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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,

The start of the new school year continues to be both positive and purposeful. Our students continue to settle back into their routines with energy and focus, and it is a real pleasure to see the school community thriving once again.

Last week, we welcomed prospective new Year 6 students as they begin their journey towards joining Nonsuch. Sitting the SET test is always a significant milestone, and it was wonderful to see so many young people approach the day with confidence and determination. This week also brings our programme of Parent Information Evenings for Years 12, 8 and 10. These evenings provide valuable insights into the year ahead, including key dates, academic expectations, and the many opportunities available to our students. I strongly encourage you to attend, as they are designed to equip you with the information you need to best support your daughter's progress and wellbeing.

School trips are in full swing already this academic year. Our Year 9 students are looking forward to visiting Bletchley Park, where they will experience history and innovation first-hand. Meanwhile, Year 12 and 13 students will soon travel to the National Portrait Gallery, enriching their cultural and academic learning beyond the classroom.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together we can ensure another successful and rewarding year at Nonsuch.

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	99.16	98.21	97.08	96.79	96.18	96.59	92.71	96.67
Authorised	0.54	1.73	1.85	2.62	2.89	1.16	5.27	2.27
Unauthorised	0.24	0.06	0	0.60	0.12	0.21	0.77	0.29
Persistent absence ≥10%	9	15	11	20	22	17	47	141

15/09/25-19/09/25

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



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Getting Into School: Common challenges and supporting school avoidance

It can be incredibly difficult to know how to support your child and help them when they are struggling emotionally with managing and attending school.

This workshop provides some key tools, understanding and resources for supporting your teen.

DATE / TIME
Tuesday 23rd September
100-200pm

LOCATION
Online - Hosted on Teams
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](#)

DATE / TIME
Wednesday 24th September
6.00-7.00pm



Scan the QR code or [click here](#)

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

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.



Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Autumn Term 2025

Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

3RD NOV 25
6 PM-7.30 PM

4TH FEB 26
12.30 PM-2 PM



Healthy habits in teenagers with Autism



Healthy habits in teenagers with Autism

11TH NOV 25
1 PM-2 PM

11TH NOV 25
7 PM-8 PM



Understanding and supporting teen sleep



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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](#)



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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.

School notice - Nonsuch Car Park

Members of our local community have contacted the school to complain about parents' inconsiderate parking when dropping their child off by the back gate of school.

Please park or drop your child off considerately and be mindful of the safety of pedestrians around the school entrances at the start and end of the school day. Thank you for your support.



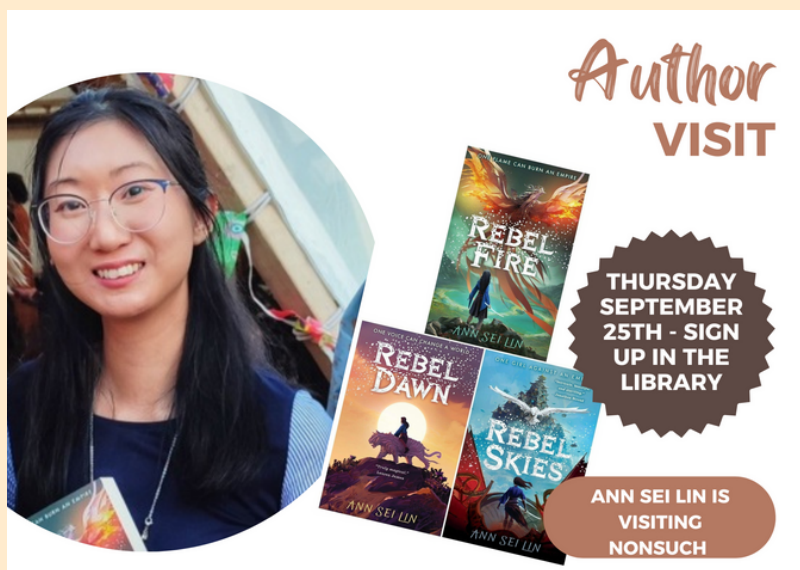
SCHOOL NEWS

Upcoming PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Team	Location
Wednesday October 1st	15:30	Netball	U13ABCD	Wallington

Author visit Thursday September 25th - Ann Sei Lin

We are delighted to welcome author Ann Sei Lin to Nonsuch next week, where she will be talking to Year 8 during PSHE and delivering workshops to selected students in Years 8 and 9. Ann will also be delivering a lunchtime talk in the library to all interested students about her journey to becoming a published author. More details about Ann's work are [here](#) - she is a very popular author with students at Nonsuch.



Extra-curricular clubs

We are delighted with the enthusiasm for this year's extra-curricular clubs, which began on Monday September 22nd.

As spaces are limited, we do ask that students attend regularly so that everyone gets the most out of their chosen activities. If a student misses two subsequent sessions without a reason, their place will be given to someone on the waiting list who is eager to join.



Careers request

Please see the attached Careers request. We are looking for mock interviewers from our parent/carer community. If you can help, please complete the form link in the letter. Thank you for your support.



Student spotlight

Vedaanshi (Y9) recently performed at Regents Park Open Air Theatre. She says: "It was amazing to perform in front of a crowd of thousands. During this journey from auditions to the show day, I had the opportunity to polish my acting and singing even more and developed confidence and team work skills." Well done!



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	
Monday 22nd September	Year 9 Bletchley Park Trip Year 12 Parent Information Evening – 18.00-19.30
Tuesday 23rd September	Year 8 Parent Information Evening – 18.00-19.30
Wednesday 24th September	KS5 National Portrait Gallery Art Trip
Thursday 25th September	Year 8 Author Visit - Ann Sei Lin – P1 Hall Author Talk - Ann Sei Lin – Lunchtime - Library Year 10 Parent Information Evening – 18.00-19.30
Friday 26th September	INSET day - school closed to students
Saturday 27th September	Second stage test - NWSSEE
Week 1	
Monday 29th September	Year 7 Parent Information Evening – 18.00-19.30 - Hall
Tuesday 30th September	DofE (Bronze & Gold) Parent Information Evening – 18.00-19.00
Wednesday 1st October	
Thursday 2nd October	
Friday 3rd October	Physics Trip - Thorpe Park