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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

It has been another busy but fantastic week at Nonsuch. Last week, I had the pleasure of attending and judging the Nonsuch Young Musician of the Year competition. The calibre of performances was exceptional. Congratulations to Hannah in Year 12, who was awarded overall winner for her wonderful performance of a Stevie Wonder song.

We also held our Sixth Form Opportunities Evening, where it was lovely to welcome both our current students and those thinking of joining us from other schools. The event provided a great chance to explore our Sixth Form offer and the exciting opportunities that lie ahead in the next stage of their educational journey.

Elsewhere, our Year 11 Art, Photography and Textiles students completed their mock exams, and Year 8 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the London Transport Museum. In addition, our Year 10 and 11 parents' online safety evening was very well attended - thank you to all who came along to support this important event.

Looking ahead, we are excited to host our Tutor Consultation Day on Tuesday for Year 7 and to welcome parents into the school. Running alongside this, our Year 7 students will be taking part in a Careers Day, exploring future pathways and aspirations.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable week ahead.

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	98.86	98.23	98.86	95.12	91.96	95.76	95.50	96.33
Authorised	1.05	1.77	0.95	3.21	7.65	3.28	4.12	3.13
Unauthorised	0.10	0	0.19	0.29	0.39	0.71	0.28	0.29
Persistent absence ≥10%	9	20	17	29	77	39	43	234

10/11/25-14/11/25

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

Sutton Community Uniform Shop

The Sutton community uniform shop is open to all families who require support.

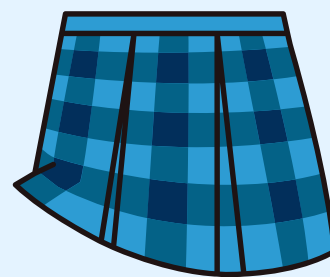
We have a range of preloved generic uniforms and some uniforms with Sutton school logos. All our uniforms are free for all families.

If you would like to visit for uniform we are open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm at:

Carshalton Family Hub Tweeddale Road, Carshalton SM5 1SW

If you are driving to Carshalton Family Hub and Children's Centre, please be aware that Tweeddale Road is now a school road so you will not be able to drive down it between 8.15am and 9am and 2.45pm and 3.30pm.

If you would like more information please email us on suttoncommunityuniform@sutton.gov.uk or call 020 8770 5801.



Back gate information

A reminder that the school gate at the back of school which exits to Nonsuch Park will be closed at 4:30pm. If you are collecting your child by car after 4:30pm, please do so from the front of school and not in the Nonsuch Park car park. If your child is at Twilight or an after-school club, they must leave from the front of school. This is to ensure student safety. Thank you for your support.

STAY SAFE

SCHOOL NEWS

Y9 - Kipkelion Fair

During RAG week, Year 9 students hosted the Kipkelion fair to raise money for the "Friends of Kipkelion". This charity provides clean running water and sanitary toilets to girls schools in Kenya, allowing girls to remain in education and access the learning they deserve.

The Year 9 teams were tasked with designing and delivering a product, service or game during the fair with only £10 start up. The students came up with brilliant and creative ideas including jewellery stalls, photo booths, hair braiding, bubble tea and ramen tasting. All teams exceeded their target of raising £100 with the winning tea, Strawbunni Mart, raising over £400!

Collectively the total is approximately £3,500, a record breaking amount! We are very proud of all the Year 9s and their innovative and entrepreneurial skills.



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We are delighted to announce the winners of the Nonsuch Young Musician Competition which took place on Tuesday November 11th. A more detailed account will follow next week. Many congratulations to these students and well done to all who took part!



Year 8 **Soraya** (Violin) - KS3 Winner
Year 10 **Isabelle** (Violin) - KS4 Winner
Year 12 **Hannah** (Piano) -
Overall Winner
Year 13 **Maja** (Piano) - Piano Prize
Year 13 **Evelyn** (Piano) - KS5 Winner

Upcoming PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Team	Location
18/11/25	15:45	Netball	Overton	U12A & U13A	Overton
20/11/25	8:00	Gymnastics	Surrey Schools	U19 & U15	St. Catherine's
25/11/25	15:30	Netball	Wallington	Y9ABC	Nonsuch
25/11/25	15:30	Football	Carshalton Girls	U12	Nonsuch
26/11/25	15:30	Netball	Tiffin Boys	Y11 + SNR	Nonsuch

PE - fixture results for Netball and Football

Date	Sport	Opponent	Team	Result
11/11/2025	Football	Carshalton Girls	U14	4-0 Win
11/11/2025	Netball	Wallington	Y7A	Loss
11/11/2025	Netball	Wallington	Y7B	Loss
11/11/2025	Netball	Wallington		Draw
11/11/2025	Netball	Wallington	Y7D	Win

On Tuesday, our Y7 netball teams went to Wallington to play the first match of the season. Everyone worked really hard, and showed good teamwork and communication. Well done especially to Team 4, who won their match!



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PE - Football

Our U14 Football team played their first match of the season last week. They worked really well as a team and had brilliant positional play, eventually winning 4-0! Congratulations to Gabby, who was named POM!



Student spotlight

Congratulations to **Esther** (Y10) who recently won the Girls' Under 15 contest at the British Junior Squash Championships 2025. Well done, Esther!



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	Year 11 Mock Exams 17th – 28th November
Monday 17th November	Y13 History Conference
Tuesday 18th November	Year 7 Tutor Consultation Day & Year 7 Careers Day
Wednesday 19th November	Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo UKMT maths competition British Mathematical Olympiad round 1 (BMO)
Thursday 20th November	Year 13 Guidance Meetings U19&U15 Gymnastics, St Catherine's 08.00-15.00 Solutions not Sides Drop-down days for Year 13
Friday 21st November	Y12/13 A-level Philosophy Conference Solutions not Sides Drop-down days for Year 12
Saturday 22nd November	10 6th form students at Imperial College for the UK Space Design Competition (Regionals) 8.30am to 8.30pm
Week 1	Year 13 Art Mock exam 24th-26th November
Monday 24th November	
Tuesday 25th November	
Wednesday 26th November	
Thursday 27th November	Flu catch-up session 09.00-11.00
Friday 28th November	