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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,

As we reach the midpoint of this half term, Nonsuch continues to be a thriving and busy school, full of exciting opportunities for our students. Over the past week alone, we've had a range of fantastic trips, including visits to Parliament, the Royal Courts of Justice, the BETT Computing Exhibition, and the theatre. Students have also taken part in maths competitions, mock trials, and Arkwright Scholarship interviews, showcasing their talents and ambition. I'm especially delighted to share that we have reached the semi-finals of the Hans Woyda Elite Maths Competition, where we will face either Kingston Grammar or Harrodian School—an incredible achievement! Our badminton team has also made it to the regional round, and we look forward to seeing how they progress.

Looking ahead, we have Year 11 Parent-Teacher Consultations and Guidance Meetings coming up - important opportunities for students and families to reflect on progress and plan for the future.

You may remember that before Christmas, I spoke about sharing feedback from the Parent Forum. A letter was sent out at the end of last week with an update, and our school review is ongoing. We'll be inviting parents back into school later in the year to continue the conversation.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It's a privilege to lead such a dynamic and engaged school community.

Warm regards,
Mrs Williamson-Jones

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.

New guidance on attendance

In February, the Government published new guidance for attendance which became statutory in August. These changes reflect amendments to the law and are part of the Government's drive to improve attendance at school. Details are [here](#), along with links to wider guidance on supporting your child's attendance. The full guidance is [here](#).

A reminder that the Government has an [attendance hub](#) which can help parents make informed decisions about attendance. The Government also provides parents with guidance 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	97.67	95.76	96.29	96.95	93.94	97.02	87.86	94.96
Authorised	2.33	2.33	3.14	2.81	5.81	2.98	10.28	4.33
Unauthorised	0	0.52	0.57	0.25	0.26	0	1.67	0.48
Persistent absence >=10%	20	26	30	35	57	23	85	276

20/01/25-24/01/25

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 all individuals 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 absence

Please report absences via Schoolgateway.

Download the app [here](#).

First Aid

Please advise [First Aid](#) of any recently-diagnosed medical conditions/allergies.

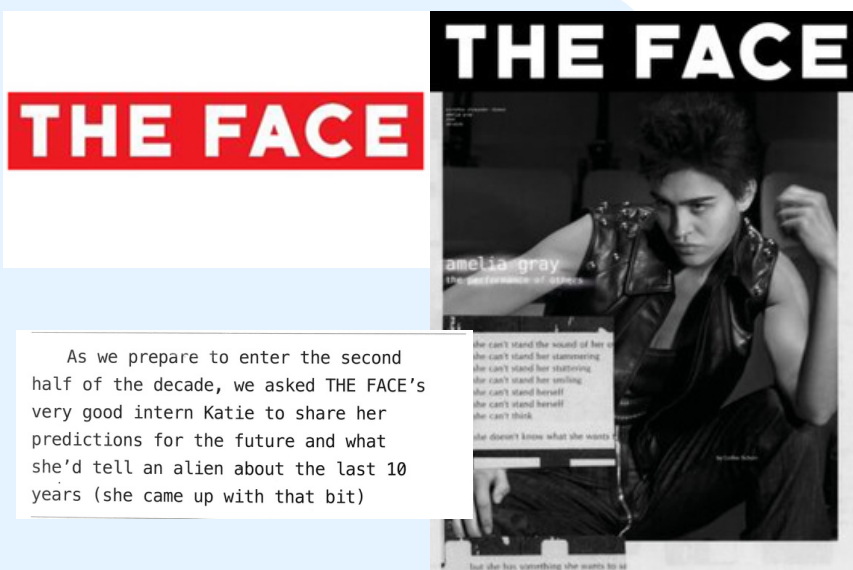
Reminder for Year 9 parents

Please complete the consent form for the DTP/MEN Vaccination – closing date Friday 31st January.

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Student spotlight - Art

Well done to [Katie](#) in Y12 who has completed an internship and published work at the world famous fashion magazine, 'The Face'. This is a hugely influential publication which may be familiar to some of our parents and staff from the 90s. Katie had a full page published in the magazine with a great testimonial (pictured).



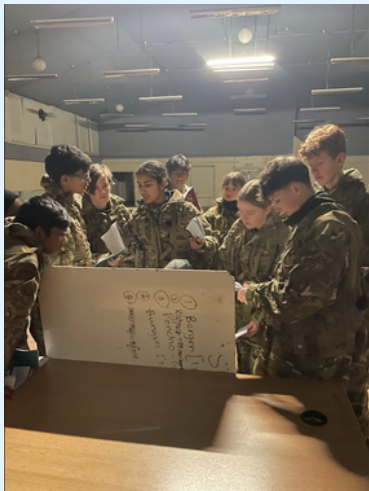
Upcoming PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Team	Location
28/01/25	15:30pm	Football	U12	Nonsuch
29/01/25	15:30pm	Netball	U12AB & U13AB	Nonsuch

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CCF - Recruits Camp

Samaia (Y9) writes: Last weekend, around 90 Y9 CCF cadets went to the Longmoor training base for our first CCF camp - the Recruits Camp. Despite the sub-zero temperatures, we all managed to persevere and stay active on a range of stands. A particularly valuable stand was learning about first aid techniques and practising them in real-life scenarios to test our response time and how quickly we could reach the casualty after hearing them cry out for help.



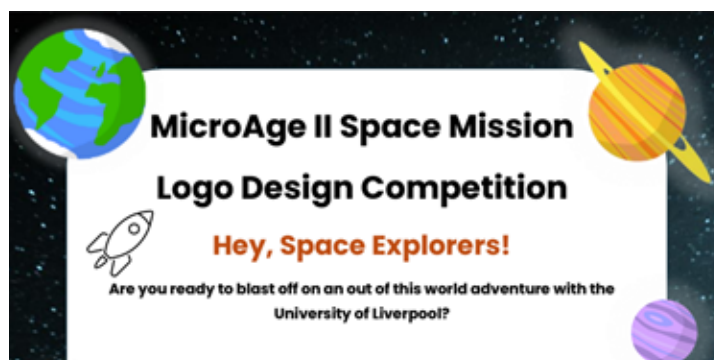
The theme of the camp was Shrek and we had to find and save Princess Fiona which made it more engaging and exciting. I personally enjoyed the orienteering and field craft stands the most! For orienteering, we were told that our section commanders had been kidnapped by Lord Farquaad and that we needed to locate them using maps with coordinates. We really got to explore the training base a bit further and expand our knowledge of using maps which was a new but interesting experience for me. The field craft was fun too, as we used cam cream all over our faces and twigs as camouflage and learnt army tactics to both stay hidden from and then defeat our enemies.

We didn't just learn new things on the stands, we also had new, memorable experiences and made so many new friends. Congratulations to [Georgia](#) in Y9 who won cadet of the camp with her eagerness to help out and enthusiasm in learning whilst demonstrating the core values of positivity and respect in CCF. All the Y9 cadets on this camp are grateful for all the hard work put into the organisation and execution of the camp, because it really was an amazing experience!



Science Competition - University of Liverpool

Our Y7 scientists have a great opportunity to design a logo for a project being delivered to the International Space Station by the University of Liverpool. For more details, please visit the [competition link](#).



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PE

We have had a busy few weeks with PE fixtures. Here's a round-up of some of our matches. You can view photos of all of these via school email accounts [here](#):

U14ABC netball v Croydon High

On Thursday January 16th, the U14ABC teams went to Croydon High for a netball match. The teams played so well together using great communication skills. Although we ended up losing all the games, we would like to say how proud we are of all the players. Special congratulations to the POMS: Amy, Keshavi and Eshal. Well done!

KS3 & 4 Badminton County Round

Our KS3&4 badminton squads competed in the county round at Tiffin Girls school on Friday January 17th. All the girls played brilliantly and won every single game they played. The squads are onto the Regional Final Round! Massive congratulations to everyone!

Borough Athletics

On Monday January 20th, we hosted the Borough SportsHall Athletics Competition. It was a fantastic day filled with lots of hard work, determination and lots of cheering teammates on. Nonsuch's Year 7 & 8 teams competed against five other local schools and we came out first for our Year 8 team and second for our Year 7 team. A big congratulations to both teams!

Thank you to all the Sports Leaders and Year 10&11s who helped out and ran parts of the competition. It was so great to see all of you out there leading – you were fantastic!

U13 Floor and Vault Gym Competition

On Monday January 20th, our U13 gymnasts travelled to Putney High School for a gymnastics competition. They all performed amazing floor and vault routines. Overall, Nonsuch came fifth, which is a great achievement. Well done girls!!

Dance Interhouse

Don't forget to sign up for Dance Interhouse Auditions!

The dates for each year are shown below:

Year 7 – Monday 3rd February

Year 8 – Tuesday 4th February

Year 9 – Wednesday 5th February

Year 10 – Thursday 6th February

Year 11 – Friday 7th February



Two entries per form – this can be a group, duet or solo. Maximum length – 2.5mins. These all are running from 12:25-12:55 in the Sports Hall.

House points for all entries and the winners get the chance to perform at the annual Gym and Dance Display on March 25th & 26th!

Music must be on a USB or on a phone connected via aux.

SIGN UP ON THE SHEETS IN THE PE FOYER!



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Bar Mock Trial

Adya (Y12) writes: On January 20th, ten Year 12 students led by Mr Key went on the High Court trip to London. We began the day at the Rolls building where we were greeted by Ms. Justice Bacon and her Clerk, a former Nonsuch student. We then attended a commercial court case involving the company MGA, who famously manufacture L.O.L. dolls. Mr Key then took us on a walking tour through the Inns of Court to the Royal Courts of Justice which was really inspirational.

We also visited the 'Bear Garden'- a common seating area given its name by Queen Victoria. We ended the trip by visiting the Temple church, a beautiful building featuring multiple statues of William Marshal, which brought back many happy memories for most of us from our GCSE History specification. The trip was an invaluable experience, and we all found the case hearing and places explored fascinating.



Right Respecting Schools Steering Group - Holocaust Memorial Day

Sahasra and Anukarnika (Y9) write: The UNCRC aims to educate and raise awareness of our rights.

Our contribution this week outlines Articles 8, 19, 24 and 27 from the UNCRC to highlight the importance of Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD), which takes place on Monday January 27th. This year, HMD marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia.

Article 8 states that every child has a right to an identity and that the respective Government(s) should respect and protect that right and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully. Article 19 states that every child has the right to be safe from any form of violence, while Article 24 states that every child has the right to the best health and health services.

The perpetrators of the Holocaust and all other genocides violated these rights unutterably.

Holocaust Memorial Day is a day of remembrance of those not only killed in the Holocaust but also in many other atrocities, such as in Cambodia in the 1970s and Rwanda in the 1990s. HMD makes us as a community think about our basic rights and our freedom and opportunities.

We must not to take these privileges for granted.

We encourage you to visit [Holocaust Memorial Day Trust](https://www.holocaustmemorialdaytrust.org.uk/) to read more about the significance and importance of this day.



Admissions consultation

In accordance with the School Admissions Code, please follow this [link](#) to the draft admission arrangements for entry to Nonsuch High School for Girls in September 2026-2027. The consultation period lasts from Friday 13th October 2024 to Friday 31st January 2025 inclusive and all responses must be received within this time period. In your response, please include your full name, title and contact details. Responses can be sent by:

Post to:

**Trust Admissions Manager
Girls' Learning Trust
Nonsuch High School for Girls
Cheam Road
Sutton
SM3 8AB**

Email to:

**ap2026consultationnhsg@nonsuchschool.org
(with the subject 'Admissions Arrangements
Consultation 2026-2027')**

The main changes proposed are:

- Clarification of language around Pupil Premium, changing "in receipt of Pupil Premium" to "eligible for"
- The addition of 'young carer' as a category as part of the prioritisation for Sixth Form places and an additional Supplementary Information Form to submit supporting evidence.
- Clarification of when offers to Sixth Form are made.
- Clarification of the process about mid-term admissions to years 10 and 11.

The [Consultation Admissions Policy and Arrangements for 2026 - 2027](#) are available on the school's [website](#).

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.



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	House contest - Lunar New Year Year 13 MFL orals
Monday 27th January	Y12 History trip (Holocaust Memorial Day) – 13.00
Tuesday 28th January	
Wednesday 29th January	UKMT intermediate challenge – Hall – 15.30
Thursday 30th January	Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation – 16.00 – 18.30
Friday 31st January	
Saturday 1st February	Cambridge Chemistry Race - Y13
Week 1	
Week 1	House Contest - Lunar New Year
Monday 3rd February	
Tuesday 4th February	
Wednesday 5th February	Late start for students - registration 9.55am
Thursday 6th February	Year 11 guidance meetings
Friday 7th February	Year 9 DTP Immunisation