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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 extremely busy week here at Nonsuch, filled with meaningful experiences for our students. Our Year 11 mock exams started last week, and I know how hard they've been working already I'm incredibly proud of their determination over this period.

Last Tuesday, we welcomed parents into school for our Year 7 Tutor Consultation Day, which also doubled as a special careers drop-down day. It was wonderful to see our Year 7 students working in groups to design a sustainable town. Their creativity, teamwork, and thoughtful discussions were great to observe.

On Wednesday, our students once again showed how confidently they rise to mathematical challenges by taking part in the UKMT Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo and the British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1. On Thursday and Friday, our Year 13s attended guidance meetings to help shape their next steps, while our Under-19 and Under-15 gym teams competed in the Surrey Gym Competition with great enthusiasm.

Meanwhile, our Sixth Formers had a rich and varied week: they participated in both a history conference and a philosophy conference and had the opportunity to engage with Solutions Not Sides a programme that brings Palestinian and Israeli peace-builders into schools to foster dialogue, empathy, and critical thinking about challenging issues.

The breadth of opportunity for students at Nonsuch is excellent, and I am deeply grateful to our dedicated staff who make these experiences possible.

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	99.05	97.27	98.57	95.98	59.75	96.01	94.64	91.82
Authorised	0.90	2.68	1.19	2.20	0.39	3.03	4.50	2.15
Unauthorised	0.05	0.05	0.24	0.43	0.10	0.76	0.66	0.34
Persistent absence ≥10%	10	26	16	33	5	41	47	178

17/11/25-21/11/25

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](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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## Year 8 - Geography field trip

We took Year 8 Geography students to explore the different biomes around Wisley in early November. RHS Wisley ran a workshop in the morning where students learnt how to propagate a plant and take a cutting home with them.



## 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

## Christmas Concert

Tickets will be available from Thursday December 4th via Parent Pay. Parents/Carers of performers will be able to purchase tickets from the Monday December 1st.



Poster by Ekam, Year 8

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Music

The Music Department has been extremely busy this half term and students have enjoyed the opportunity to perform as well as enjoy listening to professional musicians in London. Do also please make a note our upcoming Christmas Concert on Wednesday December 10th!

### Nonsuch Young Musician Final

Seventeen finalists took to the stage on November 11<sup>th</sup>, having all made it through the first round of auditions to have the opportunity to perform for our judges. All the students presented accurate and expressive interpretations of their pieces, and the judges had to make some difficult decisions at the end of the afternoon. **Evelyn** (Y13) writes: "The competition was friendly and welcoming, and it encouraged all students from all years to take part and share their best performances." Well done to all performers and congratulations to the winners!

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

### LPO BrightSparks Concert

**Smitakshi** (Y10) writes: "In early November, GCSE music students went to London to watch a live orchestral BrightSparks performance by the London Philharmonic Orchestra and their Junior Orchestra. We also saw Evelyn in Year 13 in the final piece as she is an LPO Junior Artist. Congratulations again Evelyn!

As well as hearing solo performances from more well-known instruments such as the flute, we also had a chance to experience piccolo and harpsicord solos.

We were also taught about composers that we have previously come across such as Tchaikovsky, Mozart and

Beethoven, but we were also taught about composers like Steve Reich, who composed pieces called "Clapping Music," which was performed by only two percussionists, through clapping, as the name suggests. We were all fascinated by this music, and were stunned by its simple, yet complex sound; the orchestra's percussionists gave us a live demonstration before we had a go ourselves. They taught us all what to do, and soon the hall was alive with the sounds of hundreds of us clapping rhythms to create our own piece of music.

They ended the day with a few familiar pieces such as the iconic leitmotifs in "Jaws" and "Mission Impossible," displaying just how versatile an orchestra is. It was an incredible, unforgettable experience!"

The logo of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, featuring the text "London Philharmonic Orchestra" in white serif font on a magenta rectangular background. A small white star is positioned above the letter 'i' in "Philharmonic".

London  
Philharmonic  
Orchestra

**LPO Junior Artists - London Philharmonic Orchestra - applications open in Spring 2026. Check the [information](#) to see if you are eligible to apply.**

## Upcoming PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Team	Location
25/11/25	15:30	Netball	Wallington	Y9ABC	Wallington
25/11/25	15:30	Football	Carshalton Girls	U12	Nonsuch
26/11/25	15:30	Netball	Tiffin Boys	SNR A + Y10AB	Nonsuch
27/11/25	15:30	Netball	St Phil's	Y7A/8A/9A/10A	St Phil's
1/12/2025	16:00	Hockey	Sutton High	U12 AB	Nonsuch
2/12/2025	16:00	Hockey	Sutton High	U13 AB	Nonsuch

## PE - netball

Well done to our Year 7A and 8A Netball teams for their matches last week. The year 7s played really well under pressure, and the year 8s worked hard to provide multiple options for their teammates. Congratulations to the POMs, Abi (Y7) and Ella (Y8).

Date	Sport	Opponent	Team	Result
11/11/2025	Netball	Overton	U12A	5-5 Draw
11/11/2025	Netball	Overton	U13A	8-2 Win





# SCHOOL NEWS

## Student spotlight

**Vanshika** (Y7) performed in a group South Indian Classical vocal ensemble at the Music for Youth Proms 2025, held at the Royal Albert Hall earlier this month. The group had been selected through both regional and national level competitions earlier this year, and this performance marked their grand finale. Well done, Vanshika!



## Student spotlight



**Arya** (Y8) writes: "I recently had the opportunity to write and direct a production through the Sutton Bengali Association. My production narrated the story of Durga Puja. It is a vibrant festival that celebrates the triumph of Ma Durga over the demon Mahishasura, and my actors for this also included **Samriddhi** and **Rii** in Year 7." Well done to you all!

## Student spotlight

**Léa** (Y8) went to the indoor national championships of Ultimate Frisbee recently with her club Epsom Ultimate. They defended their title and became National Indoor Champions for the second year running. Léa was voted joint MVP by the team and supporters. She now has three national championship medals and her team will try and defend the outdoor title in June for the double double. Congratulations, Léa!



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Student spotlight

Well done to Y10 students Anna-lakshmi, Alesha, Liliana, Sophy Hae-joon and Smitakshi, who recently performed at local music venue The Sound Lounge! all in Y10.



## Student spotlight

**Hemya** (Y7) writes: "I won a medal for the 'Best Unaccompanied Folk Song' category in the Sutton Music Festival. I will be performing at the Prizewinners' Concert on November 30<sup>th</sup>." Well done, Hemya!



## Student spotlight

**Kaitlyn** (Y10) took first place in the Short Program and earned second place in the Free Skating at the Skate London Figure Skating Competition 2025 earlier in November. Well done, Kaitlyn!





# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Year 13 Art Mock exam 24th-26th November</b>
Monday 24th November	Year 13 Art Mock exam
Tuesday 25th November	Year 13 Art Mock exam
Wednesday 26th November	Year 13 Art Mock exam
Thursday 27th November	Flu catch-up session 09.00-11.00 UKMT Senior Maths Challenge, Notting Hill and Ealing High School
Friday 28th November	
<b>Week 2</b>	
Monday 1st December	EPQ trip, University of Southampton
Tuesday 2nd December	GCSE Rock Climbing, White Spider 12.45-16.15 Year 7&8 Christmas Movie Night 15.20-17.30
Wednesday 3rd December	<b>INSET DAY – school is closed for students</b>
Thursday 4th December	Year 8 Parent Teacher Consultation 16.00-19.30
Friday 5th December	