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NONSUCH NEWS

Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MS CAVILLA



Dear parents, carers and students,

Along with four students I attended the termly Sutton meeting of School Councils. The next one will be in October, hosted by Sutton Grammar. It is wonderful to see such civic spirit and enjoyment in collaboration of schools across the borough. Read Kathleen's account later on in this newsletter.

In the same vein, I wish to remind students of Nonsuch's mock General Election campaign and opportunity to cast your votes on Thursday July 4th at school. The more young people vote, the greater the focus of policy-makers will be on the matters that affect you and the longer-term future.

I also want to bang the drum for our PTA Quiz Night on 21 June. The PTA will be fundraising for Activities Week and raising funds for next year's bids. These include a plan to upgrade the screen, projector and PC in the School Hall to the same standard as the audio visual we now have in the Sports Hall. The Quiz Night is great fun so please come to pit your wits or just to eat pizza and meet new people in the knowledge you are helping to raise funds for our school.

Family members are also welcome to attend to cheer students on at our Sports Day but I wish to remind everyone that there is a compulsory sign-up for the day as we cannot admit visitors on the day who have not signed up in advance.

One recent donation I wish to mention is the beautiful framed embroidery, made by Aaminah, one of our Year 12 Head Girls. It now sits above the one donated by her sister a few years ago – and can be seen by the Textiles room, T2 (photo below). It bears our school motto. Thank you for your patience, skill and creativity Aaminah.

Best wishes,
Ms Cavilla



UPDATES FROM MS OSBORNE

Attendance

Thank you for your continued support with your child's attendance. We continue to be proud of our school's attendance figures and that Nonsuch is a place where students want to attend and learn.

A reminder that in February, the Government published new guidance for attendance which will become statutory from August 19th 2024. This is part of the Government's drive to improve attendance at school. This will mean that we will be making some small changes to our school policy which we will share with you in September which reflects changes to the law and the new National Framework for using penalty notices. The full guidance is [here](#).

A reminder that the Government has an [attendance hub](#) which can help parents make informed decisions about attendance.

The Government provides parents with guidance around illness and attendance at school. This [guidance](#) helps parents make informed decisions about their child's health and attendance.

You can monitor your child's attendance data through the School Gateway app and ensure that it remains at 95% and above. If there is anything that we may be concerned about, your child's form tutor, Head of Year or I will contact you.

	Attendance	Authorised	Unauthorised	Persistent absence >=10%
Y7	98.12	1.48	0.36	2
Y8	97.67	1.78	0.51	1
Y9	96.78	2.67	0.55	8
Y10	96.33	2.90	0.68	13
Y11	87.26	11.40	1.34	153
Y12	95.60	3.25	1.08	12
Y13	81.47	17.02	1.48	230
All	93.32	5.78	0.85	420

All figures in % session attendance summary (4/9/23-12/6/24)



SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

Sutton Mental Health Foundation offers events and activities are free to anyone over the age of 18 living in the London Borough of Sutton, who needs support with their mental health.

Please see their [website](#) for further information.



If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Mrs Hart on safeguarding@nonsuchschool.org

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NONSUCH PTA
Presents

QUIZ NIGHT
FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2024
QUIZ MASTER MR BARRETT

Registration from 6.15 pm for 7pm Start

TICKETS -
PUPILS £9, PARENTS/CARERS £12
INCLUDES PIZZA + 1 SOFT DRINK
ADDITIONAL REFRESHMENTS ON SALE

[Buy tickets here](#)

MEET OTHER PARENTS AND HAVE A FUN NIGHT

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Reporting absence

Please report absences via Schoolgateway. Download the app here: [Nonsuch High School for Girls - Reporting Absences](#).

Advice from First Aid

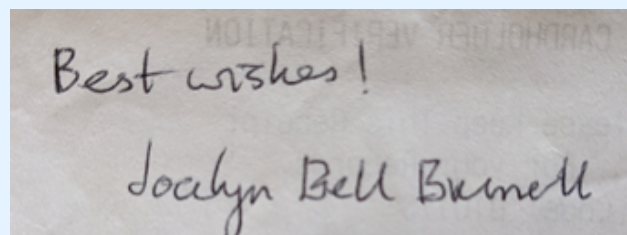
Pollen forecasts are high. If your child has hayfever, please make sure that they take their medication before coming to school. Many thanks.



Physics - Y12



Five A-Level Physics students recently attended the annual Higgs' Lecture at King's College London on Wednesday June 5th. This year's speaker was the Michael Faraday Prize and Royal Medal Winner, Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell. Her discoveries in radio astronomy as a PhD student at Cambridge contributed to Sir Martin Ryles and Anthony Hewish's Noble Prize in 1972. The lecture was focused on transient events particularly Gamma-ray bursts and Active Galactic Nuclei. What made the lecture particularly relevant for Year 12s was her emphasis on how the future of astronomy is deeply integrated in rapidly advancing technologies, such as machine learning and AI.



The students also kindly brought back Dame Bell Burnell's autograph back to Nonsuch! She is an incredibly inspiring role model and is known for her work to improve diversity in science such as winning a US\$3m prize and donating it to fund graduate scholarships for people from under-represented groups to study physics.

We're proud of the students for taking advantage of this great supra-curricular activity. Students across the school may also be inspired to check out [STEM Lectures for Schools | King's College London \(kcl.ac.uk\)](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/stem-lectures-for-schools/).



Cambridge Biology Challenge

The results for the third round of the Cambridge Biology Challenge are finally in! Students were challenged with the task of explaining which organism in their local area had the most incredible Biology. Congratulations again to all of our students who participated, in particular to Anisha, Navani, Fanxi, Dhriti and Vidula in Y11 who gained a distinction for their entry and are now in position 6 of the national leader board! The fourth round asks 'if alien life exists, what might we predict about their biology?' We look forward to hearing how our teams progress in this round.

SCHOOL NEWS

Maths Challenge - Y7 and Y8



We are extremely proud of the 68 Year 7 and Year 8 students who qualified for and sat the UKMT Junior Kangaroo and the six Year 7 and Year 8 students who qualified for and sat the more challenging UKMT Junior Olympiad on Tuesday June 11th. We await to hear their results later in the term and celebrate further achievements.

Sutton Joint Student Council termly summit

Kathleen (Y12), one of our Deputy Head Girls, writes: "On Wednesday June 12th, four Nonsuch school councillors and Ms Cavilla left school to attend the joint school council meeting for numerous Sutton schools – it was an eventful journey with terminated buses threatening to jeopardise our punctuality, but upon arrival at Greenshaw and, after a Twix bar each, we were ready for the afternoon of discussion ahead. Focused on the theme of wellbeing, the meeting enabled us to share our school's approach to the subject while also listening to that of other schools including Carshalton Girls, Wilson's, Sutton Grammar, Overton Grange, St Phil's and of course, Greenshaw. A strong agreement was reached on the benefit of a therapy dog!



The day was highly productive: not only did we converse with multiple students from other schools, we also valued the opportunity to enhance our knowledge of mental wellbeing when the guest speaker, a clinical psychologist, provided insight into the mental health services offered in Sutton and her role both within the NHS and local schools. Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable and valuable afternoon."

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	
Monday 17th June	
Tuesday 18th June	
Wednesday 19th June	
Thursday 20th June	
Friday 21st June	Eid Picnic – 12.20 PTA Quiz Night – Hall – 18.00
Saturday 22nd June	CCF Main Camp – 22nd-29th June
Week 1	CCF Camp MFL Y10 & 12 French, German Spanish Trip Activities Week Y12 Work Experience
Monday 24th June	
Tuesday 25th June	
Wednesday 26th June	
Thursday 27th June	
Friday 28th June	