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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,

Even with Years 11-13 now on study leave, the school remains a hive of activity as Years 7-10 continue to combine their academic endeavours with extra-curricular activities both in and out of school.

Our examination season is now fully underway, with Year 11 having started their GCSE examinations, quickly followed this week by Year 13 beginning their A Level exams. We continue to wish them every success over the coming weeks.

At the end of last week, a group of Year 10 students took part in our annual Battlefields Trip. This visit is always a powerful and memorable experience, giving students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of history while reflecting on the sacrifices made by previous generations. Thank you to the History Department and colleagues who accompanied the students on the trip.

We have also received some fantastic news following the Junior Mathematics Challenge. Several of our students achieved scores above 106 points, placing them amongst the highest attaining students in state schools nationally. This is an exceptional achievement and we are incredibly proud of them.

In the arts, we were delighted to hear that one student has been selected to exhibit their work in person at the Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show, with a further three students accepted into the online exhibition. At the end of this week, our Year 12 students return to school following their examination period. They will take part in Higher Education Days, exploring future university and career pathways.

I wish all families a restful and enjoyable half term. Please note that school reopens for students on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, as we have an INSET day on Monday, June 1st.

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 Arbor parent portal 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
Attendance	99.05	96.9	97.05	96.1
Authorised	0.67	2.9	2.67	3.29
Unauthorised	0.29	0.19	0.29	0.62

Year 11 went on study leave on 6/5/26

(11/5/26-15/5/26)

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

## 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.

# SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

## Safeguarding email

If you have any concerns or questions regarding safeguarding or child protection, please contact us at [safeguarding@nonsuchschool.org](mailto: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.

## Changes to reporting your daughter's absence

Now that all parents have access to our new information management system, Arbor, all daily unplanned absence must be reported through either on the Arbor website or the Arbor app. Absences should be reported each day and any subsequent days preferably before 8.30am, and by 9.00am at the latest. If there is no communication from parents, then this absence will be automatically recorded as an unauthorised absence.

To report on-the-day absence:

1. Log into the Arbor App or [Parent Portal](#):
2. Click on the Quick Actions button on the Portal or the Quick Actions menu (three lines in the lower left-hand corner) and then click Attendance.
3. Click the green Log Absence button.
4. Input the start and end time for the absence and type in the reason for the absence. By default, the absence start and end times reflect the student's full day, but these can be adjusted as needed. Once you have filled in this data, click Log Absence. This will then be visible to school staff.
5. Once this has been logged, school staff can accept or reject the absence. Approved absences appear in the Attendance tab of the Parent Portal or Arbor App.
6. It is not possible to edit an existing absence request, so if you need to make any changes, you should delete the absence request and create a new one. To delete the absence, click on it and then click Cancel Change Request.

### PLEASE NOTE:

It is not possible to delete an absence **once it has been approved by us**. If you need to make any changes after this has happened, please contact the school office.

For full details on how to report absence, please go to our website [Nonsuch High School for Girls - Reporting your child's absence from school](#)

## 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.

wellbeinginschoolevents@swlstg.nhs.uk South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

**Education Wellbeing Service**

**Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Summer Term 2026**

Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

We also provide free 1:1 early help support programmes for young people to support with anxiety or low mood. Speak to your school to find out more.

**COMPLETED**

21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 26 7 PM - 8 PM

10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 26 1 PM - 2 PM

Supporting your teenager with emotional difficulties and self-harm

18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 26 7 PM - 8 PM

To view further event details and descriptions, and to book on to any of the webinars, please scan the QR Code or follow the link to our Eventbrite collection.

[Click here](#)

Making Life Better Together

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service is offering lunchtime and evening parent Webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health.

You can sign up to any of their free webinars [here](#):

If your child is interested in 1:1 sessions with our in-school NHS Wellbeing Practitioners to help with worries, low mood or anxiety, they should speak to their Head of Year.

Please see the poster for details of the upcoming webinars.

## Twilight sign-up via Arbor

Please note, Twilight sessions are now released every fortnight on Arbor. The link parents were sent at the beginning of term remains 'live' all term, so please click on the dates you require your daughter to attend Twilight to book her a space. Thank you.

## PSHE notice

Due to staff training, there was no PSHE lesson for students this Thursday, May 14th. The pastoral newsletter will resume after half term.

## Jack Petchey Achievement Award Celebration event

On Tuesday 28th April, the 2025 Jack Petchey winners were invited to the Sutton Celebration Event at Epsom Playhouse. We are extremely proud of all the students and their achievements. Well done to Jacqueline in Year 8, who also performed a dance at the start of the event! See below for more information about why each student won their award and congratulations to all the 2025 winners:



### Tiara Year 9

Tiara has shown impressive leadership in the chess club, running weekly strategy-focused sessions that have strengthened the group's skills. Her guidance and enthusiasm helped lead the team to the ECF semi-finals in 2025. Tiara spent her prize money on new equipment for Chess club.

### Maya Year 11

Maya has been a driving force in the chess club, delivering engaging weekly lessons on strategy and technique. Her leadership played a key role in the team reaching the ECF semi-finals in 2025. Maya spent her prize money on new equipment for Chess club.

### Elizabeth (previously in 11 Johnson)

Elizabeth excelled as Head of Engineering in the robotics club, maintaining equipment and mentoring younger students. Her leadership contributed to winning the Motivate Award at the Robotics Regional Championships and to creating a robotic mouse for the school production. Elizabeth spent her prize money on new equipment for Robotics.

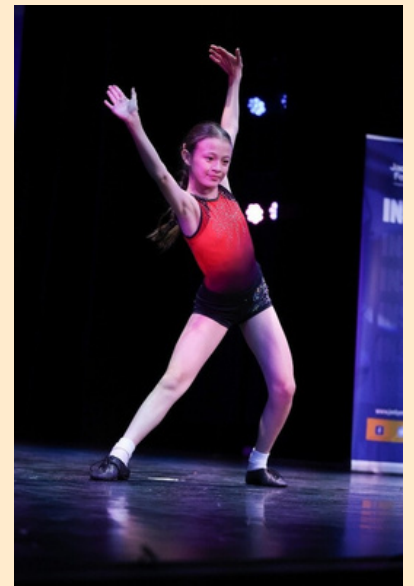
### Aashrita Year 9

Aashrita has shown remarkable dedication to the Sathya Sai Hindu Society, excelling in spiritual study, bhajan singing, and community service. Her achievements, including earning the highest national mark in the Balvikas exam, reflect her leadership and commitment to serving others. Aashrita has spent her money on new bibs for PE interhouse competitions.

### Jacqueline Year 8

Jacqueline is a dedicated gymnast who won three gold medals and a judge's pin at the London Regional Championships in 2025. Alongside her sporting success, she is also a committed violinist and pianist. Jacqueline has spent her prize money on new school gymnastics leotards.

Read on for Aamina and Carmen's fantastic achievement and contribution to the life of the school!



## Jack Petchey Achievement Award Celebration event

### Amina Year 13

Amina has shown outstanding leadership as co-chair of the Literature Society and Creative Writing Club, organising sessions and supporting younger students. Her creative resources and thoughtful guidance have helped foster a love of reading and writing across the school. Amina has spent her prize money on books for the library and English Department as well as some resources for the sixth form wellbeing room.

### Carmen Year 13

Carmen has made an exceptional contribution to school life by helping run the Dance Club, Upper School Book Club, and LGBTQ+ Society. She balances her A levels with impressive organisation, supporting students and helping her dance group prepare for the annual Gym and Dance Display. Carmen purchased some books for the library and some resources for LGBTQ+ Society and the lower and upper school well being rooms.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Fixture result and match report

Date	Sport	Opponent	Team	Result
12/5/2026	Rounders	Greenshaw	Y9 & Y10	Y9: 24.5-10 win! Y10: 16.5-15 loss

On Tuesday, May 12, our Year 9 and 10 rounders teams had their first fixture of the season, a league game against Greenshaw. Our Year 9s played excellently, batting aggressively and fielding effectively. Our Year 10s also played brilliantly, narrowly losing to Greenshaw's team, but taking away valuable tactical insights for the upcoming fixtures this season. Congratulations to both teams, and the PoMs **Mila and Krithya!**



## Upcoming fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Team	Location
18/5/26	3pm	Cricket	Wallington	Y9&10	Nonsuch
19/5/26	3pm	Rounders	Harris	Y7&8	Nonsuch
20/5/26	12-3pm	GCSE Athletics	Wallington	GCSE	Harrier Centre, Epsom

# SCHOOL NEWS

## UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge Success

On Tuesday 29th April, we were delighted to host the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge after school, with an impressive 155 students taking part -76 from Year 7 and 79 from Year 8. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and commitment to problem-solving across both year groups. Our students achieved an outstanding set of results, earning a total of:

- 58 Gold certificates
- 71 Silver certificates
- 22 Bronze certificates

Congratulations to the 41 students who have qualified for the follow-on round, the Junior Kangaroo, and to the four Year 8 students who have been invited to take part in the prestigious Junior Mathematical Olympiad.

We would also like to give special recognition to **Abi**, who achieved Best in Year 7 with a Gold certificate, and to **Mogetha** in Year 8, who secured Best in School with an exceptional Gold performance. Well done to all students involved—we are incredibly proud of your achievements!

## Student spotlight

Well done to Smitakshi in Year 10 who was recently awarded a Young Citizenship award. Congratulations, Smitakshi!



## Student spotlight



Well done to **Saimridini** in Year 8 who completed five miles walking to support the Banham Marsden March charity with her family on Sunday, May 10th!

## Student spotlight

Band Fire, comprised of Nonsuch students from Year 10 and Year 7, has won the Battle of the Bands competition at The Sound Lounge, Sutton, organised by Sutton Music Trust! The band will be performing live on St Helier Radio soon! Huge congratulations to all the band members - well done!



# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Week A</b>	<b>Year 12 Exams 5th - 20th May</b>
Monday 18th May	
Tuesday 19th May	Year 7 Box Hill Maps Geography Trip (7Pluto/Mars/Mercury/1-15Jupiter) Young Carers' Meeting
Wednesday 20th May	Year 7 Box Hill Maps Geography Trip (7Venus/Saturn/Neptune/16-30Jupiter) Year 10 GCSE PE Athletics Filming at the Epsom Harrier Centre 11.30 – 15.30 Cologne Trip parent information evening 18.00-19.00 Lower 6th Form Common Room
Thursday 21st May	Year 12 HE Day 21st & 22nd May Paris Trip parent information evening 18.00-19.00 Lower 6th Form Common Room
Friday 22nd May	Year 12 HE Day 21st & 22nd May
Saturday 23rd May	Ball Crew Saturday Training <b>HALF TERM 25th - 29th May</b>
<b>Week B</b>	<b>Year 12 Exams 5th - 20th May</b> <b>Year 12 Art Exams 1st-5th June</b>
Monday 1st June	<b>INSET DAY – school is closed for students</b>
Tuesday 2nd June	Year 10 River Tillingbourne Geography Trip
Wednesday 3rd June	Year 10 River Tillingbourne Geography Trip
Thursday 4th June	Year 10 MFL orals
Friday 5th June	Year 8 HPV Immunisation
Saturday 6th June	<b>Queen's Tournament 2026 6th- 21st June</b>