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Our fortnightly newsletter for the school community



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Messages from Mrs Williamson



Dear students, parents, and carers,

This first half term in school seems to have flown by and as we approach the two-week October half term it is a good time to reflect on the past few weeks.

The start of the academic year is always busy for all, and it's been particularly pleasing to see our Year 7s and Year 12s make a good and positive start to their time at Nonsuch in these pivotal transition years. We know how important it is for students and staff to take the opportunity over the half-term break to rest and recharge, and we encourage everyone to take a step back from academic endeavours for at least a few days to relax, as this is so important to long term wellbeing.

Over the break, Nonsuch students and staff will be on our Classics Trip - a fantastic opportunity to visit, among other historical sites, Pompeii and Herculaneum. We also have the October CCF Camp for our cadets. Huge thanks to the teachers planning these trips and accompanying our students on these valuable and exciting residential.

This week, students in Year 8 will be visiting Wisley Gardens in Surrey. After the break, our Year 10 geographers will go to the Olympic Park, our drama students will enjoy a production of 'The Moustrap' in the West End, and our Year 9s will be holding our annual Kipkelion Fair as part of our RAG Week celebrations which are always a highlight of the school calendar.

Finally, a reminder that students should arrive to school for registration at 9.55am on Monday, November 2nd. Have a restorative and peaceful half term break.

Best wishes,
Mrs Williamson
Headteacher



SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

Safeguarding email address

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.

Reporting your daughter's absence

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 visit [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.

You're invited to a webinar for
parents of secondary school age children

Understanding and supporting teen sleep

An hour of practical advice, information
and support to help you understand and
support your teenager's sleep and
wellbeing.



For parents and
carers of young
people in
secondary school



Practical tips
and strategies
you can use
at home



Understand
common challenges
and how to
respond



Support your
teenager's
wellbeing with
confidence

FREE ONLINE EVENT



Tuesday 17 November 2026

12:30pm – 1:30pm
(1 hour)



Tuesday 17 November 2026

7:00pm – 8:00pm
(1 hour)



Join from the comfort
of your home

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Scan the QR code to register
and choose your preferred
date and time.

✓ Your QR Code Is Ready



Spaces are limited.
Book early to avoid disappointment!

**NHS
CAMHS**
Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Services

Together
we support
young minds

Working together to support
young people and their families.



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 these in
either school
newsletter or Head of
Year newsletters.

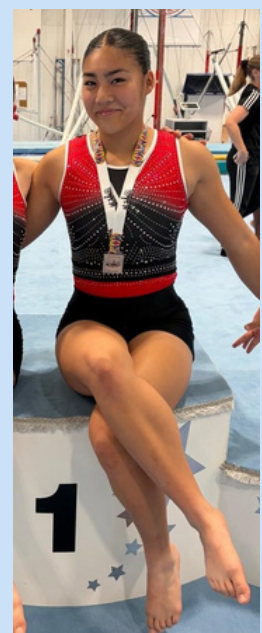
Webinars for Parents - Children's Wellbeing & Mental Health

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing
Service offers lunchtime and evening
parent webinars across the year to help
support your child's wellbeing and
mental health.

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.

Student spotlight

Alyssa (Y11)
competed in the
London region
Women's Artistic
Classic Bronze
competition where
Alyssa came 1st in
the age 15 category
and 2nd out of 42
gymnasts across all
age groups. She has
qualified for the
National finals and
will compete in
November for
London.



Mathematical Competition for Girls success

Well done to the 26 Sixth Form students and two Year 11 students who took part in the Mathematical Competition for Girls (MCG) at the end of September! The MCG features challenging problems similar in style and level to the answer-only questions found in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls (MOG), with some questions appearing on both competitions.

Our students achieved an outstanding set of results, with 16 Distinctions and either Merits awarded across the group of 28.

Special congratulations go to:

- **Sophie**, who achieved a Distinction and was the highest-performing Year 11 student.
- **Amvi**, who achieved a Distinction and was the highest-performing Year 12 student.
- **Minseo**, who achieved a Distinction and was the highest-performing student in the school.

These results are a testament to the hard work, dedication, and problem solving mathematical talent of all students who participated. We are incredibly proud of their achievements. Certificates will be presented to students in due course.

Wimbledon Book Festival prizewinners!

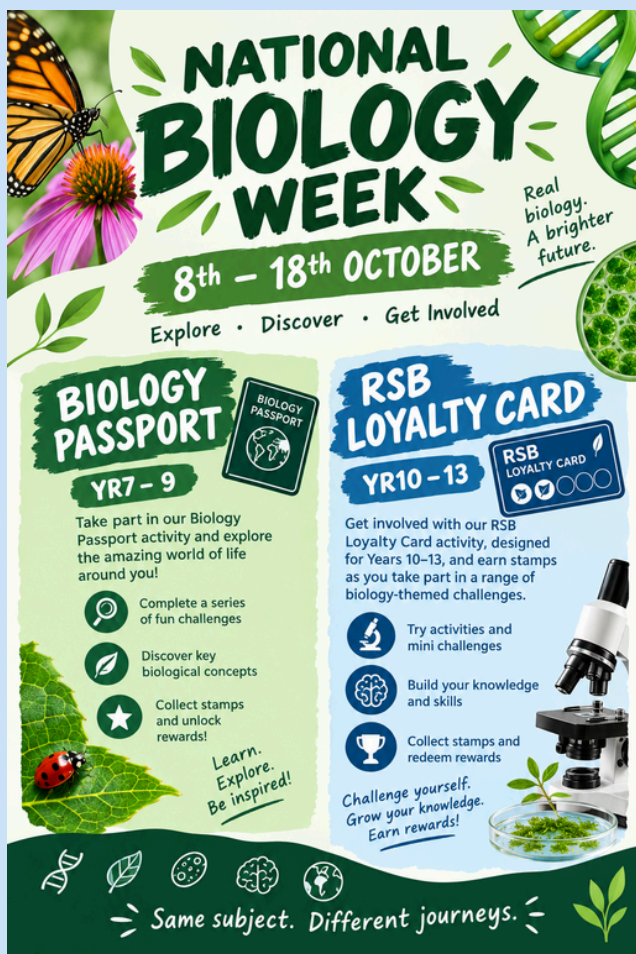
We're delighted for our students who submitted their work for this year's Wimbledon Book Festival and who received either a merit or distinction for their entries! We had a huge number of students taking part and can't wait for next year's competition. Well done to everyone who showcased their fantastic writing ability! Well done to the students below who achieved a Distinction. They will also receive a copy of the anthology.

Student	Year group
Grace	Year 8
Katherine	Year 9
Nishka	Year 11
Abi	Year 12
Liliana	Year 11
Max	(was in Year 13)



WIMBLEDON BOOKFEST

National Biology Week at Nonsuch October 8th-18th



National Biology week is nearly upon us! This is an annual event organised by the Royal Society of Biology to celebrate all things related to the biosciences. This year the event is running between **October 8th-18th**.

To celebrate at Nonsuch we have two extra-curricular activities running to engage students with Biology outside of the classroom. Students in Years 7-9 will receive a passport of biology - related activities to complete to gain a stamp and House Points. Those who complete the whole passport across the 10-day period should hand these in with their names on to the Biology office (next to S3) to be entered into a prize draw. Students in Years 10-13 will receive a Biology loyalty card and a list of suggested webinars and activities to complete - each of these also will achieve a stamp and credit for completion.

We hope to see as many completed passports and loyalty cards as possible across the week!



House Pumpkin Carving

October is soon upon us and the House Team invite you to take part in our very popular Pumpkin Carving Competition! Please make sure your pumpkin is named in order to receive House Points. The top three entries will receive extra points and edible treats!

Black History Month school library celebration

As part of CARE Council's Black History Month celebrations, the school library is showcasing books by Black British authors. The display will appeal to students across year groups at Nonsuch, ranging from children's authors through to adult fiction writers. Thank you to our student librarians for putting together the board display!



House Competitions for October and November

Our House competitions have begun with our traditional Pumpkin Carving Competition this week which always brightens up the Quad in October. The House Team also have several half term photo competitions planned. Please see the posters for details of how to enter:

1. Dia de los muertos make-up competition
2. Diwali Rangoli competition
3. Talent show auditions

A note for your diary: The House Team are also holding the annual House Diwali Bake Sale in aid of our school charities which this year is at lunchtime on **Monday, November 9th**. We invite students to bring in a small box of treats (no nuts please) to be sold at lunchtime that day to raise money for our nominated charities.



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week A	House Pumpkin Competition Mon 12th to Thurs 15th
Monday 12th October	RHS Wisley Gardens Trip 1 - Y8 Jupiter, Pluto, Mercury, Saturn (1-15)
Tuesday 13th October	RHS Wisley Gardens Trip 2 - Y8 Saturn (16-30), Neptune, Venus, Mars
Wednesday 14th October	
Thursday 15th October	Y12 Thorpe Park 12.30-21.00 Y11 Parents' Information Evening study skills – School Hall 18.00-19.00
Friday 16th October	Year 7-11 Flu Vaccination
Sat 17th – Weds 21st Oct	Classics trip to Naples, Italy
Sat 17th – Tues 20th Oct	CCF October Camp
Week B	
Monday 2nd November	Students late start at 09.50
Tuesday 3rd November	Olympic Park Trip 1 - Geography 10A(All) 10A(1-14) Y11/12/13 Drama theatre trip - The Mousetrap 13.00-18.30
Wednesday 4th November	Maths: UK SMT Senior Team Challenge - Southbank University Academy Olympic Park Trip 2 - Geography 10D(All) 10A(15-28)
Thursday 5th November	Kipkelion Fair Year 9
Friday 6th November	