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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,

Aurora Borealis

Two weekends ago, I was lucky enough to see the Northern Lights from my garden, at around 11 p.m. The sky was a wonderful pink /purple glow. Dr Kearnes' article below explains why we are seeing such activity and why we will see some more this year. After half term, when the exam season is over, or before if we can, we will get the school's new solar telescope out in the quad or playground to allow students to see the spots on the surface of the sun which are evidence of the heightened activity we are seeing at solar maximus, a phenomenon that occurs every 11 years.

New teacher

Immediately after half term, we welcome our new Head of Psychology, Miss Rivard. We are delighted to benefit from her experience of and ambition for this A Level subject.

Please see the important dates section below as there are a number of trips and specific events such as the Higher Education Days for Year 12 students.

Best wishes,
Ms Cavilla

UPDATES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON-JONES

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.

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. The changes reflect changes to the law and the new National Framework for using penalty notices (Education (Penalty Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024.) 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 myself will contact you.

	Attendance	Authorised	Unauthorised	Persistent absence >=10%
Y7	98.14	1.52	0.34	2
Y8	97.70	1.78	0.52	1
Y9	96.78	2.68	0.54	7
Y10	96.42	2.89	0.65	10
Y11	92.98	5.51	1.50	33
Y12	95.60	3.25	1.12	14
Y13	92.45	5.83	1.67	43
All	95.74	3.34	0.90	110

All figures in % session attendance summary (4/9/23-13/5/24)



Class Charts and First Aid notification

We have recently made changes to the Class Charts system to allow it to trigger an alert to our first aid staff to let us know that a child has left their lesson. This allows us to monitor where they are in school. At present the only way that we can trigger an alert is to assign a debit to this action. We have set it up so that this debit will not count towards a detention and we will remove the debit manually within a week. We are speaking with the company to find a solution to this issue but appreciate your patience while we do this. If your child does visit first aid you will receive a notification. Please do not be concerned, we will contact you if we need to. If you have any questions about your daughter's progress please do speak with your daughter's tutor or Head of Year.

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:

VETERINARY/ZOOLOGY

- Animal Biology, Behaviour, Welfare & Ethics
- Veterinary Medicine
- Veterinary Medicine & Science
- Veterinary Medicine & Surgery
- Veterinary Science
- Zoology
- Bioveterinary Science
- Equine Veterinary Nursing


SPORT

- Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Sport Management
- Exercise and Sport Sciences

For Parents - Wellbeing Apps for Kids

Helping children manage their health and wellbeing is a top priority. Nothing can beat getting out in the fresh air, meeting friends and having fun, but some children may find apps useful for things such as learning about emotions or managing anxiety. Internet Matters have put together a list which gives details such as: suitable ages, purpose, how the app works and (where applicable) the cost.

**internet
matters.org**



We love to celebrate students' extracurricular activities/achievements outside of school. Please complete this link so we can share with the Nonsuch community.

PE - upcoming fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Team	Location
21/05/24	15:30	Athletics	Y7 – Y10	Nonsuch
10/06/24	15:30	Cricket	Y7AB & Y8AB	Nonsuch
13/06/24	15:30	Cricket	Y9AB & Y10A	Wallington

Reporting absence

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

SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

An update on solar activity from the Astronomy Department

Our Sun is a huge ball of electrically-charged hot gas. This charged gas moves, generating a powerful magnetic field. The Sun's magnetic field goes through a cycle, called the solar cycle. Every 11 years or so, the Sun's magnetic field completely flips. Then it takes about another 11 years for the Sun's north and south poles to flip back again. The solar cycle affects activity on the surface of the Sun, such as sunspots which are caused by the magnetic fields. At the moment we are in the middle of the solar cycle, at solar maximum, when the Sun has the most sunspots and thus most activity with some giant eruptions on the Sun's surface. These eruptions send powerful bursts of energy and material into space. If this solar wind reaches us here on Earth and interacts with our magnetic field we get some stunningly beautiful displays. If you are lucky you may have caught the show this weekend.

You can follow the solar activity [here](#). Ms Halliwell caught the image on the left (below) of the aurora borealis (Northern Lights) this weekend, and her friend in New Zealand caught the corresponding aurora australis (Southern Lights). We will continue to monitor the solar activity with our newly acquired solar telescope. Viewings for all students will be possible on the week beginning June 17th – ready for the summer solstice!



Northern Lights



Southern Lights

U13AB Cricket v Woldingham

On Tuesday May 7th we travelled to Woldingham School for two cricket matches. We won both matches! They were filled with lots of high-level play with fantastic skills and great teamwork across both pitches. We had great games from our Players of the Matches too: Anu and Shravya for their amazing batting and Tiahni and Aanya for their great bowling. Congratulations to both teams for winning!



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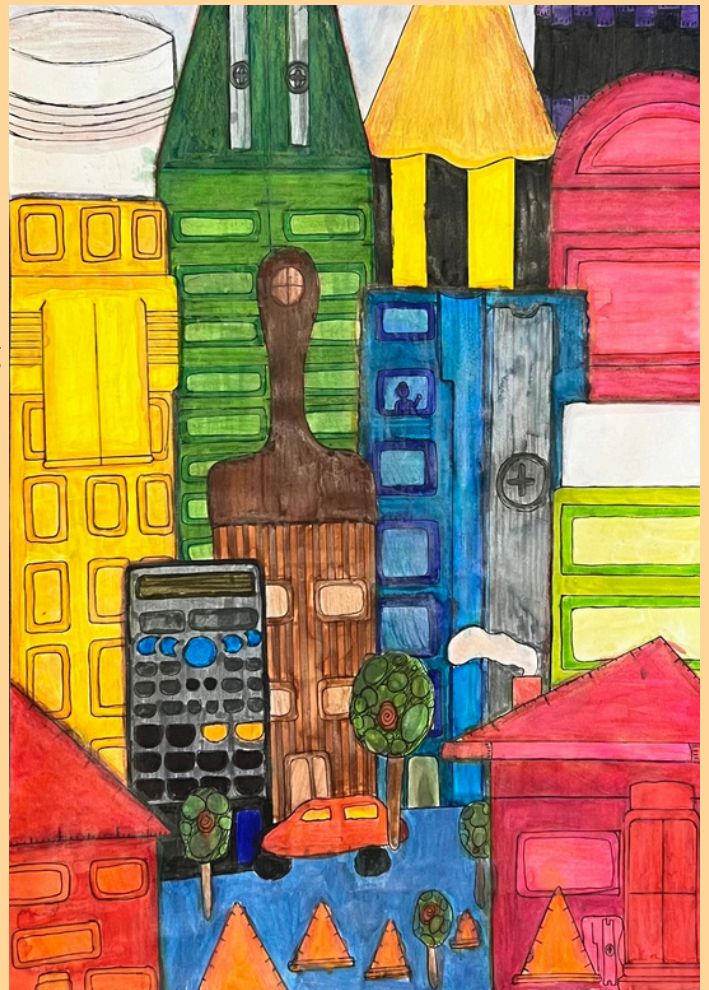
U15AB Cricket v Woldingham

On May 14th Nonsuch played Woldingham again and this time our U15AB teams played excellently and won both games! This is a wonderful achievement from our Nonsuch students. A special mention to Janani and Shreyasi in the A team for being batting and bowling players of the match and to Ella and Maariya in the B team for being batting and bowling players of the match.



Another Year 7 Art success!

We are really proud to share with you another cause for celebration in the Art department! One of our Y7 students has been accepted into the Young Artists' Summer Show 2024 online exhibition. Stationery World by Prithiksha was one of the compositions selected from over 21,500 submissions. She completed the painting during Term 1 as part of our curriculum. Well done, Prithiksha - what a wonderful achievement!



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1	
Monday 20th May	Year 7 Geography Fieldwork
Tuesday 21st May	Year 7 Geography Fieldwork Secondary Borough Athletics Years 7-10
Wednesday 22nd May	
Thursday 23rd May	Year 12 HE Day
Friday 24th May	Year 12 HE Day
	HALF TERM – 27th-31st May
Week 2	
Monday 3rd June	
Tuesday 4th June	Year 9 Geography Coastal Fieldwork Trip Spanish Trip Information Evening – 18.30 (in school)
Wednesday 5th June	Year 9 Geography Coastal Fieldwork Trip Paris Trip Information Evening – 18.00 (in school)
Thursday 6th June	Year 12 Psychology Trip German Trip Information Evening – 18.30 (in school)
Friday 7th June	