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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 middle of the autumn term, the school is alive with energy and hard work from both students and staff. Last week marked the exciting start of our busy extracurricular programme. Over 80 clubs are running this term, offering something for everyone. It has been fantastic to see so many students getting involved and embracing these opportunities beyond the classroom.

We also had two successful school trips last week. Our Year 9 students visited Bletchley Park, immersing themselves in an important piece of history, while Year 12 had the chance to explore the National Portrait Gallery, enriching their understanding of art and culture.

Additionally, we hosted three Parent Information Evenings for Years 12, 8, and 10. Thank you to all parents who joined us; your involvement and support make a significant difference. Looking ahead, our Year 7 Parent Information Evening is scheduled for Monday. We always encourage parents to attend these events and it is a pleasure for our staff to support you and answer any questions you may have.

A reminder that our first PTA meeting of the year will take place on Monday evening, immediately following the Year 7 information session. The PTA warmly welcomes new members and values your input and enthusiasm.

I am very much looking forward to the next three weeks of term, which promise to be as busy and rewarding as ever.

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	98.56	98.15	96.37	97.50	96.62	97.11	93.42	96.82
Authorised	1.20	1.38	1.85	1.61	2.95	1.16	4.86	2.12
Unauthorised	0.24	0.48	0.06	0.89	0.43	0.16	0.71	0.42
Persistent absence ≥10%	11	17	16	20	28	15	41	148

22/09/25-26/09/25

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 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. 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 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.

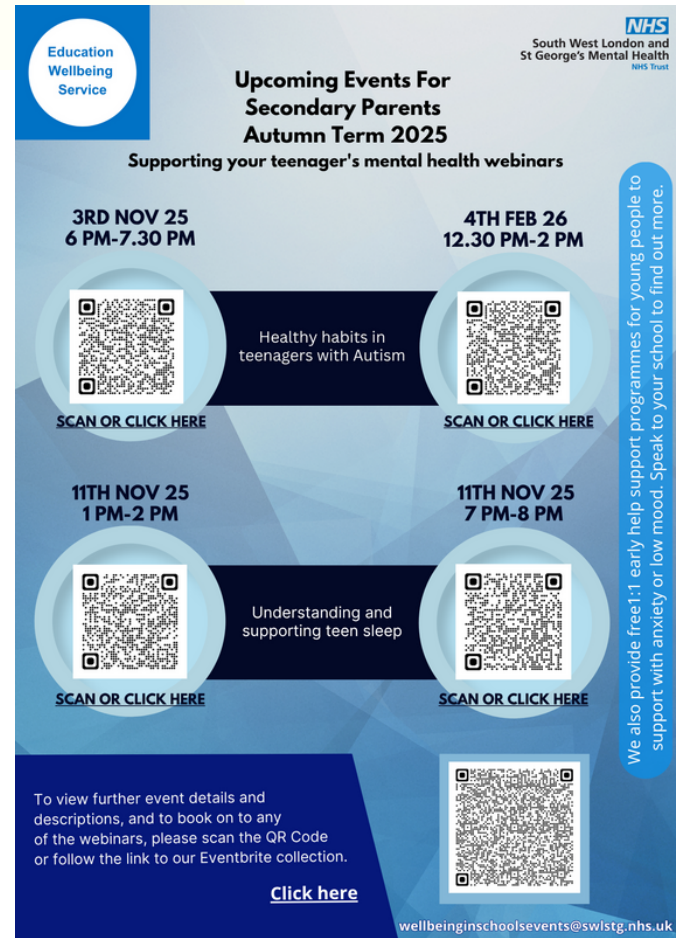


SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service is offering lunchtime and evening parent webinars across the year to help you 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 can pick up an application form from the pastoral office or speak to your child's Head of Year.



Education Wellbeing Service

Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Autumn Term 2025

Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

Date & Time	Topic	QR Code
3RD NOV 25 6 PM-7.30 PM	Healthy habits in teenagers with Autism	
4TH FEB 26 12.30 PM-2 PM		
11TH NOV 25 1 PM-2 PM	Understanding and supporting teen sleep	
11TH NOV 25 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](#)

wellbeinginschoolevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

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.



Please see the attached information from a PhD student at King's College London. Please contact the PhD student directly if you have any queries about the research request, which explores improved inclusion of potentially undiagnosed autistic girls in mainstream schools.



Cognus is offering parent training - please see the attached information for details of the sessions and how to book.



2025
NONSUCH
Young Musician

APPLICATIONS FOR THE NONSUCH YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION ARE NOW OPEN

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE GRADE 6 STANDARD OR ABOVE (GRADE 5 OR ABOVE AT KS3)

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SPEAK TO MS PATTERSON IN THE MUSIC OFFICE



AUDITIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL 13TH OCTOBER IN M1 – 3.30-4.30PM

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME 15TH OCTOBER IN M1- 12.30-1PM

WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL 15TH OCTOBER IN M2 – 3.30- 4.30PM

Young Musician 2025

This competition is for students Grade 6+ (Grade 5+ at KS3). There is one round of auditions and then the Music Department will choose students to take place in the final on Tuesday November 11th at 3.30pm in the Main Hall. An accompanist will be provided for the final, if required.

Please come to see Ms Patterson if you have any questions.

Application Form: Enter [here](#) or use the QR code below.

Nonsuch Young Musician 2025



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1	
Monday 29th September	Year 7 Parent Information Evening – 18.00-19.30 - Hall PTA Meeting – 19.30-20.30 - Library
Tuesday 30th September	DofE (Bronze & Gold) Parent Information Evening -18.00-19.00
Wednesday 1st October	
Thursday 2nd October	Ball Crew Information – 18.00-19.30
Friday 3rd October	
Week 2	
Monday 6th October	
Tuesday 7th October	
Wednesday 8th October	
Thursday 9th October	Staff training - late start for students – 9.55
Friday 10th October	Wimbledon BookFest Year 7 (40 students), New Wimbledon Theatre