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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

A huge well done to our students in Years 11 and 13 who last week came to the end of their formal examination period. We wish them a very well-deserved summer break ahead of their results days in August.

Year 12 and their parents had an informative UCAS and higher education talk last week, and this week, we welcome incoming students to sixth form for our valuable Induction Days.

Our students in Years 7 and 12 have been enjoying and learning from fantastic field trips organised by the Geography Department to Box Hill and Dorset respectively. Thank you to Mrs Stewart and the department for facilitating this important practical learning.

The Music Department once again organised a fantastic Summer Concert last Wednesday and this week we are looking forward to the exhibition organised by the Art Department. Both of these highlight the breadth and talent of our students and the rich artistic and musical life of the school.

This is also underscored by the upcoming Drama production of 'Six'. Huge thanks to Ms Patterson, Ms Tuttolomondo and Ms Pinel and their teams for the dedication and expertise they share with students to put these events on. Nonsuch's rich tradition in creative arts emphasise their importance for expression and individuality.

Our languages residencies conclude this week with the trip to Valencia for our students of Spanish in Years 10 and 12. Thank you to Mr Johnson and to all of the MFL department for organising these wonderful trips to Europe for the students.

With best wishes,

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 Arbor parent portal 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
Attendance				
Authorised				
Unauthorised				

Year 11 went on study leave on 6/5/26

(15/06/26-19/06/26)

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

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

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.

Changes to reporting your daughter's absence

Now that all parents have access to our new information management system, Arbor, 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 go to our website [Nonsuch High School for Girls - Reporting your child's absence from school](#)

First Aid

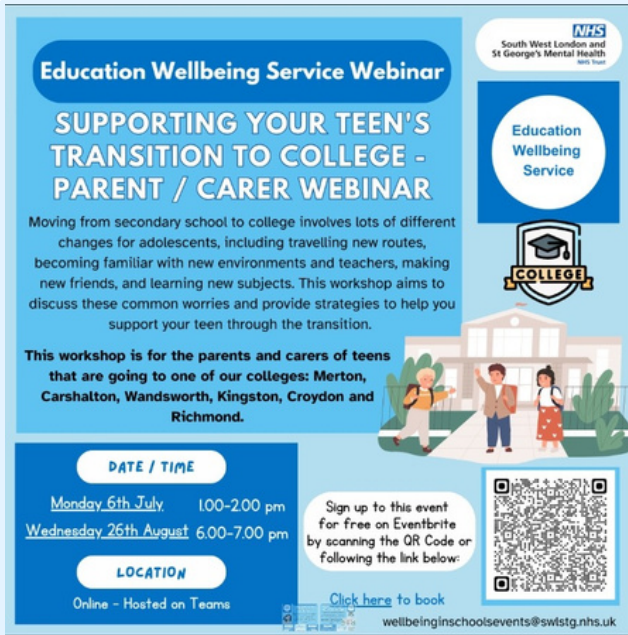
Please advise [First Aid](#) of any recently-diagnosed medical conditions/allergies.

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.



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

SUPPORTING YOUR TEEN'S TRANSITION TO COLLEGE - PARENT / CARER WEBINAR

Moving from secondary school to college involves lots of different changes for adolescents, including travelling new routes, becoming familiar with new environments and teachers, making new friends, and learning new subjects. This workshop aims to discuss these common worries and provide strategies to help you support your teen through the transition.

This workshop is for the parents and carers of teens that are going to one of our colleges: Merton, Carshalton, Wandsworth, Kingston, Croydon and Richmond.

DATE / TIME
Monday 6th July 100-200 pm
Wednesday 26th August 6.00-7.00 pm

LOCATION
Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:

Click here to book
wellbeinginschoolevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

NHS South West London and St George's Mental Health Well Trust

Education Wellbeing Service

COLLEGE

The poster features an illustration of a school building with three children walking towards it. It also includes logos for NHS and the Education Wellbeing Service.

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service is offering lunchtime and evening parent Webinars across the year to help 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 should speak to their Head of Year or their tutor.

Twilight sign-up via Arbor

Please note, Twilight sessions are now released every fortnight on Arbor. The link parents were sent at the beginning of term remains 'live' all term, so please click on the dates you require your daughter to attend Twilight to book her a space. Thank you.

Geography Department – Year 7 Fieldwork at Box Hill

The Geography Department recently took Year 7 students on a fieldwork visit to Box Hill over two days, providing them with a valuable opportunity to develop and apply their map-reading and navigation skills in a real-world setting.

During the visit, students used compasses, Ordnance Survey maps, key landmarks, and a set of detailed instructions to navigate around the area. This hands-on experience allowed them to build confidence in interpreting maps and understanding their surroundings.

Along the way, students also encountered a variety of natural features, including white snails and juniper berries, and some even had the memorable experience of discovering (and learning about!) stinging nettles.

It was a very enjoyable and enriching experience and the students demonstrated excellent teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the trip. Overall, it was a highly successful and rewarding two days.



Junior Kangaroo 2026 Success

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of our students in this year's UKMT Junior Kangaroo. A total of 41 invited students took part in the competition. Of these, 13 students were awarded Bronze certificates, 12 achieved Silver, and seven earned Gold—an excellent set of results that reflects the strength of mathematical talent across the cohort.

Those achieving Gold Certificates were:

[Alyssa, Abi, Tina](#) (Y7) and [Leia, Saanvi, Sofia and Avantika](#) (Y8)

A special mention goes to Alyssa, who achieved Best in School with an outstanding score of 130 out of 135, and to Leia, who was awarded Best in Year with an impressive 124 out of 135. We are incredibly proud of both students. We now look forward to the upcoming results from the Junior Mathematical Olympiad, for which several of our students have qualified. Congratulations to all who took part.

SCHOOL NEWS

Geography Department – Year 12 residential to Dorset

Year 12 Geographers spent four days in Dorset for their NEA in Geography, visiting Swanage, Studland, Durdle Door, Lulworth Cove, Boscombe and Corfe Castle testing data collection methods. The students showed a huge amount of interest in an unfamiliar environment and were really proactive in putting their theoretical learning to practical use. They all thoroughly enjoyed the residential and are looking forward to applying their new-found knowledge. Many thanks to the Geography Department for facilitating this very valuable experience.



Student spotlight

Inshirah (Y10) participated in an event on Saturday 16th May called Coolest Projects, organised by Raspberry Pi Foundation. It took place in Bradford, where I presented a project in the AI category using Supabase, a backend platform and the Python library FastAPI. My project, called StudyBuddy AI, is a student chatbot designed to help children aged 8–16 learn while having fun. It was a great experience seeing the amazing projects created by others and presenting my own work. I was also very excited as I won the AI category!



Student spotlight



Congratulations to Olivia in Year 8 who has successfully passed her Grade 5 piano exam - well done!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week A	Spain Residential 22nd-26th June
Monday 22nd June	Sixth Form Induction Day
Tuesday 23rd June	Sixth Form Induction Day Year 11 Celebration Event 16.15-17.45
Wednesday 24th June	Geography Red Cross Workshop on Empathy and Migration - Year 8
Thursday 25th June	Geography Red Cross Workshop on Empathy and Migration - Year 8 Interhouse Y9 Tennis and Rounders P4&5
Friday 26th June	
Week B	
Monday 29th June	
Tuesday 30th June	Y10 Tate Modern Art Trip Interhouse Y7 Tennis and Rounders P4&5
Wednesday 1st July	Year 6 Induction Day Interhouse Y8 Tennis and Rounders P3&4 School Production SIX – 19.00
Thursday 2nd July	School Production SIX – 19.00
Friday 3rd July	Sports Day