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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

Next week sees our Year 10 language students embark on the annual residential trips to France and Germany, with our Spanish students travelling to Spain the following week. Huge thanks to our MFL teachers who plan these trips so meticulously - students benefit hugely from these opportunities to fully immerse themselves in the culture and traditions of their chosen language.

Meanwhile, our Year 12 geographers set off on their residential - an important part of their A Level - and an opportunity for them to apply their learning on a practical level.

These trips are often where wonderful memories for our students where friendships are forged and consolidated.

Our ballgirls had a rather wet week of weather at Queen's but undoubtedly they've had a wonderful experience so far. Let's hope the weather is kinder to them and to the players this week.

I am looking forward to our annual Summer Concert this Wednesday - tickets are available on ParentPay - and I hope to see many of you to support our students and appreciate the wonderful musicianship and varied repertoire on offer. Thank you to the Music Department for organising this celebration for us all to enjoy.

At the end of the week our older cadets go on their annual CCF residential weekend, and we have the always hotly-anticipated Borough Athletics event at the David Weir Centre to look forward to on Friday.

A reminder please that if you are able to help our Year 12s by conducting mock interviews with them, to complete the form at the end of the newsletter. Thank you for your support.

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	98.28	97.9	96.43	98.09
Authorised	1.33	1.95	2.81	1.24
Unauthorised	0.38	0.14	0.76	0.67

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

(08/06/26-12/06/26)

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. 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.

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South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Supporting Your Teenager With Emotional Difficulties and Self-Harm

Being a teenager can be difficult to navigate, with lots of change and emotional ups and downs.

Parents and carers can have key roles in supporting their teenagers through this by understanding emotional regulation, and how to facilitate healthy responses to difficult or testing situations.

DATE / TIME
Wednesday 10th June
100-200pm

LOCATION
Online - Hosted on Teams

DATE / TIME
Thursday 18th June
7.00-8.00pm

Scan the QR code or click here.

Sign up to either event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code. You can also check out our other events by clicking here.

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

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SUPPORTING YOUR TEEN'S TRANSITION TO COLLEGE - PARENT / CARER WEBINAR

Moving from secondary school to college involves lots of different changes for adolescents, including travelling new routes, becoming familiar with new environments and teachers, making new friends, and learning new subjects. This workshop aims to discuss these common worries and provide strategies to help you support your teen through the transition.

This workshop is for the parents and carers of teens that are going to one of our colleges: Merton, Carshalton, Wandsworth, Kingston, Croydon and Richmond.

DATE / TIME
Monday 6th July 100-200 pm
Wednesday 26th August 6.00-7.00 pm

LOCATION
Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:

Click here to book

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

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 or their tutor.

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.

Summer Concert

Wednesday 17th June

6-8pm Main Hall

Summer Concert

Tickets available on Arbor from Monday 8th June - please come to enjoy our annual summer concert!

Can you help? Please donate items for our Sustainability Club

Our Upcycling Club is currently creating a beautiful mural using recycled materials. To help complete their project, they are looking for donations of discarded items in the following colours: brown, green, blue, silver and gold.

Items such as bottle labels, food packaging, or similar materials would be ideal. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the Art Department.

Students who donate items will be awarded house points as a thank you for supporting this creative and environmentally friendly initiative.

Thank you for continuing to support our sustainability initiatives.

Call for Guest Speakers: Sustainability and Green Careers

As part of our commitment to helping students understand the changing world of work, we are looking for guest speakers who work in green industries or promote sustainability within their role. We would love speakers to talk to students about what they do, their career journey, and how they became involved in sustainability. If you, or someone you know, works in sustainability or a green industry and would be willing to support our students in this way, please get in touch via the [School Office](#) with the school's Sustainability Lead, Mr Burton, to find out more.

Careers - Year 12 Mock Interviews - can you help?

As part of our Careers provision, we offer each Year 12 student a mock interview. The purpose of this is to give our students experience having an interview to help them be better equipped for university, apprenticeship or work-related interviews. A mock interview also helps them build confidence and understand the skills required in an interview scenario. Year 12 have their Guidance Meetings on Thursday 2nd July this year and we are organising the mock interviews on the same day as they are off-timetable on this day and many parents/carers take time off to attend the Guidance Meeting with their daughter.



We invite you to volunteer to be a mock interviewer on this day. Here are more details:

- Mock Interview date: Thursday 2nd July 2026
- Format: in-person at Nonsuch High School for Girls
- Interviewers will comprise of a mix of Nonsuch teachers, GLT colleagues, governors and parents/carers
- We ask that each volunteer offers a minimum of one hour please – interviews will last 20 minutes for each student (comprising of questions and feedback), and this equates to a minimum of three interviews per interviewer
- If you are able to offer more than an hour on this day, that would be wonderful
- The school will provide the framework of the interview – i.e. the interview questions and some guidelines on what kind of feedback to give each student
- The school will also provide each interviewer some basic information on what the student is applying for at university
- Interviewer background: you do not need to be in the same field as or have prior knowledge of the subject the student is applying for
- This is a really fantastic opportunity for students to gain invaluable experience and life skills they will carry with them forever – and your support can help them achieve this.

If you are able to support the school with this, please fill in this [short form](#). Thank you very much for your support!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week B	Queen's Tournament 2026 6th- 21st June Y12 Geography Trip Residential 14th-17th June France Residential 15th-19th June Germany residential 15th-19th June
Monday 15th June	
Tuesday 16th June	Year 8 Catch up HPV Year 8 Maths Exam 13.15-14.30 Sports Hall
Wednesday 17th June	Summer Concert 18.00-20.00
Thursday 18th June	Cambridge Chemistry Challenge 15.30-17.00
Friday 19th June	Borough Athletics-David Weir CCF Year 10 Leadership Weekend 19th-21st June 16.30-17.00
Week A	Spain Residential 22nd-26th June
Monday 22nd June	Sixth Form Induction Day
Tuesday 23rd June	Sixth Form Induction Day Year 11 Celebration Event 16.15-17.45
Wednesday 24th June	Geography Red Cross Workshop on Empathy and Migration - Year 8
Thursday 25th June	Geography Red Cross Workshop on Empathy and Migration - Year 8 Interhouse Y9 Tennis and Rounders P4&5
Friday 26th June	