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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,

The term has flown by, and with just two weeks left until half term, the school is alive with learning and activity. We have been delighted by the excellent level of parent engagement this term, from Year 7 information evenings to sessions for DofE and the Queen's Ball Girling. These evenings, alongside talks and events such as our Oxbridge information session, offer fantastic opportunities for you to not only gain information but your daughter to explore their interests and ambitions.

Tomorrow evening, students considering Oxbridge applications will have the opportunity to attend an informative talk, and on Thursday we host the Senior Mathematical Challenge. On Friday, a group of students will visit the Wimbledon Theatre to take part in the Wimbledon Book Festival and to hear children's author Emma Carroll speak. We are also excited to see two of our Year 13 students receive prestigious writing prizes during the event.

Our PTA held its AGM last Monday, warmly welcoming several new parents. We are extremely grateful for all the work the PTA does in supporting the school community. Last academic year, their efforts helped fund £20,000 worth of enrichment activities and projects. If you have the opportunity to support the PTA with your time or resources, they are always happy to welcome new members, with enormous benefits for the school.

Finally, a reminder that on Thursday, students have a late start due to staff CPD training. Students should be in registration by 9:55.

I look forward to the final two weeks of this half term and all the exciting learning and activities still to come.

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	Y12	Y13	All
Attendance	98.33	97.95	97.14	97.42	95.00	97.27	93.46	96.67
Authorised	1.15	1.77	2.81	2.10	4.80	2.56	5.40	2.93
Unauthorised	0.53	0.29	0.05	0.43	0.15	0.04	0.28	0.25
Persistent absence ≥10%	12	21	31	22	42	30	50	208

29/09/25-03/10/25

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.



SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service is offering lunchtime and evening parent webinars across the year to help you 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 can pick up an application form from the pastoral office or speak to your child's Head of Year.



Cognus is offering parent training - please see the attached information for details of the sessions and how to book.

The poster is titled 'Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Autumn Term 2025' and is subtitled 'Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars'. It features four QR codes arranged in a 2x2 grid, each with a 'SCAN OR CLICK HERE' label below it. The events are as follows:

Date	Time	Topic
3RD NOV 25	6 PM-7.30 PM	Healthy habits in teenagers with Autism
11TH NOV 25	1 PM-2 PM	Understanding and supporting teen sleep
4TH FEB 26	12.30 PM-2 PM	
11TH NOV 25	7 PM-8 PM	

At the bottom, there is a QR code and a link to 'Click here' to view further event details and descriptions, and to book on to any of the webinars. The poster also includes the NHS logo and the text 'South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust'.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS



Please see the attached letter regarding parent log-in to Unifrog - the destinations platform that supports students with making informed choices about their Further & Higher Education and Careers.

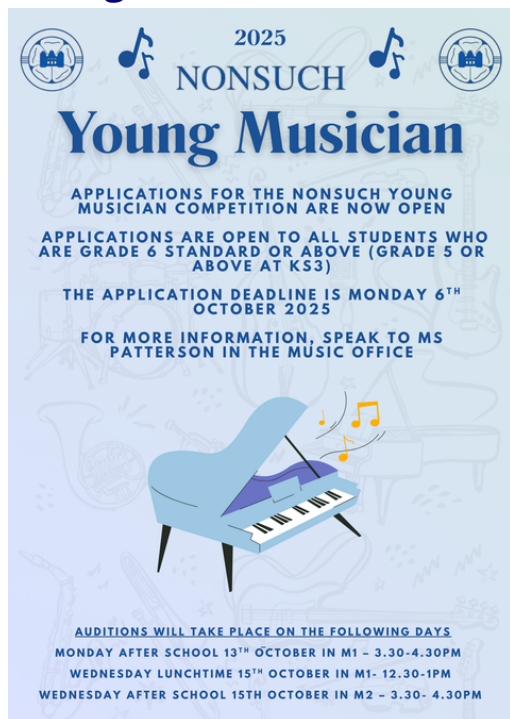
**Duke of
Edinburgh
Award
information**



Please find information about the Duke of Edinburgh award here: [Nonsuch High School for Girls - Duke of Edinburgh 2025-26](#)

Students in Years 9-13 interested in completing the Award should sign up by Friday October 10th.

Young Musician 2025



This competition is for students Grade 6+ (Grade 5+ at KS3). There is one round of auditions and then the Music Department will choose students to take place in the final on Tuesday November 11th at 3.30pm in the Main Hall. An accompanist will be provided for the final, if required. Please come to see Ms Patterson if you have any questions. Application Form: Enter [here](#).

October House Competitions

The annual Nonsuch House Pumpkin Contest opens on Monday 13th October - please see the poster for full details of how to enter.



Taking part in either or both of these contests will earn you at least 5 House Points for participation, with the chance to earn a further 10,15 or 20 HP for the top three entries, so remember to clearly name your entry for all House competitions!

BIG REWARDS



Forward notice, too, that the **House Diwali Bake Sale** is on **Thursday 16th October**. This is a sale to raise money for the school's chosen charities. Please bring your contribution in a named container to T1 the morning of Thursday 16th, and come to the Hall at lunchtime to buy sweet treats to enjoy.

Please remember - we are a strictly NO NUTS school, so please do not make or bring anything with nuts in - thank you.

SCHOOL NEWS

Astronomy and Astrophysics Competition - Y8

Riddhi (Y8) recently participated in the Final Round of the International Astronomy and Astrophysics Competition. Riddhi was ranked among the top 20% of all 12,300 participants and has been awarded the Bronze Honour.

The International Astronomy and Astrophysics Competition (IAAC) is a global astronomy competition that encourages students to challenge themselves beyond their curriculum, develop their problem-solving skills, and connect with a worldwide network of enthusiastic students. Riddhi writes: "The International Astronomy and Astrophysics Competition that I took part in consisted of three rounds. The first and second rounds had questions with long answers and the pre-final round also had research papers on which we had to complete a comprehension activity. The final round consisted of 20 multiple choice questions which I found quite hard to do since we only had a minute for each question. In this competition, they tested out knowledge about the universe (galaxies, etc). However, I found it really hard so I'm happy I got a bronze honour." Congratulations, Riddhi!

Maths Junior Olympiad - Y9

Many congratulations to **Minji, Thea, and Olivia** in Y9 in the UKMT Junior Olympiad.

Minji earned a Silver Medal, placing her among the top 100 students in the country—a truly remarkable accomplishment. Thea and Olivia also performed brilliantly, each securing a Bronze Medal for their efforts - placing them in the top 200 students in the country.

During the Year 8/9 assembly, we proudly presented their medals as well as a commemorative book.

A huge well done to you all!



Author visit



Ann Sei Lin visited Nonsuch last week and was very popular with Year 8 students, to whom she gave a year group talk, and with the students who worked with her for a creative writing workshop during the day. Ann also gave a very well-received lunchtime careers session where she talked about her journey as an author.

Author visits are inspirational and exciting for students to experience and a proven way of encouraging students to read and write for pleasure which are excellent skills for academic and emotional progress.

Y8 'Receptionist for a Day' - work experience

Some feedback from our Year 8 students on their 'Receptionist for a Day' work experience so far:

- "Our day was extremely exciting. We had many tasks and the assignments were also very fun. It was nice having a partner I usually do not interact with much and having the confidence to talk to students and teachers. In a nutshell I really enjoyed it and hope we get to do something similar soon!"
- "My day as a receptionist was amazing. We got to do many things such as give back lost property to students around the school, complete lots of tasks on Word and create a whole poster. Throughout this experience I had to use and develop my social skills more and my organisation skills."
- "Throughout my day as a receptionist, I very much enjoyed all there was to offer including the independent feeling I received from the experience. I learnt a lot there is to know about using and creating documents and files, whilst also inputting and organising data. I used my creative mind and excellent attitude to easily get through the tasks quickly."
- "I had a really good time being a receptionist because I got to try something new. I got to use Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel with certain activities, as well as admin work. Overall, I enjoyed this experience and hope we will do something like it in the future."



Student spotlight



Simar (Y7) recently took part in her first ever rugby festival at the Cobham Girls 10 a side Rugby Festival. She plays for Sutton and Ewell Rugby Football Club under 12s. Well done, Simar!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	
Monday 6th October	
Tuesday 7th October	Oxbridge Talk – 18.00- 19.00
Wednesday 8th October	
Thursday 9th October	Late start for students – 9.55 Senior Mathematical Challenge -15.30-17.00 – Sports Hall
Friday 10th October	Wimbledon BookFest Year 7 (40 students), New Wimbledon Theatre
Week 1	
Monday 13th October	Year 10 Jack Petchey Challenge – (30 students) Year 10 Geography Trip – Olympic Park
Tuesday 14th October	Year 10 Geography Trip – Olympic Park
Wednesday 15th October	Borough Cross Country
Thursday 16th October	House Diwali Charity Bake Sale – Lunchtime – Hall
Friday 17th October	
Saturday 18th – 22 October	CCF Camp
HALF TERM – Monday 20th October – Friday 31st October	