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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,

Activities Week is in full swing. We have sent students off to Spain, Germany, France and to the North East of Britain to Hadrian's Wall and day trips to Chessington, Sandown, Thorpe Park and water sports activities as well as to escape rooms and the London Dungeons.

In school I have witnessed our students' creativity in the media, poetry and wellbeing workshops as well as the invaluable assistance lent by Year 12 students carrying out work experience here and elsewhere. Turning up for someone other than yourself is a first step to understanding professionalism and responsibility.

Please check all Activities Week communications carefully to avoid disappointment. Students who require inhalers and epi pens must bring one with them and this week sun hats, sun screen and water bottles are a must.

Some of our students have also had a weekend of ball-girling or CCF leadership camps so it is full-on all round.

In the next issue, you can read about further Maths competition successes as well as the other achievements, academic and sporting below.

Best wishes,

Ms Cavilla



# UPDATES FROM MS OSBORNE

## Attendance

Thank you for your continued support with your child's attendance. We continue to be proud of our school's attendance figures and that Nonsuch is a place where students want to attend and learn.

A reminder that in February, the Government published new guidance for attendance which will become statutory from August 19th 2024. This is part of the Government's drive to improve attendance at school. This will mean that we will be making some small changes to our school policy which we will share with you in September which reflects changes to the law and the new National Framework for using penalty notices. The full guidance is [here](#).

A reminder that the Government has an [attendance hub](#) which can help parents make informed decisions about attendance.

The Government provides parents with guidance around illness and attendance at school. This [guidance](#) helps parents make informed decisions about their child's health and attendance.

You can monitor your child's attendance data through the School Gateway 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 I will contact you.

	Attendance	Authorised	Unauthorised	Persistent absence >=10%
Y7	98.10	1.50	0.35	2
Y8	97.67	1.80	0.49	1
Y9	96.76	2.69	0.55	7
Y10	96.33	2.93	0.67	12
Y11	84.97	13.74	1.30	204
Y12	95.53	3.33	1.08	14
Y13	78.72	19.82	1.43	230
All	92.59	6.54	0.83	470

All figures in % session attendance summary (4/9/23-19/6/24)

Congratulations to the following forms who won Golden Tickets last half term:  
7Mars, 8Neptune, 9Pluto,10Tereshkova  
and 12.10.

The overall winner is 7Mars.



# SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING



Today, accessing information has never been easier. However, this convenience comes with a downside: we are constantly reachable through various means, such as photographs, voice notes, and videos. These can be exchanged instantly across devices, making young people particularly vulnerable to unwanted messages and images. Research from the Internet Watch Foundation indicates that one in four young people have received unsolicited sexual messages online. Understanding how to navigate this issue is crucial. To assist in this, the Internet Watch Foundation has developed a highly informative resource pack. You can find the pack [here](#).

**childline**

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

Childline is a free, private and confidential service that you can access online and on the phone. They provide help and support for people up to their 19th birthday.

**If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Mrs Hart on [safeguarding@nonsuchschool.org](mailto:safeguarding@nonsuchschool.org)**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Biology - Years 9 and 10

Over 50 of our Y9 and Y10 biologists sat the Royal Society of Biology's Biology Challenge Olympiad recently and we had some excellent results, with the majority achieving Gold, Silver or Bronze certificates. This is a national competition and this year over 45,000 students from UK schools entered. Seventeen Y10 students were awarded Gold Medals which is only awarded to 5% of all of the students taking part. Very well done to all who entered this challenge!

We would love to hear from you about the extracurricular activities/achievements students have enjoyed outside of school. Please complete [this link](#) so we can share achievements in this newsletter.

### Reporting absence

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

### Advice from First Aid

Pollen forecasts are high. If your child has hayfever, please make sure that they take their medication before coming to school. Many thanks.





# SCHOOL NEWS

## Geography - Year 9

The Geography Department took Year 9 students to Eastbourne Beach to carry out some fieldwork on June 4th and 5th. We carried out fieldwork to establish the wave type, the main users of the beach, how the coastline here is managed and a sediment analysis either side of the wooden groynes. The sun shone and the seagulls were in full force but the students all enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Thank you to staff and parents for supporting this trip and helping students learn outside of the classroom.



## Young Enterprise

In Y12, one of the electives students can choose is the Young Enterprise programme. It allows students to set up and run their own company and teaches transferrable skills including team work, time management and compromise. This year the company is named "Asteria" and the product they have created is sustainable hand painted mason jars. The jars are individually crafted and sold well at the North End Market in Sutton. The opportunity to sell and promote the product in a public forum was very exciting and the team members and they learnt a great deal from interacting with the local community and other stall holders. The team are also hoping to sell at the Wallington Farmer's Market on July 13th.





## CCF - Y10 Leadership Camp

Caitlin and Lara (Y12) write: "Over a weekend in June, Y10 cadets alongside Y12 officers went to Mereworth training site in Kent. This camp is to build leadership and teamwork skills. The activities are designed to test both the physical and mental skills of cadets who are looking into leadership positions within CCF in the future. It is also an opportunity for Year 12s to plan and run a successful camp, in preparation for next year.

Although the weather was less than ideal, the Y10s were very enthusiastic. They completed several stands, including command tasks, blind drop and a night expedition, which was eventful (to put it lightly). Sqn Ldr Marshall from Sutton Grammar had a couple of problem-solving tasks for the cadets to test their collaborative skills in the late hours of the night. (as seen in photos). Cadets also had to prepare talks on topics of debate, followed by an array of questions from peers and officers. Safe to say, the camp was a great success, and we are all looking forward to Main Camp next week. "



# SCHOOL NEWS

## PE fixtures in June

We have had a very busy couple of weeks in PE from cricket to tennis to Borough Rounders!

### Cricket

To start off we have our U15A&B cricket teams playing a fixture against Sutton on June 6th. We then played a Y9 & 10 fixture against Wallington the week after on June 13th. Both Nonsuch teams won all of their games, they all played their best and really pulled together as one. POMS go to Hannah, Aarna, Prenavi, Prisha, Saanvi, Dhruthi, Neesha and Manali!

Our U15A also had a more recent fixture against Salesian on June 18th. Unfortunately, we lost by three runs so we will not be qualifying to the next round but a big congratulations to the team for working really well together and especially to Shreyasi and Tanishka for being batting and bowling players of the matches (POMs).

Moving onto our U13AB cricket teams who played a match against Wallington on June 10th, the team worked really well particularly on their fielding. We came out of the game winning 265-262 with only one wicket! POMS go to Sophia, Emily, Phoebe and Adithri! Well done girls.

### Rounders

Now switching to rounders! We had our first Borough Rounders of this year, starting with the Y9 team. It was a lovely sunny day filled with amazing fielding and determination. We came out winning the Borough competition! A big well done to the Y9 team!

### Tennis

Lastly, we had our first tennis fixture of the year on June 13th. Our Y7 team played five matches: three singles and two doubles matches. We came out winning this fixture overall as we won four out of the five matches. Some of the scores were: 6-0, 6-2 and 6-1 so we had some very good play from the Y7s. A big congratulations to all the players!

Due to the numerous fixtures, photos of the teams can be viewed on this [Sway link](#).

Well done to all the students who competed and represented Nonsuch in these matches!

# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Week 1</b>	Activities Week and Y12 Work Experience CCF Camp MFL Y10 & 12 French, German, Spanish Trips
Students and staff participating in on- and off-site activities all week	
<b>Week 2</b>	
Monday 1st July	
Tuesday 2nd July	
Wednesday 3rd July	Year 6 Induction Day
Thursday 4th July	Bronze & Silver D of E route planning and kit drop off – 15.30-17.30
Friday 5th July	Sports Day
Saturday 6th July	Bronze D of E Qualifying Expedition – 6-7th July Silver D of E Practice Expedition – 6-8th July
<b>Week 1</b>	
Monday 8th July	Silver D of E Practice Expedition
Tuesday 9th July	
Wednesday 10th July	Year 10 Guidance Meeting Gold D of E briefing – 15.30
Thursday 11th July	School ends at 12.25 Open Day – 14.15-20.00
Friday 12th July	School Birthday Late start for students – 9.55