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NONSUCH NEWS

Our fortnightly newsletter for the school community



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Messages from Mrs Williamson





Dear students, parents, and carers,

The second half of Autumn term has already begun with excitement as students and staff have enjoyed our annual RG Week, raising money for our school charities, Friends of Kipkelion, DEC and Sutton Carers' Centre. Year 9 once again ran a fantastic Kipkelion Fair showcasing their creative and marketing talents, while other events included Staff Benchball, Karaoke and non-uniform day. Today we hold our annual House Diwali Bake Sale, again to raise money for the above charities.

During the half term break, Nonsuch students had a wonderful opportunity to visit Pompeii, Herculaneum and other ancient sites around Naples as well as enjoying the beautiful landscapes and features of Southern Italy. They forged new friendships and made some lifelong memories together.

Meanwhile, our CCF students undertook a four-day camp with their Sutton Grammar counterparts, learning new skills and how to work as a team.

Our students' musical and artistic talents will be showcased at the annual Nonsuch Young Musician Final coming up as well as for the House Talent Show Auditions. It is always delightful to see our students' breath of talent and dedication at these moments.

Finally, a note on safety: the back gate of school to Nonsuch Park will be closed at 4:30pm to ensure student safety during the winter months. Students staying after school will need to leave via the canteen gate. Please ensure you discuss with your daughter the importance of crossing safely on Ewell Road by using the pedestrian crossing as well as keeping to a well-lit path now the nights are drawing in. Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,
Mrs Williamson
Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

Safeguarding email address

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.

Reporting your daughter's absence

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 visit 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Webinars for Parents - Children's Wellbeing & Mental Health

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers lunchtime and evening parent webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health.

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.





The Nonsuch PTA Christmas Raffle 2026 is now here, and we have some fantastic prizes up for grabs! Buying tickets is easy – simply visit our online raffle page.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and continued support. Wishing you all the best of luck!

SCHOOL NEWS

Nonsuch Young Musician of the Year 2026

Our annual Nonsuch Young Musician Competition takes place on Wednesday 18th November from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. We would love our finalists to perform to a large and supportive audience. Please do come along with your daughter to enjoy an afternoon of outstanding music and to support these very talented musicians. Book your free ticket here:



Nonsuch Young Musician Final - Wednesday 18th November 2026 3.30-5.30pm

Fantastic orchestra opportunity

Join Sutton Music Trust and Merton Music Foundation for a hands-on Orchestral & Conducting Workshop with members of the fantastic Chromatica Orchestra.

You can take part as an orchestral player, performing alongside professional musicians, or try your hand at conducting and lead an ensemble yourself.

Sunday 15 November
10am–3.45pm
Merton Abbey Primary School, SW19 2JY
Orchestral players: Grade 5+ | £15
Aspiring conductors: £20 | 10 places available
Orchestral places are available for violin, viola, cello, double bass, clarinet, flute, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba and percussion.

Presented with thanks to financial support from Music in New Malden.

Sign-up via this link.

SUTTON MUSIC TRUST

Merton Music Foundation

SCHOOL NEWS

Financial Times Student Advocate Success

We are very proud of two of our Y12 economics students, **Harshita** and **Rabeya**, who have been successful in gaining a place on the Financial Times student advocate program. This opportunity opens up the chance for ambitious students to partner with the FT and work through a series of short purposeful tasks that help them build leaderships, communication and critical thinking skills. Part of the student advocates role is to feed forward the role of the FT within the school community but also to feed into the FT to shape the agenda of tomorrow.

One of the key roles of the program is for the student advocates to help shape how the FT engages with younger readers and how the FT can support younger readers differently. This opportunity is a year-long project and the two successful students will have the opportunity to not only work with a global news outlet but also grow as leaders, collaborators and communicators. This scheme really helps to open up the world of journalism, finance and the global political arena. Well done, Harshita and Rabeya!

CCF training camp

During October half term, some of our cadets travelled to Swynnerton training camp just north of Stafford. Across the four days, they participated in multiple activities including shelter building, ambushes, section attacks and patrolling, all whilst staying mostly dry! At the end of the weekend, awards were given out, with three of them being awarded to Nonsuch cadets. Well done to the Section Commander of camp, Second in Command of camp and Cadet of camp! We now look forward to the next camp for our new recruits in November.



Classics Trip 2026





Srikala (Y11) writes: “Our trip to Naples began in proper after landing in Italy on Saturday afternoon. We took a coach to the Naples Archaeological Museum, where we had the chance to see the famous Farnese Atlas statue, as well as a huge collection of sculptures, artefacts and paintings (frescoes) from Pompeii and Herculaneum. The second day had the main attraction of the week: Pompeii! The site is far, far larger than you would expect, and incredibly well-preserved; inns had the original marble on their countertops and frescoes in near-perfect condition behind them! One of the most notable sections was the human plaster casts exhibit, which had the replicas of some original citizens' bodies. We were all excited to visit the villa of Caecilius (of Cambridge Latin Course fame)! And, of course, we won't forget Mr Key's tour-guiding around the site. His breadth of knowledge led to several other tourists stopping near us to listen in as well.

On the third day, we went to Herculaneum (similar to Pompeii, less expansive, even better preserved) and to the Villa Oplontis, a beautifully preserved and reconstructed villa, with colourful frescoes covering entire corridors.

The morning of the fourth day had us in the medieval city of Amalfi with its Cathedral of Saint Andrew, beautiful beyond words. But the main attraction came in the afternoon: Paestum, an ancient Greek city in the south of Italy with three ancient Greek Doric temples.

Our final day in Naples was marked by a solid sheet of rain that, fortunately, broke just in time to visit the Villa San Marco in Stabiae, which had the original frescoes, mosaic floors and a huge water feature that stretched the length of an entire corridor.

The journey home was long, and we arrived at school at 8pm, but we were all so much better off for being on this trip.”





UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week A	
Monday 9th November	Diwali Bake Sale 12.30-13.00 School Hall
Tuesday 10th November	
Wednesday 11th November	
Thursday 12th November	KS5 Open Evening Y10 Y11 LPO Concert GCSE Music Royal Festival Hall
Friday 13th November	INSET DAY - school closed to students
Week B	**CCF Recruits Camp 13th-15th November**
Monday 16th November	Y9 National Gallery Art Trip 09.30-15.10
Tuesday 17th November	Y7 Teacher Consultation Day
Wednesday 18th November	Y13 History in Action Conference 08.45-15.45 Nonsuch Young Musician Final 15.30-17.00
Thursday 19th November	U15 Surrey Gymnastics Y13 Guidance Meeting Y13 Intervention meetings
Friday 20th November	Vox Celestes: Sutton Music Festival (evening times tbc)