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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,

We are delighted that students at our school submitted so many entries to the national Art competition called "The Fourth Plinth Award" to decide which piece gets to be exhibited on the fourth plinth of Trafalgar Square. You can read about our award winner below. Art and DT put the A into STEAM, which is wider than STEM and celebrates the creative talent we have at the school.

You will also read about the further student leadership positions awarded recently. We are currently going out for new students to join the CARE Committee so there are more opportunities to come.

I also have two items that I am asking for parental support on:

Attendance

As you will see in Mrs Williamson-Jones' section on attendance and messages from the sixth form team, the school experienced a significant drop in attendance from Year 12 students the week before last. We wrote home to Year 12 parents to ask for support in highlighting the importance of sustaining attendance in the run up to the Year 12 exams. Despite this, attendance fell further to just 68% on Friday May 3rd. Staff plan lessons to include revision and consolidation in the journey towards examinations. These internal examinations are not the final destination and whilst students may believe they get there faster by revision-cramming, this approach is not backed up by evidence and research into how information is stored in longer-term memory. Please work with us on this. The school will seek medical evidence for such absences.

Mobile phones

Our school rule is that mobile phones should not be visible once students are on the school site. We are seeing an increase in mobile phone use before school and after Period 5 but before leaving school site. Our message is clear – phones should not be out whilst on the school site. We are reminding students and staff on duty so please support the school in reinforcing those messages.

We have been delighted with the increased response we got to the parent survey having extended the deadline and are grateful to all who responded.

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.

This week has seen our attendance figures drop slightly to below 96% for the first time this year. The decline is attributed to student absences occurring before and during internal exams, with notable decreases observed among Y12 students.

Supporting your child to attend school is important, particularly around examination periods. If your child is ill please remember that if this were their GCSE or A-Level exam they would be required to still attend. The Government provides parents with guidance around illness and attendance at school. The Government recommends that children with mild respiratory illnesses, such as a minor cough, runny nose, or sore throat, can typically attend school. This guidance helps parents make informed decisions about their child's health and attendance. For more details, visit: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health/when-should-i-keep-my-child-at-home/).

The government attendance hub also has information that can help you to make informed decisions: [How to improve your child's school attendance and where to get support - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2019/09/11/how-to-improve-your-childs-school-attendance-and-where-to-get-support/)

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 | 98.13 | 1.53 | 0.34 | 2 |
| Y8 | 97.71 | 2.71 | 0.52 | 1 |
| Y9 | 96.39 | 2.71 | 0.54 | 7 |
| Y10 | 96.45 | 2.85 | 0.66 | 13 |
| Y11 | 93.81 | 4.63 | 1.54 | 32 |
| Y12 | 95.60 | 3.25 | 1.12 | 14 |
| Y13 | 93.23 | 5.07 | 1.64 | 39 |
| All | 95.91 | 3.11 | 0.91 | 108 |

All figures in % session attendance summary (4/9/23-08/5/24)

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 patients 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 daughters progress please do speak with your daughter's tutor or Head of Year.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Student leadership - Sports Team

our new Sports Team, which completes the Student Leadership Team line up announced in last week's newsletter, can be found below:

| Student | Position |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Sophia | Sports Captain |
| Akalya | Deputy Sports Captain |
| Charlotte | Deputy Sports Captain |
| Caitlin | Deputy Sports Captain |
| Ciara | Sports Prefect |
| Keerthana | Sports Prefect |
| Layya | Sports Prefect |
| Anvi | Sports Prefect |
| Snehi | Sports Prefect |
| Diya | Arts Prefect |



The Limes College are hosting sessions for parents of secondary aged children to help them feel more empowered and confident to trust their own judgements when supporting their children. Please see this [link](#) for further information.

Cyber Security Resources for Young People - Parent Zone

The issues around cyber security have featured heavily in safeguarding discourse over the past few years. It is vital that we teach children and young people, the do's and don'ts of online safety before they learn the hard way. Parent Zone, an organisation that deals with the digital aspects of young people's lives have produced child-oriented resources to this end. To find out more about these resources, please follow this [link](#).

Reporting absence

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

Off The Record are currently running online group sessions to help parents and carers become better informed and offer appropriate support to young people who are struggling with self-harm and struggling with getting to school.

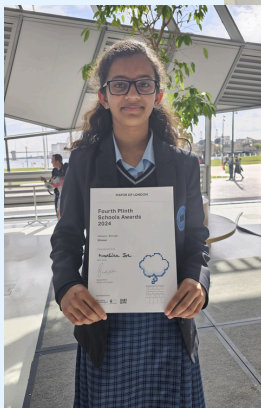
Sessions are a non-judgemental and supportive space to help us look at coping strategies and ways to support yourself and your young person. Please click on the [link](#) to sign up

TALK TO US
OFF THE RECORD

SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

Art Awards Ceremony at City Hall

Last week, Avantika in Y7 was invited to collect her prize for her artwork Puzzle Diversity at the 4th Plinth Schools Awards ceremony 2024. The exhibition and awards event took place on April 25th at City Hall, where all the selected students were celebrated. Well done, Avantika!



UKMT Mathematical Challenge

We are delighted with the outstanding set of results from students in Y7 and 8 at the recent UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge. We had 177 students in Y7 and Y8 sitting the hour-long challenge on Thursday April 25th. Students across the two years achieved 98 Gold, 55 Silver, 12 Bronze and 12 certificates of participation. In Y7, Thea, Tiahni, Olivia and Najibah all scored 123 and were awarded the Gold Best in Year Certificate, while in Y8, Isabella and Sophie both scored 129 and were awarded the Gold Best in School Certificate. A follow-on round is to take place on June 11th, with 74 students qualifying to take part. The six students named above are invited to take part in the two-hour Junior Mathematical Olympiad, with the remaining students invited to take part in the one-hour Junior Kangaroo. Well done to all our competitors. We wish the next round of students, all the best of luck!



SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

Jack Petchey and PTA donations to the school library

Huge thanks go to Kaitlyn in Y8 for generously funding new copies of much-loved titles for the school library from her Jack Petchey Award. Kaitlyn has also funded new shelf markers which she and her friends will decorate to place around the library to make it even easier for students to locate their favourite authors. Thanks also goes to the PTA for their annual donation to the school library book clubs. We are grateful for the PTA's support of these very popular lunchtime clubs. We know the students will appreciate the new titles for discussion.



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

Marsden March fundraising

Meela in Y10 writes: "My family, friends and I will be walking 15 miles on May 12th from the London Marsden Chelsea to the Marsden Sutton, to support this amazing charity that has helped so many and will help many more. We welcome any support and donations so please use this [link](#) below to support us. " Good luck, Meela!

The
BANHAM
Marsden
March
2024

PE - upcoming fixtures

| Date | Time | Sport | Team | Location |
|----------|-------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| 14/05/24 | 16:30 | Cricket | U15AB | Nonsuch |
| 16/05/24 | 15:30 | Cricket | U13 | Nonsuch |
| 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 |

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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|--------------------|---|
| Week 2 | |
| Monday 13th May | |
| Tuesday 14th May | |
| Wednesday 15th May | Year 8 HPV catchup session – Room 102 |
| Thursday 16th May | |
| Friday 17th May | |
| Week 1 | |
| Monday 20th May | Year 7 Geography Fieldwork |
| Tuesday 21stMay | Year 7 Geography Fieldwork Borough Athletics Year 7-10 |
| Wednesday 22nd May | |
| Thursday 23rd May | Year 12 HE Day |
| Friday 24th May | Year 12 HE Day |