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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

We have a busy second half of the Spring Term ahead of us at Nonsuch. Last week, staff from across the Trust gathered at Wallington High School for our annual Girls' Learning Trust conference - a chance for colleagues to gather together to reflect on our shared successes and ways in which we can collaborate for the benefit of our students and staff bodies. All three schools also made a successful transition to our new Management Information System, Arbor. We thank you for your patience as we roll out the system in the coming weeks and months.

Last week saw the Year 12 parent consultation evening, an important benchmark for our students and their parents/carers to assess how A-Level subjects are progressing and to discuss future aspirations.

Looking ahead, we have a wide and exciting variety of events taking place in school throughout March, including several music concerts showcasing our students' musical and performing talents beginning with this year's Spring Concert this week on Thursday March 5th.

Also this week, Nonsuch Book Week - always a highlight of the school calendar - celebrates the joy of reading for pleasure and the important role it plays in young people's academic success and their wellbeing. Next week, we welcome the Scholastic Book Fair where students can browse their own 'bookshop'. All funds raised go towards new, free books for our school library. We are also looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday March 5th, where staff and students don literary costumes. This year, we are also delighted to welcome author Dev Kothari to Nonsuch on World Book Day itself.

As ever, thank you for your support. I look forward to a busy and productive rest of Spring Term.

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	98.73	97.54	97.14	97.45	95.42
Authorised	0.71	1.67	2.38	2	1.63
Unauthorised	0.56	0.79	0.48	0.56	2.94

25/2/25-27/2/25

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 information - new school management information system

We would like to remind parents and carers that we have now moved to a new Management Information System (MIS) called Arbor. Moving to Arbor will, over time, allow us to communicate more efficiently and bring together our existing platforms helping to simplify how you interact with the school.

Initially, there will be very little change for parents, aside from a difference in the format of emails you receive, which will now come from Arbor. We will soon write to you with information about accessing the Arbor parent portal. The parent app is planned to go live on March 16th.

PE notice

Please note that for safeguarding reasons and site security, parents and carers are not permitted onto the school site to watch sports fixtures. Thank you for your understanding.



Student Leadership Conference - can you help?

Ms Jones from Carshalton High School for Girls writes: "The Girls' Learning Trust are currently organising our first trust-wide Student Leadership Conference, which will bring together student leaders from across all our schools for a day of inspiration, collaboration, and leadership development. As part of the event, we are looking to secure engaging and impactful speakers who can inspire our students, share meaningful leadership insights, and empower them to make a positive difference within their schools and communities. If you have any recommendations, ideas, or contacts for potential speakers, I would be very grateful if you could email me. Thank you in advance for your support."





Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Conflict, Communication and Compromise - The Teen Years

This online workshop is designed for parents navigating the challenges of raising teens. Discover strategies to manage conflicts at home, gain insights into the teenage brain, and learn how to handle big emotions effectively.

This workshop will equip you with practical communication tools to build a stronger, more understanding relationship with your teen.



Education Wellbeing Service

DATE / TIME	LOCATION	DATE / TIME
Monday 9th March 1.00-2.00pm  Scan the QR code or click here	Online - Hosted on Teams Sign up to either event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code. You can also check out our other events by clicking here <small>wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk</small>	Thursday 12th March 7.00-8.00pm  Scan the QR code or click here



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Supporting your teenager with Exam Stress in the run up to big exams (Years 11-13)

Upcoming GCSE & A level exams (as well as BTECs etc) can be a stressful time for your teenager.

This workshop talks through some of the common challenges many young people face when their stress around revising or sitting an exam becomes too much. It will also cover how, as a parent or carer, you can best support your child to manage these feelings and do their best.



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Sutton Neurodevelopmental Needs One Stop Shop

Support and advice for families with neurodevelopmental (ND) related needs like social skills, concentration levels or coping with change.

A new drop-in service for Sutton families of children and young people aged between 5-18, with challenges which may be related to a neurodevelopmental presentation (Autism or ADHD). This could include emotional difficulties, behavioural challenges, problems with sleep, friendship issues, sensory difficulties, attention and concentration difficulties, and hyperactivity and impulsivity. Our health and care professionals can provide information, advice and signposting, and help you access services.

- Drop-in service - no need to book
- Supportive and friendly environment.
- Attend as a family, on your own or with other people who care for the young person (young people must be accompanied)
- All families from Sutton are welcome, whether or not you are on a waiting list
- No diagnosis needed
- Attending will not change your position on any waiting list

The Sutton ND Needs One Stop Shop will be held at:

Sutton Carers Centre
 Sutton Gate, 1st floor
 1 Carshalton Road
 Sutton, SM1 4LE

Opening hours:

- 12 January 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 26 January 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 09 February 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 23 February 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 09 March 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 23 March 2026, 13:00-16:00



For more information contact needsbasedneuro@swlstg.nhs.uk



Love Languages Competition – Hankin Cup Winners

We are incredibly proud of our students in 8 Saturn, 8 Mars, 8 Pluto and 8 Mercury who recently took part in the Love Languages Competition at City of London Freeman's with their original performance, "Love Languages Queen 2026."

The students wrote the script themselves and created a multilingual fashion runway performance, where judges had to decide who would be crowned the winner. The show celebrated confidence, creativity and the power of languages. Thanks to their outstanding teamwork and talent, they were awarded the prestigious Hankin Cup, presented by Sarah Hankin, the founder of the competition. Our performers study Spanish, French and German as their first and second foreign languages, and three of them also speak Chinese, Persian and Russian at home. This rich linguistic diversity was truly reflected in their performance. A special mention goes to 8 Mercury students, who composed and performed an original song in French especially for the show.

A fantastic achievement — congratulations to all involved!



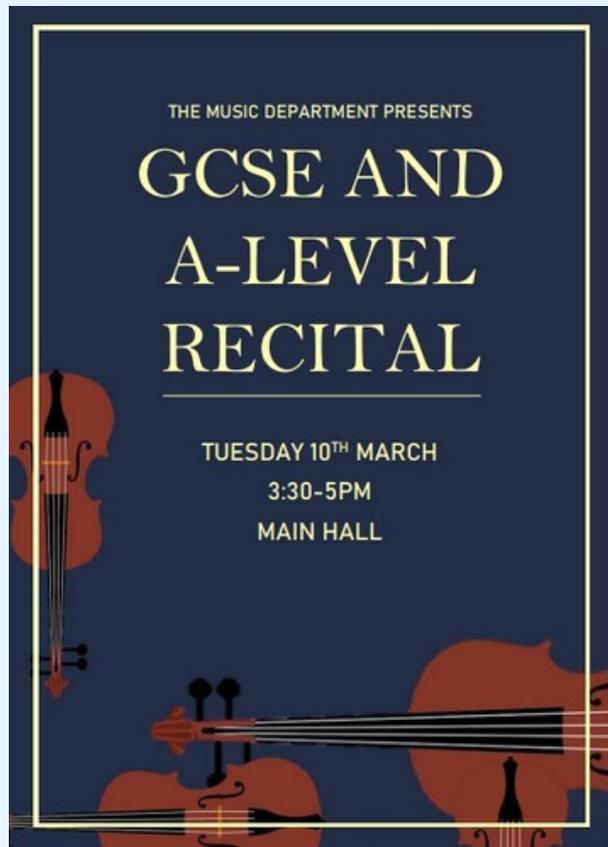
SCHOOL NEWS

Music

We have a number of wonderful concerts and recitals coming up this half term. **The Spring Concert on Thursday March 5th** will feature Senior ensembles, solos and groups led by Year 11 and 13 students. Whole School Voices and Junior Orchestra will perform next term in the Summer concert. Tickets are available on ParentPay.

Please also join us for the GCSE and A Level Recital 3.30-5pm on **Tuesday March 10th**. All members of the school community are invited to attend. Tickets are complimentary and can be booked via this [form](#).

And finally, for young people aged 19 and under, the National Youth Orchestra will be performing at the South Bank Centre on Saturday April 11th - a fantastic opportunity to see accomplished teenage musicians bring new life to an exciting and stirring repertoire.



Music - A Level Music Day at Trinity Laban

A Level Music students had the opportunity to attend the A Level Music Day for Music students

TRINITY LABAN

across the country. This is an annual event that encourages students to engage with live feedback on compositions and analyse a wide range of musical works.

Rachel (Y12) writes: "The trip to the A-Level Music day at Trinity Laban was interesting and useful. We were able to listen to compositions by different students come to life by the Trinity Laban students and listen to detailed feedback that will be useful in my future compositions. I particularly enjoyed the concert, especially the Kate Bush performances that sounded amazing."

Hannah (Y12) adds: "Overall, the day was filled with interesting musical information, which helped me broaden my musical listening and strengthen my knowledge of the context of different setworks. The concert was highly enjoyable as it was cool to hear a setwork that we have been studying played live, with the musicians' interpretation of the original piece using live instruments. This trip was also very useful in terms of thinking about my next steps after secondary school - as I hope to study in a conservatoire, I now have a clearer image of what it will be like there."

Music - opportunities in Sutton

There are two opportunities this Spring in Sutton for students and parents/carers who may be interested in exploring music further. The **Sutton Music Trust** is holding a post-16 music fair on Friday April 10th.

The local women's voices choir - **Impromptu** - is also offering a FREE six week trial for female singers:

Why sing with Impromptu?

- Have fun!
- Experience our choir without commitment.
- Technique improvement: enhance your vocal skills and confidence.
- Ambitious repertoire: explore a diverse selection of music.
- Join our Learn and Perform event and discover what makes Impromptu special!
- 16th April - 21st May
- Thursdays 7:30 pm - 9 pm, Christchurch, Sutton.
- Registration deadline: 10th April
- Email: joinus@impromptu.org.uk



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!



Impromptu

Sing with Impromptu this spring!

Where voices develop and friendships flourish

Learn and Perform

Thursday evenings 7.30 - 9pm
16th April - 21st May

Art

Do see the posters below for two exciting art competitions! The first competition is open to ages 16 and under and focuses on species threatened by extinction.

The second is a competition for all year groups created by the University of the Creative Arts in Canterbury and it is open to any form of artwork or theme including : painting, sculpture, film, poetry etc.

ART COMPETITION

'SKETCH FOR SURVIVAL'

'Sketch for survival' is an art competition focusing on raising awareness about species extinction and biodiversity loss. The competition unites the voices of young people around the world in support of conservation

Artworks should focus on a threatened species from the **'IUCN Red List of Threatened Species'** (found online)

There is an opportunity for your work to potentially be exhibited in London and sold online to raise money for conservation projects

You have to be 16 or under to enter

Deadline : 31st May 2026

Bring your artwork to the Art Office by the 12th May to be entered!



UCAF
University for the Creative Arts

YouCreate competition

We want to see your imagination run wild, your creativity unleashed, and your unique take on what "weird" means to you. Whether it's something surreal, silly, unexpected, or deeply thought-provoking or perhaps a celebration of individuality and what makes us all different, we want to see your vision come to life.

From fashion and film to music, painting, photography, or writing, this is your opportunity to showcase your creative voice and have your work recognised by the University for the Creative Arts (UCA)

Successful students have a chance to win an Apple iPad or art supplies to support their create journey.

Open to years 7-13

Google 'YouCreate competition UCA' to find out more or come to the Art Office

Deadline : 31st May 2026



UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge - Outstanding Results across Nonsuch

We are delighted to share the excellent achievements of our students in the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. The Intermediate Challenge is a nationally recognised competition that encourages mathematical reasoning, problem-solving, and creative thinking. This year, a large number of our students took part across Years 9, 10, and 11, and their results have been exceptional.

Certificate Achievements

Students can earn Bronze, Silver, or Gold certificates depending on their score, with Gold awarded only to the top performers nationally. We are proud to report strong outcomes across all year groups, including a significant number of Gold and Silver certificates.

Results Summary:

- Year 9: 6 invited participants
 - 4 Gold, 2 Silver
 - 4 qualified for follow-on rounds
 - Best in Year is awarded to **Mathusa**
- Year 10: 89 participants
 - 23 Gold, 36 Silver, 21 Bronze, 9 Participation
 - 19 qualified for the Kangaroo follow-on round
 - Best in Year is awarded to **Alice**
- Year 11: 63 participants
 - 20 Gold, 22 Silver, 17 Bronze, 4 Participation
 - 14 qualified (including 2 Maclaurin Olympiad qualifiers)
 - Best in school is awarded to **Mahi**



UK Maths Trust

We congratulate every student who took part. Your commitment, perseverance, and enthusiasm for mathematics are commendable.

A number of students achieved scores high enough to qualify for the prestigious Kangaroo and Olympiad rounds, which represent a significant challenge and an opportunity to deepen their mathematical thinking.

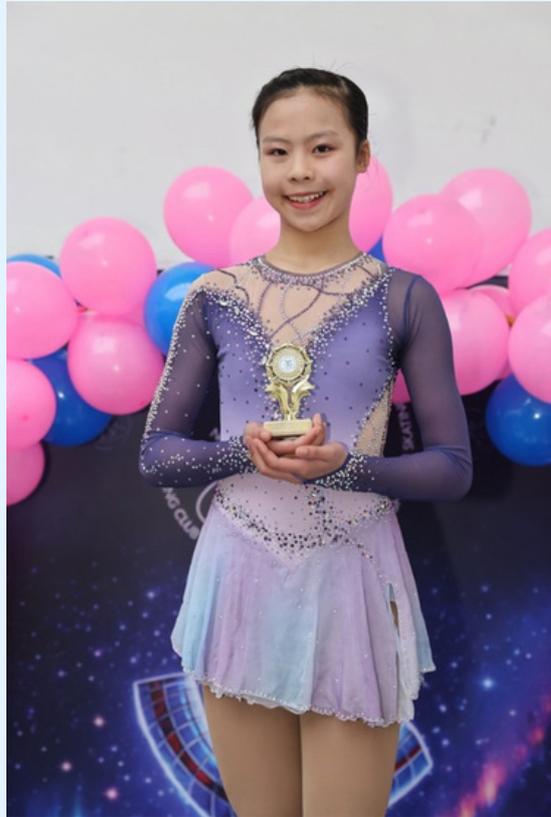
- Kangaroo (60 minutes): A highly competitive follow-on round focusing on advanced problem-solving.
- Olympiads (2 hours): For the highest-scoring students, requiring extended reasoning and written mathematical arguments.

We are extremely proud of the achievements of all participants. Whether receiving a certificate or a place in a follow-on round, every student who entered the challenge has demonstrated curiosity, determination, and a willingness to engage with rich and challenging mathematics.

We wish all follow-on round qualifiers the very best as they represent Nonsuch in the next stage of this national competition.

Student spotlight

During the February half term, **Kaitlyn** (Y10) competed at the North East Open Figure Skating Competition in Billingham. She performed brilliantly, placing 1st in the Short Programme and 2nd in the Free Programme against a strong field of competitors in Advanced Novice Category. Well done, Kaitlyn!



OVER 200 BOOKS TO CHOOSE FROM

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Your **NEXT FAVOURITE READ** is waiting

DATE: Monday 9th to Friday 13th March

TIME: All week

LOCATION: School Library

GO ALL IN. National Year of Reading 2020

The image is a promotional poster for a school book fair. It features a purple background with white and yellow text. At the top left, it says 'OVER 200 BOOKS TO CHOOSE FROM'. To the right, the 'SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS' logo is displayed. The main headline reads 'Your NEXT FAVOURITE READ is waiting'. Below this, there is a grid of six book covers: 'Fearless' by Lauren Roberts, 'Beth is Dead' by Katie Bernet, 'The Enemy' by Charlie Higson, 'Wuthering Heights' by Emily Brontë, 'The Twisted Ones' by Scott Cauplin, and 'Love in the Fast Lane' by Vera Prince. At the bottom, there is a white box containing the event details: 'DATE: Monday 9th to Friday 13th March', 'TIME: All week', and 'LOCATION: School Library'. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'GO ALL IN. National Year of Reading 2020'.

The School Book Fair takes place in the library for the week of Monday March 9th. This is a fantastic opportunity for your daughter to buy a book to keep and enjoy and it helps us raise funds for the school library to buy new titles for students to enjoy. Thank you.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	
Monday 2nd March	KS3&4 Badminton Competition, Regional Round 09.00-13.00
Tuesday 3rd March	Interhouse Y7 P4 & 5
Wednesday 4th March	Interhouse Y8 P3 & 4
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day Character Dressing Up Spring Concert, Hall 18.00-20.00
Friday 6th March	
Week 1	
Monday 9th March	
Tuesday 10th March	GCSE and A Level Recital, Main Hall 15:30-17:00
Wednesday 11th March	KS3 & 4 Badminton Competition, Reg. Round, St. Helen's 09:00-13:00 U15 County Indoor Cricket, Ashcombe School 11:15-16:30 QuickSticks Hockey, 13:00-15:00
Thursday 12th March	Interhouse Y11 P2 & 3 Surrey SATRO Heat – DT Comp 15:00-19:00 Year 13 Parent Teacher Consultation 16:00-18:30
Friday 13th March	
Saturday 14th March	FIRST Lego League Regional Finals - 08:45-17:00