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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,

As we approach the final week of term, I have been reflecting on what a busy and successful twelve weeks it has been for students at Nonsuch. The autumn term always brings its own sense of momentum, and this year has been no exception. Our students have taken part in an impressive range of events and activities, from competition wins and wider participation across many subjects, to the completion of mock examinations, RAG Week and a full programme of school trips.

Last week I attended the Winter Concert and enjoyed so many wonderful performances. It was a real celebration of the hard work and talent of our students, and a lovely way to mark the season. On Thursday we held Christmas Jumper Day, raising funds for our three school charities, and I am grateful to everyone who took part so enthusiastically.

Even in this final week of term our community continues to be active and engaged. Year 9 will be enjoying a visit to the National Gallery, and we will be taking part in a local robotics scrimmage with Harris Academy students, which I am sure will bring real excitement and healthy competition.

I would like to thank my dedicated staff for everything they have done this term to provide opportunities beyond the curriculum for all our students. Their commitment makes an enormous difference.

I wish all families a restful and happy Christmas break and hope you have the chance to spend time with loved ones. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in January, ready for another positive term.

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	97.67	97.48	96.48	97.75	94.90	95.90	88.29	95.50
Authorised	2.14	2.10	3.10	1.87	4.46	3.05	10.24	3.84
Unauthorised	0.19	0.43	0.38	0.38	0.64	0.84	1.33	0.60
Persistent absence >=10%	21	23	32	25	43	38	87	269

08/12/25-12/12/25

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.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Peer mentoring scheme



**Would you like a Peer Mentor?**

Our year 12 peer mentors provide 1:1 support to our KS3/KS4 students with problems like friendship struggles, building confidence, goal setting, managing workload and organisation. You will need to be able to commit to 6 weeks on a Friday lunch time.

If you would like a peer mentor contact Ms Morris at **Morris-s** @nonsuchschool.org

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'I found peer mentoring extremely useful. It was nice to talk through any worries with someone you feel comfortable sharing issues with'.

'I was struggling with starting my GCSE year and being in new classes. Peer mentoring taught me there's always a light at the end of the tunnel; it will always get better even if you don't think so in the moment!'

'I really enjoyed peer mentoring as it was refreshing to speak to someone with a similar age and gain advice from someone who has gone through similar experiences.'

Our peer mentoring support has officially launched! School peer mentoring has shown to build students' confidence in their academic ability, boost self-esteem and improve social skills. It provides our KS3 and KS4 students with the opportunity to be supported by someone that is relatable and has walked in the shoes of a Nonsuch student. Our mentees can receive guidance around coping with transition, making friends, improving organisation and coping with tests and work deadlines.

Email [Ms Morris](mailto:Ms.Morris@nonsuchschool.org) if you're interested in having a mentor.

### Twilight notice

There will be no Twilight session on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December due to an all-staff meeting after school.

Twilight will be taking place as usual on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### PSHE

Due to staff training, there was no PSHE lesson for students this week.

Please do take a look at the attached guide for tips to manage wellbeing over the winter break.

## Jolabokafloð library lessons - the 'Christmas Book Flood'

The school library is observing the Icelandic tradition called Jolabokafloð throughout December with special library lessons in KS3 and extra-special library book clubs for all years.

Jolabokafloð roughly translates as 'Christmas Book Flood'. In Iceland, it is traditional for people to gift each other new books on Christmas Eve, which they then unwrap and read quietly together, often in front of a fire and with a hot chocolate and other treats to enjoy by their side. Iceland is renowned for being one of the most literate countries in the world. Jolabokafloð is a celebration of books and togetherness.



## PE - fixture results

Date	Sport	Opponent	Team	Result
5/12/2025	Indoor Cricket	Rosebery and Sutton High	U13	2nd Place
9/12/2025	Football	Wallington	U12	Loss

### Cricket and football

Our U13 Indoor Cricket team had their first tournament of the season against Sutton High and Rosebery last week. They played excellently, with some brilliant bowling and a few fantastic catches. Congratulations to the POMs, **Lucy** (for batting) and **Ary** (for bowling).

Our Year 7 football team had their second match of the season, against Wallington Girls. They worked really well as a team, especially in defence against a physical team, resulting in some wonderful saves from our goalkeepers. Congratulations to the POM, **Judy**.



## Student spotlight

We are delighted for **Deepshika** in Y8 who has been named the London Music Fund Scholar of the Month. London Music Fund's mission is to transform under-served communities by enabling children to access high-quality music education, from the earliest stages of learning through to conservatoire entrance. The fund's vision is that every child who demonstrates significant musical ability, enthusiasm and commitment to learning an instrument is given the opportunity to develop their potential.

The accolade is testament to Deepshika's hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm for music.

You can read the page highlighting her achievements in a blog post on the London Music Fund website:

[December Scholar of the Month - Deepshika — London Music Fund](#)

Congratulations, Deepshika!



## Student spotlight

Well done to **Diya** (Y10) for her Jack Petchey Award for Outstanding Achiever 2025 from Metropolitan Voluntary Police Cadets!



## Student spotlight

Vanshika (Y7) recently took part in a competition held by The Federation of Saiva (Hindu) Temples UK - Theiveega Gaanam Utsavam 2025 - and won 1st place for singing South Indian Carnatic music in the Junior category.



# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Week 2</b>	
Monday 15th December	
Tuesday 16th December	GCSE Rock Climbing, White Spider 12.45-16.15 A Level Prize Giving 18.00-20.30 Sports Hall
Wednesday 17th December	Robotics Scrimmage, Harris Academy Sutton Y9 National Gallery Sixth Form Christmas Quiz 15.30-17.30
Thursday 18th December	
Friday 19th December	School Finishes 12:30pm
<b>Week 1</b>	
Monday 5th January	
Tuesday 6th January	
Wednesday 7th January	Parents Ski Information Evening 18.00-19.30
Thursday 8th January	Year 13 PIE: HE and exams 18.00-19.00
Friday 9th January	Theatre Trip Stranger Things 11.15-17.30
<b>Week 2</b>	
Monday 12th January	Borough Sports Hall Athletics 15.00-18.00
Tuesday 13th January	Y11 V&A Museum Art Trip
Wednesday 14th January	
Thursday 15th January	Year 9 Parent Teacher Consultation 16.00-19.30
Friday 16th January	