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NONSUCH NEWS

Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

In November, we were delighted to welcome a visit from *The Good Schools Guide*, an independent organisation known for its impartial and detailed reviews of schools. Their reviews are based on first-hand visits and include lesson observations, discussions with students and staff, and conversations with parents, providing a thoughtful and balanced picture of school life. Thank you to all in our school community who took the time to speak with the reviewer.

We are extremely pleased with the resulting review, which is now published online and can be found here: [Nonsuch High School for Girls Review | The Good Schools Guide](#). The full review is available by subscription only and cannot be reproduced in full due to copyright restrictions. However, we were particularly proud to be described as "warm in all the right places....an excellent environment for whip-smart, go-getting girls to hone their intellect and reach for the stars in whatever field they choose." This captures so well the balance we strive for every day: high academic expectations alongside a genuinely warm, supportive and inclusive community.

School life continues to be full and vibrant. Last week we welcomed Year 9 parents into school for parent-teacher consultations, and this week, our Y11 students will take part in A Day in the Life of a Sixth Former, giving them a valuable insight into our exceptional sixth form. Alongside this, students are engaging in the British Maths Olympiad, a Year 12 computer science trip, an under-13 gymnastics competition and a curriculum visit to the Churchill War Museum.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I wish you a very good week ahead.

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
Attendance	97.67	98.52	97.71	96.03	96.57
Authorised	2.19	1.48	2.10	3.44	3.33
Unauthorised	0.14	0	0.19	0.48	0.10
Persistent absence ≥10%	20	16	27	43	28

12/12/25-16/12/25

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

Parent Workshops

Workshop 1: E-Safety

Date and time: Monday February 9th 2026, 18.00-19.00

Facilitator: Steve Welding - Education E-safety Adviser from Cognus

Location: This is a virtual event – Teams

Steve Welding is an online safety specialist who wishes to educate all parents on how they can support their children to make the correct choices online. As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child safe online. This workshop will provide you with advice and resources to help you in supporting your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

Please see the meeting details below:

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting ID: 328 317 871 653 4

Passcode: 2qr6gX3M



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Family Wellbeing Service

YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team offers support to parents/carers whose children are experiencing challenges or difficulties with their emotional wellbeing and mental health.

The Family Wellbeing service helps families set goals and identify needs through 1:1 or group support. We empower parents with the tools and knowledge to create a more supportive home environment, promoting better mental health for children.

This service offers support to parents/carers in the following local authority areas:

- ▶ Epsom & Ewell / Elmbridge / Mole Valley - parents/carers with children aged 11-18

We work from YMCA centres in Mole Valley, Epsom and Tadworth. We also offer online support via Teams and in other community venues.

We accept self-referrals from parents/carers and direct referrals from professionals.

For more information or to discuss a referral, please get in touch.
E communitywellbeingteam@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk
Or complete our [Family Wellbeing Service Contact Form](#)
www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk

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YMCA EAST SURREY

Registered office: YMCA East Surrey, Princes Road, Redhill, RH1 6JJ
Registered charity no. 1075028

Join us for a warm and welcoming parent-carer meetup.


Come along to:

- Connect with other parents
- Chat with the Local Offer Officer
- Meet visiting organisations and services
- Hear updates on support, events and opportunities
- Help shape future sessions as the coffee morning develops

 **Starting Friday 30th January**
 **10:00am – 12:00pm (weekly)**

Preparation for Adulthood Hub

Parent Coffee Mornings!



SEND
Sutton's Local Offer

- ▶ Sutton Life Centre, Alcorn Close SM3 9PX
- ▶ localoffer@sutton.gov.uk

A relaxed weekly space for parent carers to connect, chat and access support

 **From Beans & Bloom:**
Coffee + Cake for £5!
A special offer for all attendees.

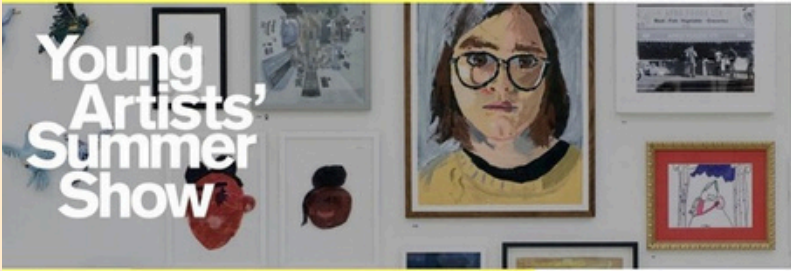
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Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Summer Show 2026

This is a wonderful, creative opportunity to make some artwork of any kind and potentially get chosen to be in the online or in person exhibition at the prestigious Royal Academy in London! See the attached poster for more details

If you would like to submit a piece of work, please bring it to the Art office before the deadline with your Name, Title of work, and very short description.


Deadline: Wednesday March 4th



The RA Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–18 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts

This is an exciting opportunity to get creative and potentially have your work celebrated in a London art gallery or online exhibition!

All types of artwork are accepted : painting, drawing, photography, sculpture etc.



Google 'RA young artists' summer show 2026' to get inspiration from last years submissions

If you are interested in submitting a piece of work you can bring it to the Art Office near room 253 **before the deadline**

Deadline : 4th March



January is

BUY NOTHING NEW MONTH



Sustainability at Nonsuch

This January, our Green Ambassadors will be taking part in Keep Britain Tidy's campaign, **Buy Nothing New Month**. The challenge is simple. For the month of January, we are making a commitment to buy nothing new, other than essentials like food and medicines. From the water and energy used in production, to the fuel used in delivery, every new item we buy comes with an environmental price tag and through taking part in this campaign we will be reducing our carbon footprint.

Later in the year our Y8 and Y9 Green Ambassadors will be developing our commitment towards reducing the carbon emissions produced by the clothing industry by hosting a re-love your fashion event. Students will host a pop up second-hand clothing shop in school to raise awareness of the environmental impacts of fast fashion and overconsumption by preventing used clothing from going to landfill. If you are interested in taking part in Buy Nothing New Month then please see the link below for details. [Get Involved](#) | [Keep Britain Tidy](#)

Sutton Music Trust information

Sutton Music Trust warmly invite you and your child to our first **Post 16 Fair for Opportunities in Music** on Friday April 10th 2026, 1pm-4pm at Floor 1, Cantium House, Wallington, SM6 0DZ.

This opportunity is open to students in Year 9 and above and is a chance for students to be inspired by and talk with a variety of organisations showcasing their courses, qualifications, and pathways in Music for those considering studying and engaging with it further.

We will be joined by representatives from a variety of institutions such as the Institute of Contemporary Music Performance, Surrey University, the BRIT School, and the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts, among many others, including British Army Music and the Music Teachers Association.

The event is also supported by organisations such as the National Youth Orchestra who have provided literature to share with students, alongside music tutors and staff from the South West London Music Hub who can share their own experiences.

Ready to sign up? Complete this form – we will be in touch again nearer the time to confirm details.



POST 16 MUSIC FAIR 

Open to students in KS4 and KS5

Friday 10th April 2026
1pm - 4pm
Sutton Music Trust
Floor 1 Cantium House,
Wallington, SM6 0DZ

Speak to SMT tutors about their careers through the music industry

Stall holders include:

- Institute of Contemporary Music Performance
- Surrey University
- Trinity Laban
- Trinity Qualifications
- Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts
- + more to be announced!

Find out about progression opportunities in Music for college, university, and beyond!

Scan to register now!



PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY! 

The Sound Lounge
Wednesday 11th Feb
Soundcheck at 5.30pm
Performance starts 7pm

Bands, singers, DJs welcome!

   Supported using public funding by **ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND**

In other SMT news, 'Up Next @ The Sound Lounge' is on Wednesday February 11th 2026. This event features secondary school students, giving them the chance to perform in a professional venue.

To apply, either email a short clip of you/your group performing to hello@suttonmusictrust.org.uk by Monday January 26th 2026.

We are looking for:

- ★ Singers (covers or own material)
- ★ Songwriters
- ★ Bands (any genre)
- ★ DJs
- ★ Duos/small groups
- ★ Jazz groups

You can read more about last term's event here: [Up Next at the Sound Lounge - Autumn 2025 - Sutton Music Trust.](#)

SCHOOL NEWS

Upcoming PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Team	Location
19/1/26	8.30am-3pm	Gymnastics	Surrey Schools	U13	Putney High
20/1/26	3.30pm	Football	St Phil's	U12	Nonsuch
20/1/26	3.30pm	Netball	St Phil's	Y9A & Y10A	Nonsuch
22/1/26	3.30pm	Netball	Overton	Y9A & Y10A	Nonsuch
27/1/26	3.30pm	Netball	St Phil's	Y7A & Y8A	Nonsuch
27/1/26	3.30pm	Hockey	Croydon	U14	Nonsuch
29/1/26	3.30pm	Netball	Glenthorne	Y9A & Y10A	Nonsuch

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1	Year 13 Mock exams and MFL orals
Monday 19th January	U13 Gymnastics, Putney High
Tuesday 20th January	Day in the Life of a sixth former (Year 11 off timetable)
Wednesday 21st January	British Mathematical Olympiad Round 2
Thursday 22nd January	Year 12 Computer Science BETT Show trip
Friday 23rd January	Churchill War Rooms trip
Sunday 25th January	ECF Chess Championship semi-finals, St Catherine's School Bramley
Week 2	Year 13 Mock exams and MFL orals
Monday 26th January	
Tuesday 27th January	RSC Chemistry Olympiad
Wednesday 28th January	Intermediate Mathematical Challenge (after school)
Thursday 29th January	Year 11 parent teacher consultation 16.00-19.30
Friday 30th January	Year 9 DTP/MenACWY Immunisation
Sat 31st Jan - Mon 3rd Feb	CCF Recruits Camp Y9 & Y13 only