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# NONSUCH NEWS

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 and purposeful week at Nonsuch, with the examination season now in full swing across the school. On Tuesday morning, we said a fond farewell to our Year 11 students with a celebratory breakfast and leavers' assembly, as they begin their study leave ahead of GCSEs. The following day, our Year 13 students also departed for study leave. Huge thanks as ever to the PTA who generously provided the year group with a lovely breakfast selection. Thank you, also, to both Miss Stead and Mrs McGullion, our respective heads of Y11 and Y13, alongside the pastoral and sixth form teams, for organising the events and for facilitating the students' videos and speeches. The leavers' mornings are always filled with mixed emotions: pride in all our students, and anticipation as they take their next steps. We look forward to welcoming them back for their celebration events and wish them every success in the examinations that are already underway.

Elsewhere in the school, Year 9 students completed their summer examinations on Wednesday, while Year 12 students have now begun theirs. This is an important point in the academic year, allowing students and staff to reflect on progress and identify next steps in learning.

Beyond the classroom, school life continues to be rich and vibrant, with a wide range of clubs, societies, competitions and trips still taking place. On Friday, our Year 10 students will take part in the ever-popular Battlefields trip - an experience that is both educational and deeply meaningful.

We are also delighted to celebrate success in the arts, with one student selected to exhibit at the Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show, and three more featured in the online exhibition.

I wish you the very best for the 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 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	98.39	96.25	97.26	96.67
Authorised	0.95	2.68	2.44	2.92
Unauthorised	0.66	1.07	0.3	0.42

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

(6/5/26-9/5/26)

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](mailto: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.

wellbeinginschoolevents@swlstg.nhs.uk South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

**Education Wellbeing Service**

**Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Summer Term 2026**

Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

We also provide free 1:1 early help support programmes for young people to support with anxiety or low mood. Speak to your school to find out more.

**COMPLETED**

2<sup>nd</sup> June 6:30pm - 7:30pm (years 7-10)

10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 26  
1 PM - 2 PM

Supporting your teenager with emotional difficulties and self-harm

18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 26  
7 PM - 8 PM

To view further event details and descriptions, and to book on to any of the webinars, please scan the QR Code or follow the link to our Eventbrite collection.

[Click here](#)

Making Life Better Together

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.

Please see the poster for details of the upcoming webinars.

## 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.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Year 11 leavers' assembly

Year 11 marked their final day together ahead of the GCSE exams with a joyful celebration on Tuesday, May 6th. The quad was filled with laughter and lively shirt signing, marking the occasion with memorable moments. Mrs Williamson then spoke to the Class of 2021, praising their dedication and positive attitude as they prepare to move on to the next stage of their education. The event also featured wonderful musical performances and moments of reflection within form groups. We wish all our students every success in the exams ahead.



## Royal Academy Success – Art Department

We are delighted to share some fantastic news from the Art department. One student has been selected to exhibit their work in person at the Royal Academy as part of the Young Artists' Summer Show, with a further three students having their work showcased in the online exhibition.

Congratulations to: Shreeya, Ananya, Jyothsanaa from Year 9 and Tina in Year 8. Shreeya will be exhibiting her work in person.

Being selected by the Royal Academy is a significant achievement and reflects the students' creativity, commitment, and hard work.

All photo permissions have been granted for the attached images. Please do let me know if you need anything further.



Shreeya



Jyothsanaa



Ananya



Tina

## St John Ambulance

Nonsuch St John Ambulance Cadets have said farewell to their Y13 Cadets, **Diveya, Hasi, Isshana, Laiba, Nishta and Ria**, all of whom joined in 2022. Between them they totalled over 360 hours of training and event cover and were awarded a total of 60 certificates.

They've studied a wide variety of subjects, including Health & Medicine, Safety, Leadership, Ambulance Awareness, Healthy Relationships, Casualty Simulation and Patient Care as well as First Aid.

We send them all our best wishes for the future as they embark on their A levels and life beyond Nonsuch, safe in the knowledge that they can take appropriate action if any medical emergency arises.



## Upcoming PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Team	Location
12/5/2026	3:30	Rounders	Greenshaw	Y9&10	Greenshaw
13/5/26	12-3pm	GCSE Athletics	Wallington	GCSE	Harrier Centre, Epsom
13/5/26	3:30	Cricket	Rosebery	U15	Rosebery
18/5/26	3:30	Cricket	Wallington	Y9&10	Nonsuch
19/5/26	3:30	Rounders	Harris	Y7&8	Nonsuch
20/5/26	12-3pm	GCSE Athletics	Wallington	GCSE	Harrier Centre, Epsom
20/5/26	3:30	Rounders	Borough	Y10	Nonsuch

# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Week B</b>	<b>Year 12 Exams 5th - 20th May</b> <b>Year 12 HE Day 21st &amp; 22nd May</b> <b>A Level Exams - first day 11th May</b>
Monday 11th May	
Tuesday 12th May	
Wednesday 13th May	Year 10 GCSE PE Athletics Filming at the Epsom Harrier Centre 11.30 – 15.30
Thursday 14th May	Late start for students - registration at 09.55
Friday 15th/16th May	Year 10 Belgium Battlefields trip, 60 students and 7 staff
Saturday 16th May	Ball Crew Saturday Training
<b>Week B</b>	<b>Year 12 Exams 5th - 20th May</b>
Monday 18th May	
Tuesday 19th May	Year 7 Box Hill Maps Geography Trip (7Pluto/Mars/Mercury/1-15Jupiter) Young Carer Meeting
Wednesday 20th May	Year 7 Box Hill Maps Geography Trip (7Venus/Saturn/Neptune/16-30Jupiter) Cologne Trip information evening 18.00-19.00 Lower 6th Form Common Room Year 10 GCSE PE Athletics Filming at the Epsom Harrier Centre 11.30 – 15.30
Thursday 21st May	Year 12 HE Day 21st & 22nd May Paris Trip PIE 18.00-19.00 Lower 6th Form CR
Friday 22nd May	Year 12 HE Day 21st & 22nd May
Saturday 23rd May	Ball Crew Saturday Training <b>HALF TERM 25th - 29th May</b>