkelion, a charity that Nonsuch High School for Girls supports. Their aim is to help in the provision of basic healthcare and educational projects in the Kipkelion District of Kenya. <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ElizabethGeraghty>

### **Junior Mathematical Olympiad**

Our 2 students who qualified for the prestigious Junior Mathematical Olympiad took part in the challenge in July. Both did incredibly well, with Minseo from Year 7 (now Year 8) achieving a Merit award and Hasi in Year 8 (now Year 9) achieved a distinction and a book prize! We are extremely proud of both students, congratulations to them!



### **Parents: Can You Help Students Prepare for Oxbridge and Medicine Interviews?**

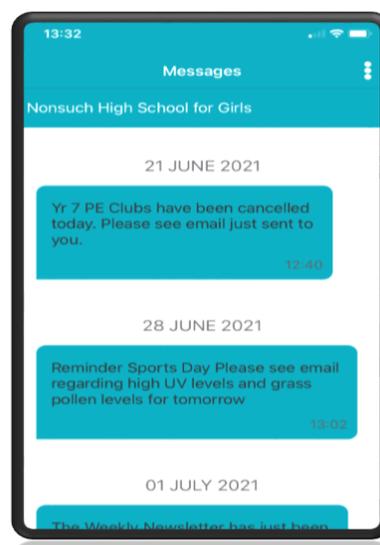
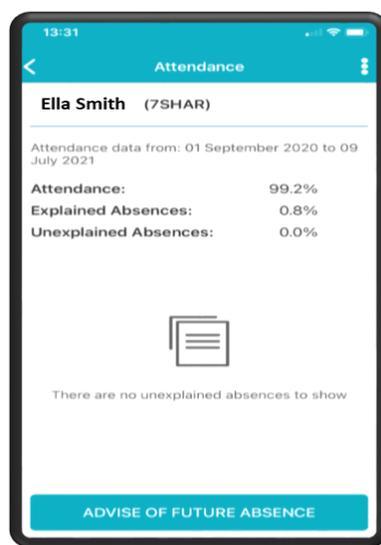
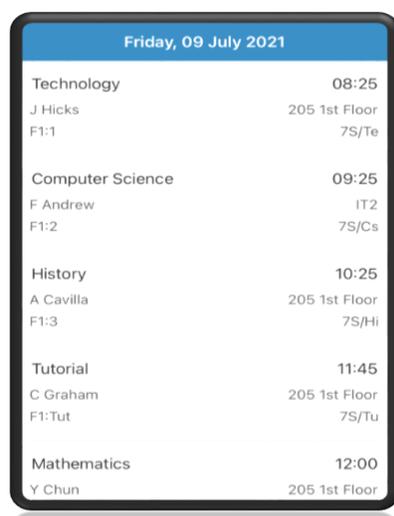
**Calling Nonsuch Parents! Are you able and willing to give a mock interview or two to our prospective Oxbridge (range of subjects) and Medical students** later this term. These will take place online – as will the real interviews! – so your commitment will be from home via MS Teams or similar.

Our Y13s are looking at courses across the range: from pure and vocational STEM subjects through 'Social' and Professional areas to traditional Humanities and Creative Arts.

Whether you are keen to help with the interviews or just curious about the commitment, please email Mrs. Powell, the Sixth Form Administrator, at [Powell-V@nonsuchschool.org](mailto:Powell-V@nonsuchschool.org). From there we can agree precise dates, commitment and practicalities. We'd love to hear from you!

### **Home School communications: School Gateway App**

Please download the School Gateway App to improve communications with the school, view data and stay up to date. The school will also save money as messages via the App are free. About 50% of school households have downloaded the app. It allows for easier absence reporting and allows parents and carers to see up to date attendance data for your child and also their timetable. Please see the information at the end of this newsletter. Absence requests in advance for music examinations etc. should still be sought via email to [attendance@nonsuchschool.org](mailto:attendance@nonsuchschool.org). Our school Attendance Policy is available on our website.



### **Pastoral care and wellbeing**

For links to support services regarding the wellbeing and welfare of students please see the link to our website for information.

[Pastoral Care and Wellbeing](#)

[School Support Services for Students](#)

### **Key Contacts**

For contact details of school staff or to report safeguarding concerns please see [here](#)

The **SHARP** (School Help Advice Reporting Page) system is also available for reporting of Safeguarding concerns, directly from the QUICK LINKS section of our school website [here](#)

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