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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,

Last week, we were delighted to welcome prospective students into our Sixth Form, giving them a glimpse of the rich academic and personal opportunities available at Nonsuch. Alongside this, our pupils have embraced a wide range of competitions and challenges, demonstrating enthusiasm, creativity and teamwork in equal measure.

Much of our collective reflection this week, however, has centred on the publication of our excellent Ofsted report. We are especially proud that attendance and behaviour were judged to be exceptional. Under the new framework, a strong judgement is broadly equivalent to the previous outstanding grade, making the exceptional judgement awarded in this area an even higher recognition of excellence.

Achievement, curriculum, inclusion, leadership and personal development were all recognised as strong, highlighting the consistently high-quality education and care provided. The report celebrates our ambitious curriculum and expert teaching and the way pupils achieve outcomes well above the national average. It also recognises the inclusive ethos at the heart of the school, where every pupil is supported to thrive, alongside exceptional pastoral care and a broad range of enrichment opportunities.

Importantly, inspectors captured what it feels like to be part of this community: a school where pupils are happy, safe, known as individuals and feel inspired and are encouraged to aim high. While we will continue to refine and improve, we are proud that the report reflects the dedication of our staff, the support of our families and, above all, the commitment and character of our students. The report was emailed to you last week and can be found on the Ofsted website. Thank you all for your continued support.

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	Y11
Attendance	98.86	97.46	95.86	97.68	83.24
Authorised	0.95	1.63	3.76	2.08	13.82
Unauthorised	0.19	0.91	0.38	0.24	2.94

(27/4/26-1/5/26)

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](mailto: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.

wellbeinginschoolevents@swlstg.nhs.uk South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

**Education Wellbeing Service**

**Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Summer Term 2026**

**Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars**

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.

<b>21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 26</b> 7 PM - 8 PM	<b>Managing Exam and Assignment Stress (Years 7-10)</b>	<b>23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 26</b> 1 PM - 2 PM
<b>10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 26</b> 1 PM - 2 PM	<b>Supporting your teenager with emotional difficulties and self-harm</b>	<b>18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 26</b> 7 PM - 8 PM

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](#)

**Making Life Better Together**

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.

Please see the poster for details of the upcoming webinars.

## 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.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## PE

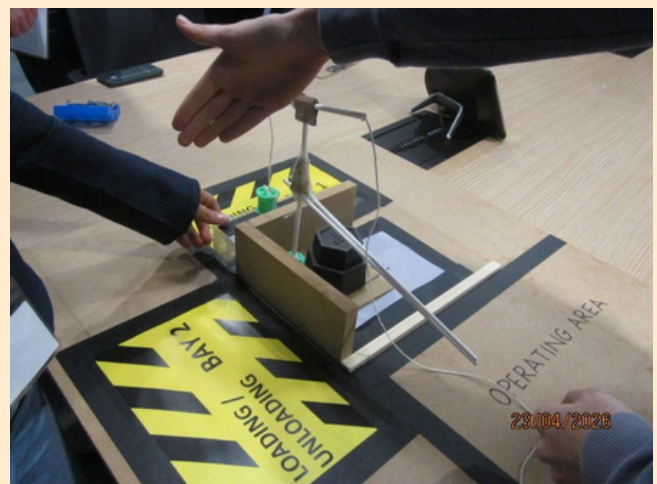
Our U14 football team played their league semi-final match against Sutton High last week. They played brilliantly, continuing their excellent form from before the Easter break, and won the match 2-1, progressing to the final! Congratulations to Alannah, our player of the match, and to the team as a whole for such a successful season!

Date	Sport	Opponent	Team	Result
22/4/26	Football	Sutton High	U14	2-1 Win!

## DT - Surrey Satro final

On April 23rd, the DT department took six Year 12 students to the final of the Surrey Satro. The final took place at AirProduct headquarters in Chertsey and students were treated to a Liquid Nitrogen demonstration from an engineer. Student were tasked with designing and making a crane to lift and rotate items into loading areas. Our students worked so well as a team and demonstrated excellent problem solving skills.

Well done to **Dhanishthaa, Natali, Tanishkaa, Sophie, Tiffany and Jessica!**



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## UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge: follow-on success

Following the excellent performance of our students in the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge (IMC) in January, we are delighted to share the outstanding results from the invitational follow-on rounds, which took place last month.

As a result of our success in January, 37 students were invited to participate in one of four prestigious follow-on competitions.

The majority competed in the Pink Kangaroo, open to Y10 and Y11 pupils. Thirty-one students took part, achieving an excellent set of outcomes: three Gold, seven Silver and 11 Bronze certificates. Special congratulations go to **Sophia**, who achieved Gold and Best in School, alongside **Jiya and Angelina**, who also earned Gold certificates.

In Y9 level, two students were invited to take part in the Grey Kangaroo, with both achieving Gold certificates. Congratulations to **Minji**, who also secured Best in School, and **Thea** for their excellent performances.

At the highest level of challenge, two Y11 students competed in the Maclaurin Olympiad. **Mahi** achieved a Bronze Medal and a Distinction, while further congratulations go to **Jingxuan**, who achieved a Merit Certificate.

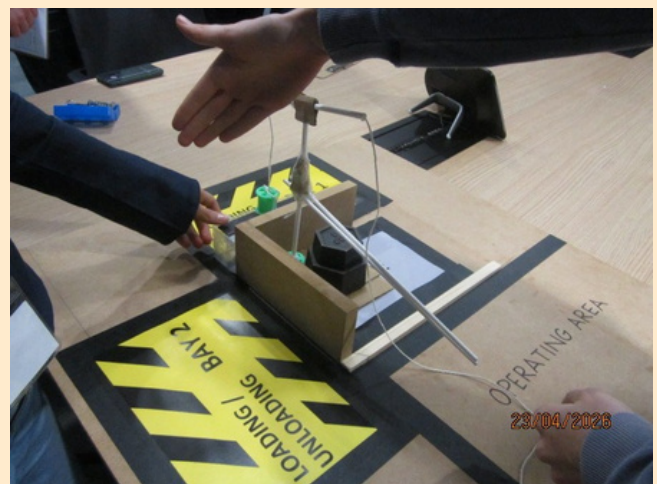
We were also proud to have two Y9 students, **Olivia and Mathusa**, invited to participate in the Cayley Olympiad, with both students earning Merit certificates for their efforts.

These results reflect not only our students' ability and resilience, but also their enthusiasm for tackling challenging mathematics beyond the classroom. We are really proud of everyone involved. Huge thanks to the Maths Department for their support of our students!

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## National Chess Finals: a superb team performance

We are incredibly proud of **Maya, Tiara and Leia**, who represented the school at the National Chess Finals held over the weekend of March 28th-29th. Competing across two full days against nine other highly competitive teams, our students secured an excellent fifth place finish in what proved to be one of the toughest events of the season.

Throughout the weekend, Maya, Tiara and Leia faced some exceptionally strong opponents, yet they approached every round with confidence, composure and determination. Their resilience was evident in every match. It was wonderful to see their strength of character alongside their chess ability. A huge well done to the whole team!



## Music

As part of Sutton Music Trust's commitment to supporting our young people and showcasing musical pathways post-16, we are delighted to invite you and your child to an online talk hosted by the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire on Tuesday, 19th May 2026 at 6pm.

Here you will learn about the courses on offer at Birmingham, have a chance to learn more about the student experience, and ask questions to current tutors and students.

[Sign up here](#) by Friday, May 15th 2026 - a link to join the session will be shared via email nearer the time.



# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Week A</b>	<b>Year 9 Exams 30th April-6th May</b> <b>Year 12 Exams 5th - 20th May</b> <b>Year 12 HE Day 21st &amp; 22nd May</b> <b>GCSE Exams - first day 7th May</b> <b>Year 11 Study Leave from 6th May</b> <b>Year 13 Study Leave from 7th May</b>
Monday 4th May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY - school is closed</b>
Tuesday 5th May	Year 11 Celebration Breakfast 08.30-12noon GCSE & GCE Fine Art Moderation A Level German Orals p4
Wednesday 6th May	Year 13 Celebration – Leavers’ breakfast 09.00-12noon GCSE Textile Moderation
Thursday 7th May	A Level MFL Orals Junior Mathematical Challenge
Friday 8th May	
Saturday 9th May	Ball Crew Saturday Training
<b>Week B</b>	<b>Year 12 Exams 5th - 20th May</b> <b>Year 12 HE Day 21st &amp; 22nd May</b> <b>A Level Exams - first day 11th May</b>
Monday 11th May	
Tuesday 12th May	
Wednesday 13th May	
Thursday 14th May	Late start for students – registration at 09.55
Friday 15th-16th May	Year 10 Belgium Battlefields Trip, 60 students and 7 staff
Saturday 16th May	Ball Crew Saturday Training