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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

This is the last newsletter of the academic year as we prepare for a busy end to term.

This week sees Year 9s on their Geography field trip, Open Evening for prospective students on Thursday and the inaugural Nonsuch House Festival on Friday. Our Open Evening is always oversubscribed and each year our student volunteers are a credit to themselves and to the school community in representing Nonsuch with such enthusiasm. Thank you to all students who are volunteering on Thursday.

After such a busy year, on Friday we are really looking forward to celebrating students' hard work during the Nonsuch House Festival. It will give them the opportunity to make memories with their friends and have lots of fun. Parents have received information about this day - please make sure you complete the consent form for some of the activities in order for your daughter to participate fully in the event.

A reminder that next week is Activities Week for Years 7-10 and work experience for Year 12. The term ends on Friday, July 17th with an important end-of-year assembly for Years 7-10.

In September we intend to streamline information for parents through our newsletter by moving to a fortnightly issue. We encourage you to consult the [school website](#) regularly to keep abreast of relevant events and dates for your daughter's year group.

It remains for me to wish you all a restful summer break - we await GCSE and A-level results in August and we will look forward to welcoming Year 7 and Year 12 on Thursday, September 3rd, and the whole school on Friday, September 4th.

With best wishes,

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	97.76	96.52	95.57	95.9
Authorised	1.67	2.96	3.43	3.38
Unauthorised	0.57	0.52	1	0.71

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

(29/06/26-03/07/26)

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. 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.

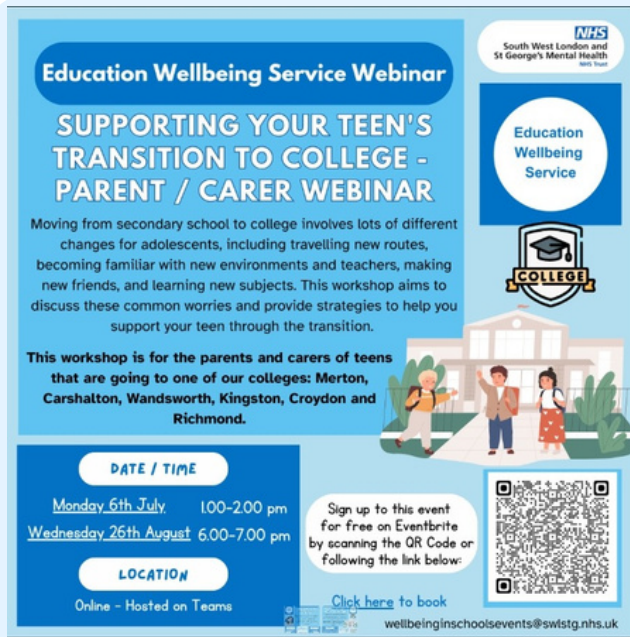
Hayfever Medication

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.

SCHOOL NEWS



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

SUPPORTING YOUR TEEN'S TRANSITION TO COLLEGE - PARENT / CARER WEBINAR

Moving from secondary school to college involves lots of different changes for adolescents, including travelling new routes, becoming familiar with new environments and teachers, making new friends, and learning new subjects. This workshop aims to discuss these common worries and provide strategies to help you support your teen through the transition.

This workshop is for the parents and carers of teens that are going to one of our colleges: Merton, Carshalton, Wandsworth, Kingston, Croydon and Richmond.

DATE / TIME
Monday 6th July 1.00-2.00 pm
Wednesday 26th August 6.00-7.00 pm

LOCATION
Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:

Click [here](#) to book

wellbeinginschoolevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

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 or their tutor.

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.

2027 dates to note

Please note that the start of term dates for **next** academic year (i.e. 2027/2028):

Thursday 3rd September 2027: Y7 and Y12 return to school

Friday 4th September 2027: All remaining students return to school

SCHOOL NEWS

Food technology

Year 10 Food students have been working hard over the past few weeks to plan, prepare, cook and present 3 dishes for their NEA2 3 hour practical.

The students made all components from scratch and demonstrated complex technical skills; including homemade pasta and bread doughs, portioning whole chickens, filleting fish, use of raising agents and sauce making.

Miss Hicks was really impressed with the quality of their dishes and how they conducted themselves during the practical exam.



UKMT Junior Maths Olympiad

We are incredibly proud of [Sonia](#), [Mogetha](#), [Riddhi](#) and [Sen](#) in Year 8, who took part in the highly challenging UKMT Junior Mathematical Olympiad in June.

Congratulations to Sonia, who achieved a Distinction, and Mogetha, who achieved a Merit—an excellent achievement in a competition designed to stretch the most able young mathematicians. Well done to all four students for their dedication and commitment.

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Student spotlight

Ananya in Year 7 participated in an Aquathlon organised by the London Youth Games at Queen Elizabeth Aquatic Centre at the end of June. Well done, Ananya!



Student spotlight

At the Jack Petchey Individual School Finals in June 2026, Kate (left) from Year 12 performed exceptionally well throughout the competition, finishing first in her group during the group stage and securing a place in the knockout rounds. She went on to have a fantastic run in the latter stages of the tournament, earning a well-deserved third-place finish. Congratulations, Kate!



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Sisters **Suria** (Y8) and **Ivy** (Y7) recently competed in the UK Junior Pickleball Championships in Stourbridge.

They won the UK Girls Under15s Doubles Gold medals, with Suria then winning the UK U15 Mixed Doubles Gold Medal with her partner. She then won the UK U25s Girls Singles Gold medal, making her the first ever UK Championships triple crown winner.

Congratulations and well done to you, Suria and Ivy!



Student spotlight

Jacqueline (Y8) competed at Future Cheer National 2026 and her team won first place and became FC National Champion (U14 category). The coaches decided to let Jacqueline keep the trophy, rewarding for her dedication, hard work and commitment. Congratulations, Jacqueline!



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week A	4th-6th July Silver DofE practice expedition, New Forest RESIDENTIAL
Monday 6th July	Y9 Geography field trip Student Leadership Conference CHSG
Tuesday 7th July	Y9 Geography field trip Sports Award Evening 15.30-17.00 Young Carers' Meeting Gold DofE PIE online 15.30-16.00 MMI workshop 16.00-18.00
Wednesday 8th July	
Thursday 9th July	Y5 Open Evening (School closes at 12.20)
Friday 10th July	Late start for students - AM registration 09.40 House Challenge and Nonsuch Festival
Week B	11th-18th July CCF Main Camp
Monday 13th July	Activities Week and Y12 Work Experience
Tuesday 14th July	
Wednesday 15th July	
Thursday 16th July	
Friday 17th July	School ends 12:20 (staggered dismissal of year groups)