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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

As we approach the last few days before half term, it's been another busy and vibrant week across the school. The energy and enthusiasm from students and staff alike has been fantastic, and it's been wonderful to see so many engaging activities taking place.

Last week marked the beginning of our Black History Month celebrations, which educated, inspired, and brought our community together. Highlights included the Staff vs Student Quiz where the staff claimed victory in a good-natured and competitive contest. Students also took part in a scavenger hunt and an essay competition, both of which encouraged thoughtful reflection and creativity. Our canteen provided a selection of cultural desserts and drinks throughout the week, and we observed "Show Racism the Red Card" Day on October 10th. A big thank you to Mrs Doré and the CARE committee for their hard work organising these events.

Last week also saw the Senior Maths Challenge and an insightful Oxbridge talk for our aspiring applicants. This week, students have enjoyed trips to the Olympic Park and participated in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge, showcasing their confidence and public speaking skills. We also welcomed Year 11 families to an important Parents' Information Evening ahead of the upcoming mock exams after half term.

As we wrap up this half term, we wish all our families and the school community a restful and well-deserved break, and, for those who celebrate, a joyous Diwali with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, November 3rd.

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	97.81	98.48	95.67	96.99	95.69	97.06	93.60	96.48
Authorised	0.76	1.43	2.62	1.29	4.07	2.31	5.88	2.61
Unauthorised	0	0.10	0.33	0.33	0.20	0.34	0.52	0.26
Persistent absence ≥10%	7	17	31	20	35	31	52	193

06/10/25-10/10/25

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.



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

The poster is titled 'Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Autumn Term 2025' and is from the 'Education Wellbeing Service' and 'NHS South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust'. It lists four webinars: 'Healthy habits in teenagers with Autism' (3RD NOV 25, 6 PM-7.30 PM), 'Understanding and supporting teen sleep' (11TH NOV 25, 1 PM-2 PM), 'Healthy habits in teenagers with Autism' (4TH FEB 26, 12.30 PM-2 PM), and 'Understanding and supporting teen sleep' (11TH NOV 25, 7 PM-8 PM). Each event has a QR code and a 'SCAN OR CLICK HERE' link. A large QR code at the bottom is for further details. A vertical banner on the right says '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.' The bottom left has a 'Click here' link and the bottom right has the email 'wellbeinginschoolevents@swlstg.nhs.uk'.

SCHOOL NEWS

PSHE information

There was no PSHE session for students on Thursday, October 9th due to staff training. The pastoral newsletter will resume after half term.

SCHOOL NEWS

House Diwali Bake Sale - Thursday October 16th

Our annual bake sale to celebrate Diwali and raise money for our school-nominated charities is this Thursday, October 16th. Please see the poster for details of how to enter.



House Competitions over the October half-term

We have two House Contests running over the half term break if you would like to share your Diwali celebrations with us, and also showcase your make-up skills for the November 1st and 2nd annual celebration of dia de los muertos. Please see the posters below for details of how to enter.



SCHOOL NEWS

Upcoming PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Team	Location
14/10/25	15:30	Netball	Glenthorne	Y7A & Y8A	Nonsuch
15/10/25	P2-3	Cross Country	Sutton Schools	Year 9 ABC	Sutton Grammar Playing Fields

PE - Netball Year 8

Well done to our year 8 netball squads for kicking off the 2025-26 netball season! Everyone gave it their best and worked well as a team across all the matches. Congratulations to the Players of the Match:

Gold Team: [Aish](#)

Silver Team: [Liyana and Leia](#)

Bronze Team: [Emily](#)

Gems Team: [Saanvi and Henesha](#)



1/10/2025	Netball	Wallington A	U13	Nonsuch	Loss
1/10/2025	Netball	Wallington B	U13	Nonsuch	Loss
1/10/2025	Netball	Wallington C	U13	Nonsuch	Loss
1/10/2025	Netball	Wallington D	U13	Nonsuch	Loss

Student spotlight



Vanshika in Y7 participated in her local Tamil school festival celebration in solo vocal (Carnatic Music) in early October. Well done, Vanshika!

Student spotlight



Lalana in Y7 has been shortlisted in the Junior Category of the John Locke Institute 2025 Global Essay Prize. This prestigious competition received over 63,300 entries for 2025 from over 100 countries. It's renowned for encouraging young people to engage with big ideas in philosophy, politics, economics, history, and psychology.

Lalana's essay in the Junior category explored the question: "Since 1920, twenty-one presidents and prime ministers from nine countries have been graduates of Philosophy, Politics & Economics (PPE) at Oxford. Would it have been better if they had studied history?"

Well done, Lalana, and good luck!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1	
Monday 13th October	Year 10 Jack Petchey Challenge – 30 students Year 10 Geography Trip – Olympic Park House Pumpkin Contest - all week - Quad
Tuesday 14th October	
Wednesday 15th October	Borough Cross Country 9.00 - 13.00
Thursday 16th October	House Diwali Charity Bake Sale – Lunchtime – Hall Year 11 Parent Information Evening
Friday 17th October	
Saturday 18th – 22 October	CCF Camp
	HALF TERM – Monday 20th October – Friday 31st October
Week 2	RAG Week 5th-7th November
Monday 3rd November	
Tuesday 4th November	Year 8 Wisley Gardens Geography Trip
Wednesday 5th November	Year 8 Wisley Gardens Geography Trip
Thursday 6th November	Kipkelion Fair - Year 9 off timetable Drama Trip - The Play That Goes Wrong – 17.00-23.00
Friday 7th November	Year 7 - 11 Flu Immunisation