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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON-JONES



Dear students, parents, and carers,

To all our families celebrating Eid today, we wish you a joyful and blessed celebration. Eid Mubarak!

As we reach the end of another busy and vibrant term, it has been wonderful to see so many students excelling in a wide range of activities. Over the past fortnight, I was fortunate to attend both the GCSE and A Level Music Recital and the Gym and Dance Show. The standard of performance and dedication shown at both events was exceptional. The students did themselves and the school proud.

Over the weekend, we had students competing in the regional qualifiers for robotics, demonstrating impressive skill and teamwork. Meanwhile, our KS3 badminton team represented the school brilliantly at the national finals in Milton Keynes – a fantastic achievement.

A huge thank you to the PTA for hosting their ever-popular annual doughnut sale on Wednesday. This event is always a firm favourite among the students, and we are grateful for the PTA's continued support.

Looking ahead, on Thursday we are excited to host our Multicultural Day. Students are invited to wear cultural dress, and the day will feature a wonderful celebration of music, dance, and fashion, reflecting the diversity of our school community.

As we approach the Easter break, I wish all our families a restful and enjoyable holiday.

Mrs Williamson-Jones
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	98.10	96.95	96.57	96.45	94.23	96.57	90.84	95.63
Authorised	1.62	2.86	2.62	3.25	5.30	3.19	7.81	3.85
Unauthorised	0.29	0.19	0.81	0.30	0.47	0.14	1.16	0.48
Persistent absence >=10%	18	31	33	31	59	30	68	270

24/03/25-28/03/25

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.

Education Wellbeing Service | **Making Life Better Together** | **NHS** South West London and St George's Mental Health

Emotional Wellbeing and Ramadan

Ramadan is a holy month in the Islamic calendar. During this month, millions of Muslims around the world dedicate themselves to their faith, practice gratitude, kindness to self and others, giving to charity and connecting with loved ones.

- 1 Look after Yourself**
It's important to look after yourself by practising self-compassion and self-care. Doing activities such as walking, reading, spending time outdoors and making time for the things that are important to you.
- 2 Stay Connected**
Making meaningful connections are vital to our emotional well-being. Healthy connections with friends, family and others can support our mental health and well-being. Stay connected by going on walks together, doing fun activities (such as board games, going to look at the Ramadan lights at the West End etc.) and sharing meals. Here are some community events taking place this Ramadan you could attend:
Eid in the Square 2024 | London City Hall
<https://thebigiftar.co.uk/#about-us>
Community Activities & Groups | Sutton Council's Cultural Services
- 3 Routine**
Achieving the goals you've set yourself for this month and doing things that you enjoy, such as spending time with your loved ones is great. It's important that you work on building a routine that works for you as it can help you to feel balanced and relaxed.
- 4 Acts of Kindness**
Ramadan is a time for kindness and giving back to others. Simple acts of charity, like helping your parents around the house, preparing iftar with your family, or checking in on neighbours are great. Being considerate, whether through kind words, sharing, or lending a helping hand reflects the meaning of Ramadan.
Here are some volunteering ideas:
<https://www.mcwas.org/whats-on/-/ramadan-food-pack-drive-hot-meals>
<https://www.muslimaid.org/opportunities/volunteers/ramadan-campaign/>

Who We Are?
Educational Wellbeing Practitioners are available in primary and secondary schools throughout Wandsworth, Sutton and Merton.
We offer evidence-based support programs for secondary school students dealing with anxiety and low mood, as well as guided self-help programs for parents of primary school children experiencing anxiety or behavioural challenges.
For more information please get in touch with the mental health lead at your school.

Further Support
Muslim Youth Helpline
Provides faith and culturally sensitive support for young Muslims.
Online chat service available during opening hours.
Home - Muslim Youth Helpline (myh.org.uk)
South West London 24/7 Mental Health Crisis Support Line on 0800 028 8000
Childline: Call 0800 1111 (available 7:30am - 3:30am, seven days a week)
Samaritans: Call 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org (available 24/7)
Shout: Text SHOUT to 85258 (available 24/7)

Education Wellbeing Service - SWLSTS - YouTube

SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

Upcoming support webinars for parents

The Education and Wellbeing Service have a range of helpful webinars for parents. You may find the following sessions helpful:

- Parenting Teens - Conflict & Communication - Thu, Apr 24 • 1:00 PM and Wed, Apr 30 • 6:30 PM
- Supporting Your Teenager with Emotional Difficulties and Self-Harm - Tue, May 13 • 7:30 PM and Thu, May 15 • 12:30 PM

Parents can sign up [here](#).



COGNUS LIMITED PRESENTS...

AUTISM

Family Event

FRIDAY 11 APRIL 1-3.30PM

Join us for a fun, family event to celebrate Autism Acceptance Month

SCAN HERE

BOOK NOW

Young people

- Chilled activities e.g. decorating tote bags
- Sensory sessions
- Board games
- Calm room
- Musical activities
- Early years activities

Parents & Carers

- Chat to education professionals
- Advice and information
- Refreshments and a chance to sit down!

To attend, please complete the sign-up form

Cognus Limited, Cantium House, Railway Approach, Wallington, SM6 0DZ



APRIL 2025: SUTTON'S AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Ever felt like people just don't 'get' you?

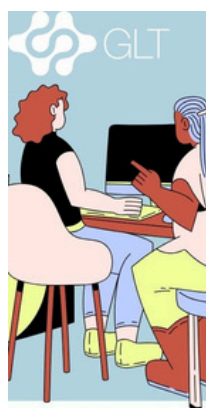
Now's your chance to tell them what you wish they knew about being autistic!

Create a digital poster, poem, animation or video to share with members of the public across Sutton.

Please include a few sentences on who you are e.g.
Ray, 12, autistic male in secondary school or K, autistic mother of 2 autistic children.

theautismservice@cognus.org.uk

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GLT Careers Fair 2025

It's a wrap!

It was great to see so many students sign up to the GLT Careers Fair 2025 where our impressive line-up of Guest Speakers from a wide range of careers inspired our students

Here is some feedback from from speakers and students:

Guest Speakers:

- I found the questions from the students really engaging and thought provoking
- This is a fantastic event
- It was great to delve into some memories of life at Nonsuch
- I am blown away by your students' courage and tenacity

Students:

- These events were amazing, and greatly broadened my understanding of various potential careers related to my A-Level subjects
- The talks were interesting, engaging and made me really think about my future career!
- It was very inspirational and interesting to hear the experience of the guest speakers
- This year's GLT Careers Fair was extremely interesting and educational. I was delighted by the variety of talks available. The talks were very useful in learning elements of a career, that we as students don't have the chance to normally see

Upcoming PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Against	Team	Location
31/03/25	14:00pm	Badminton	Gordons	KS3&4	Nonsuch
02/04/25	15:30pm	Hockey	Sutton	U14	Nonsuch
02/04/25	15:30pm	Netball	Wallington	U15AB	Wallington
03/04/25	15:30pm	Trampolining	Local schools	GCSE	Nonsuch

Year 7 - Art Award winner

Congratulations to Sherry in Year 7, who has been awarded a prize for her artwork in the Fourth Plinth Competition. The Fourth Plinth Schools Awards 2025 Competition is a chance for students to get creative and produce a work of art inspired by the contemporary art commissions for Trafalgar Square's Fourth Plinth. There will be a ceremony and exhibition held at City Hall on May 8th, hosted by this years' judge children's author Onjali Q. Raúf and the Deputy Mayor for Culture Justine Simons. We wish Sherry and her wonderful tree design all the best. Well done!



Random Acts of Kindness Club - donation appeal

Meenakshi (Y9) writes: "The Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) club have been working on a new project. Recently, we have been planning and planting in the conservation area to make it look more appealing. So far, we have planted some shrubs and flowers near the park gate. These plants include anemones and poppies. As well as this, we have started growing some fruits such as tomatoes and strawberries. In the future, we plan to create raised beds and grow potatoes as well. Miss Campbell recently sent out an email to parents asking for donations of plants and we stood at the park gate to collect any that were brought in. We would welcome more donations to make the area appealing. Thank you for any donations you are able to make."



SCHOOL NEWS

PE

U12 end of season Netball Tournament

Our Year 7 netball squad attended Overton Grange's end of season Netball Tournament on Monday March 24th. They played four matches against other local schools and there were some amazing games to watch, with great attacking and shooting skills displayed. We were so close, but unfortunately narrowly missed out on getting to the semi-final pool. A big well done to the squad for all their hard work!



U14 Hockey v Croydon

We had our penultimate hockey fixture of the year last week with the U14 squad playing against Croydon. It was a great game to watch with lots of hard work and communication. All of their hard work paid off in the end as the game resulted in a 3-0 win for Nonsuch! Great work, everyone! Special well done to the player of the match: Amy.



Student spotlight

Well done Olivia in Year 7 who recently passed her Grade 1 Piano with Merit.

Congratulations too to Elise and Esme in Year 8 who recently achieved Distinctions in their Grade 8 Piano examinations.



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.



SCHOOL NEWS

Nonsuch Book Week

Everyone in school enjoyed a fun book week starting Monday March 10th celebrating the joy of reading for pleasure. We had the very popular teachers' literary T-shirt quiz, literature quizzes in library lessons, a guess the teacher reading photo quiz among other activities. We all had a wonderful day on Thursday March 13th, where staff and students dressed as their favourite literary character. The Scholastic Book Fair hosted by the school library was also very popular with students, and we're pleased to say we raised £800 to spend on new titles for the library for students to borrow and enjoy.

Reading for pleasure is a key barometer for a child's wellbeing and academic progress. Thank you for supporting our efforts to inspire our students to read for enjoyment.



Arts Award Textiles Exhibition

Maryam (Y12) writes: "This exhibition displays the talent of the sixth form community. There are various techniques shown, such as sewing, crochet and knit. This exhibition is to encourage everyone to pick up the creative skills shown here, to boost hand motor skills, creativity and imagination. I hope this exhibition help inspire more people to have creative hobbies outside the school curriculum. Arts Award is a programme which can help build these skills. You can join this programme in Nonsuch Sixth Form. It can help you to discover new creative industries (not limited to just textiles and fashion). No matter what future industry you may want to go into, having artistic skills, a strong imagination and most importantly hand motor skills can assist you in your future path."

Well done to the following Year 12 students who generously shared their lovely creations for this exhibition: Inayah, Sabeeka, Olivia, Kristin, Kelly, Jena, Gavina, Arya, Amelia, Jessica and Maryam, who also organised the event.



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	Multicultural Dress Day – Thursday
Monday 31st March	KS3&4 Badminton v Gordons – 14.00-16.30
Tuesday 1st April	Extended Break – 9.55-10.25
Wednesday 2nd April	Y10 PSHE Bench Ball – P1 – Sports Hall Year 9 N+H Interhouse P2&3
Thursday 3th April	Cultural Dress Fashion Show with music & dance – 12.20-13.30 - Sport Hall
Friday 4th April	Normal Lessons P1 Early Finish Bronze D of E Training Expedition: 2 day (Fri & Sat) expedition Surrey Hills
Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th Sunday 13th – Sunday 20th	ECF Schools Chess Finals - St Catherine's Bramley Guildford CCF Pennines Expedition
	Easter Holidays – Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April
Week 1	Year 11 Art exams Year 10 exams – Sports Hall
Tuesday 22nd April	Welcome afternoon for prospective Y12 students – 16.00-17.30
Wednesday 23rd April	Early finish for students – from 12.20 Year 7 Parents’ Afternoon – 13.30-15.30
Thursday 24th April	Year 7 Parents’ Evening – 16.00-19.30
Friday 25th April	
Saturday 26th April	Ball Crew Saturday Training – 09.00-12.00