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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

It has been another extremely busy and positive week at Nonsuch. Our Year 11 students have continued with their mock examinations and we have been delighted with their mature attitude, focus and excellent attendance. They rounded off the assessment period with a celebration breakfast on Friday morning organised by our pastoral team. It was a lovely way to recognise the effort they have shown over the past two weeks.

Our Year 13 art students have also been taking their mock examination this week and staff have been impressed with the creativity, dedication and determination they have shown in completing their practical work. On Thursday, our Maths Department took four students to Notting Hill and Ealing High School to take part in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust Challenge. This event brings together talented mathematicians from schools across the region. Our students represented the school brilliantly and gained a great deal from the experience.

We were also delighted to welcome a representative from the Good Schools Guide on Friday. The organisation provides independent reviews of schools across the country and aims to help families understand the distinctive character, strengths and values of each school they feature. Their visit was a great opportunity to showcase the vibrant learning environment at Nonsuch and the excellent work of both students and staff.

A reminder that this week includes an INSET day on Wednesday December 3rd and our Year 8 parent teacher consultation event on Thursday December 4th. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

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	97.43	96.27	95.71	97.99	97.75	93.32	94.17	96.03
Authorised	1.52	3.64	3.76	1.48	2.06	5.29	5.12	3.31
Unauthorised	1.05	0.10	0.52	0.53	0.15	0.92	0.57	0.56
Persistent absence ≥10%	19	32	38	19	22	54	50	234

24/11/25-28/11/25

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.



SCHOOL NEWS

Vox Celestes!

We are thrilled to announce that our talented vocal ensemble, Vox Celestes, has achieved an outstanding mark and won the Open Challenge Shield at the Sutton Music Festival. This incredible accomplishment is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and passion of every member of the choir.

The shield is now safely in our trophy cabinet in our school library. A huge congratulations to the choir and heartfelt thanks to Mr and Mrs French for their incredible direction and support.

Don't miss the chance to hear Vox Celestes perform live at our Christmas Concert on Wednesday December 10th. Tickets are available from December 4th via Parent Pay.



Christmas Concert

Tickets will be available from Thursday December 4th via Parent Pay. Parents/Carers of performers will be able to purchase tickets from Monday December 1st.



Poster by Ekam, Year 8

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Celebrating Our UKMT Senior Mathematics Achievers!

We are really proud of the outstanding achievements of our students in the UKMT Senior Mathematics Challenge. Congratulations to Brooke who qualified for the British Mathematics Olympiad. We also celebrate the 15 students who qualified for the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo. Other notable achievements were Mahi - Best in Year 11 and Hayley - Best in Year 13.

Instructions on signing up for the Intermediate challenge will be sent out to students in early December.

Results at a glance:

16 Gold

37 Silver

50 Bronze

Participation Certificates:

19

That's an incredible 123 certificates in total!

Year 10 - UCAS and Oxbridge information evening

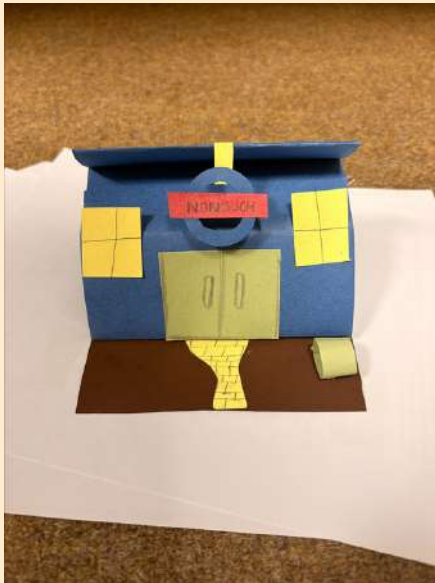
On Tuesday December 9th, 6-7pm Year 10 parents and students are invited to attend an information evening in the main school hall. The evening which will include presentations on all aspects of the Higher Education support we offer as well as the opportunity to find out about the Oxbridge admissions process and consider, from an early stage, the possibility of making an application to study at Oxford or Cambridge. The evening will be introduced by Mr Williamson, our Higher Education Coordinator and Ms Hawley, who will speak about Oxford and Cambridge applications. Please book a space via this [link](#).



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DT - London Transport Depot Museum

On Friday November 14th the DT department took 60 Year 8 students to the London Transport Depot Museum in Acton. The day was full of interesting activities, including a guided tour of the depot in which we saw many modes of transport ranging from the 1800s to our present day. Students also had a talk with some TFL STEM ambassadors and engineers to gain some inside knowledge of what it is really like to be an engineer. The students also played a sustainability game, competing against each other to create the most sustainable village whilst keeping their town happy. Overall, it was a great day and students were complimented on how well they behaved and their involvement in the day. Well done to all who came on the trip!



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Upcoming PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Team	Location
1/12/2025	16:00	Hockey	Sutton High	U12 AB	Nonsuch
2/12/2025	16:00	Hockey	Sutton High	U13 AB	Nonsuch
5/12/2025	12:15	Indoor Cricket	Surrey school	U13	Nonsuch
8/12/2025	16:00	Swimming	Sutton High	GCSE	Sutton
8/12/2025	12:15	Indoor Cricket	Surrey school	U15	Nonsuch
9/12/2025	15:30	Football	Wallington	U12	Nonsuch
11/12/2025	15:30	Netball	Glenthorne	Y7A and Y8A	Glenthorne
11/12/2025	15:30	Netball	Wallington	Yr11 and SNR	Nonsuch

PE - Gymnastics

We've had a range of sports fixtures in the last week. First up, a huge well done and congratulations to the U15 Gymnastics team for placing 7th at the U15 Floor and Vault competition – a fantastic result!



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The Year 9 netball team played very well against Wallington on Tuesday. The games were incredibly tight and each team fought hard, playing well as a team, despite the chilly weather. Congratulations to the POMs: **Emily, Ella, Antonia, and Kolaiah.**

Meanwhile, the U12 football team (pictured) played brilliantly against Carshalton Girls on Tuesday. They worked well as a team, playing with confidence to secure the victory. Well done to the POM, **Prakriti!**

And finally in a packed PE week, on Wednesday night, our Senior netball teams played a match against Tiffin. Our teams fought well against tough opposition, communicating with each other and using the space effectively. Congratulations to the POMs: **Inaaya, Amy, and Ella.**



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Fixture results

Date	Sport	Opponent	Team	Result
20/11/25	Gymnastics	Surrey Schools	U15s	7th Place
20/11/25	Gymnastics	Surrey Schools	U19s	Silver Medal
25/11/25	Netball	Wallington	Y9A	12-10 Loss
25/11/25	Netball	Wallington	Y9B	12-9 Loss
25/11/25	Netball	Wallington	Y9C	3-1 Loss
25/11/25	Football	Carshalton Girls	U12	8-2 Win
26/11/25	Netball	Tiffin Boys	SNR A	Loss
26/11/25	Netball	Tiffin Boys	Y10 A&B	Loss

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	
Monday 1st December	EPQ trip, University of Southampton
Tuesday 2nd December	GCSE Rock Climbing, White Spider 12.45-16.15 Year 7&8 Christmas Movie Night 15.20-17.30
Wednesday 3rd December	INSET DAY - school is closed for students
Thursday 4th December	Year 8 Parent Teacher Consultation 16.00-19.30
Friday 5th December	
Week 1	
Monday 8th December	
Tuesday 9th December	GCSE Rock Climbing, White Spider 12.45-16.15 Year 10 UCAS and Oxbridge information evening - School Hall 6-7pm
Wednesday 10th December	
Thursday 11th December	CPD for staff - late start for students - registration at 9.55am Year 9 Parent Information Evening: Options – 6-7:30pm
Friday 12th December	