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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,
Welcome back to school for the final seven weeks of the academic year. Although there are fewer students in school following the departure of Years 11 and 13 for their examinations, the school remains full of activity and we have another busy half term ahead of us.
Last Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome some of our new Year 7 students as part of their transition programme to Nonsuch. It was wonderful to see them beginning to familiarise themselves with their new environment ahead of joining us formally. We look forward to welcoming the entire year group for Induction Day on July 1st.
The same day, we hosted our Governors, who spent time in school seeing our work in action and reviewing the progress we have made on our school development journey. We were delighted to showcase the many strengths of our school community. A reminder that our School Development Plan is available to view on the school website for you to peruse.
Thank you to all students and parents who completed our recent surveys. Your feedback is invaluable and is being reviewed by the leadership team as we plan for the next academic year and identify our future priorities.
There continues to be a wide range of activities taking place across the school. Year 8 students will be completing their English and Mathematics assessments, whilst students in Years 7 and 10 have enjoyed Geography field trips. Students have also participated in mathematics challenges and competitions. Over the next two weeks, a number of our students will be representing the school as ball girls at the Queen's Tennis Tournament—an exciting and prestigious opportunity. Huge thanks to our PE staff for their commitment and organisation to make opportunities like Queen's possible for our students.
Thank you 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
Attendance	98.14	97.26	96.92	96.42
Authorised	1.34	2.16	2.42	2.78
Unauthorised	0.53	0.58	0.66	0.8

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

(02/06/26-05/06/26)

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 Teenager With Emotional Difficulties and Self-Harm

Being a teenager can be difficult to navigate, with lots of change and emotional ups and downs.

Parents and carers can have key roles in supporting their teenagers through this by understanding emotional regulation, and how to facilitate healthy responses to difficult or testing situations.

DATE / TIME
Wednesday 10th June
100-2:00pm

LOCATION
Online - Hosted on Teams

DATE / TIME
Thursday 18th June
7:00-8:00pm

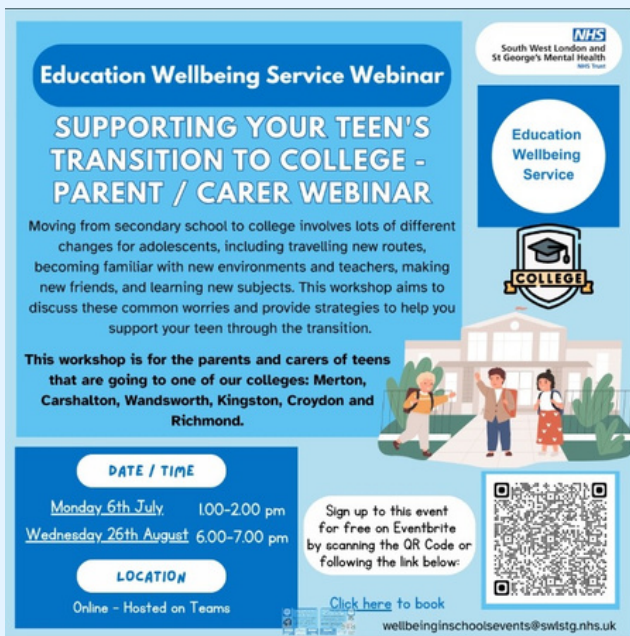
Sign up to either event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code. You can also check out our other events by [clicking here](#)

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

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.



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 100-2:00 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](#)

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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.

Biology Challenge record-breaking results!

Y9 and Y10 biologists took part in this year's Biology Challenge - the UK Biology Olympiad for this age group. The results were fantastic! Nonsuch students came away with a record-breaking number of Gold, Silver and Bronze medal certificates, and many students were Highly Commended or Commended for their entries. Well done to all who took part and congratulations to the following students:



Six awarded Gold: **Stuti, Alice, Hannah, Abigail, Izzy, Tvisha**

Twenty-three awarded Silver: **Libby, Kashvi, Nishka, Hamshini, Kaviranchana, Angeli, Nithyaa, Sophi, Riya, Anushri, Angini, Alyssa, Beini, Dhanyaa, Lena, Katherine, Sahasra, Isabelle, Hansika, Aradanaa, Nishmigaa, Mariam, Faria**

Twenty-six awarded Bronze: **Aavya, Tabeena, Mia, Veronica, Shreeya, Sabeeqa, Isabella, Parmis, Seana, Anriya, Avishi, Casandra, Srinika, Aabha, Yashika, Daniya, Aashvi, Yamee, Ananya, Dyra, Vash, Manya, Mathusa, Smriti, Sharanya, Aanya**



Summer Concert

Tickets available on Arbor from Monday 8th June - please come to enjoy our annual summer concert!

Classical Mythology Prizewinners in KS3!

Congratulations to **Thush (Y9)** and **Jisoo (Y8)** for each taking joint third Prize in the 2026 Classical Association Mythology Competition! KS3 Students were invited to submit a piece of Creative Writing, Art or Animation in response to all or a part of the story of "The Spinner of Webs: Arachne and Athena". Thush entered an artwork – pictured – for which the judges' feedback was "Thush - This must have taken hours. Your attention to detail is exceptional. What a delight it was to study and discuss your drawing – very well done!" Jisoo entered the Creative Writing competition and we've included an excerpt below. The judges' feedback was "Jisoo - A most engaging and sympathetic story from the perspective of a bystander. Highly descriptive with a strong focus on the toil of Arachne's work." The competition is large. 2026 saw another record-breaking number of entries and welcomed many new schools and individuals from the UK and abroad. Thush and Jisoo are to be commended for their commitment, enthusiasm and skill. Well done!



We watched Arachne, mesmerised by her slender fingers coaxing the shuttle through the weave with a grace more divine than mortal. Her hands were stained a deep, permanent purple—the mark of a life spent dyeing wool she would never be rich enough to wear.

In Lydia, the Banausoi were banished to the city's edge, ensuring respectable citizens never inhaled the putrid stench that fuelled their luxury. Yet, travellers journeyed from across Greece to witness her alchemy, the way she transformed raw strands into windows to another world.

'A gift from the grey eyed one!' they would proclaim, but Arachne would retort: 'She never carded my wool; never dirtied her marble hands. I alone toiled for every thread of perfection.' She voiced the bitter thoughts of those with loom-leant spines and her mother's ghostly gasps, like dry reeds in the wind. This city would happily wear our last breaths, yet we were unclean.

Secretly, Arachne's talent was a scandal of excellence in which we labourers delighted. While the noble Arrephoroi ceremoniously wove stiff patterns for the sacred Peplos, Arachne wove the pulsing, messy reality of humankind. Most dangerously, she embodied the truth; she did not need the priests to bless her hands, nor did she need the gods to 'gift' her with what she had bled to earn.

When the old woman revealed herself as Athene, we fell on the floor, subservient in our cowardice. Athene swept across the floor, nodding at our prostrate forms. The disdain in her eyes mirrored those of the temple officials who collected our cloth with pinched noses at the city walls. Arachne saw her for what she was. Just as the city officials lived off the broken lungs of dyers, the gods lived off the smoke of human sacrifice and desperate cries of worship.

Sutton Music Trust Scholarship opportunity!

Endangered Instrument Scholarship – Apply Now!

Sutton Music Trust is offering a fantastic 2-year scholarship to learn a new (and rare!) instrument.

🎵 What's included?

- FREE instrument hire
- FREE small group lessons (midweek or Saturday Music Academy)
- FREE Theory & Aural classes
- FREE membership of an SMT ensemble

👉 You'll also get to perform and take part in group music-making.

🎻 Instruments available:

French Horn • Tuba • Double Bass • Viola • Trombone • Oboe

✅ Who can apply?

- Students in KS2 or KS3
- Attend a state school in Sutton
- Not currently learning one of these instruments

★ Good to know:

- You'll need to commit for the full 2 years and attend lessons regularly
- Great opportunity to try something new—especially if you already play piano/keyboard

📅 Deadline to complete this [form](#):

9am, 15 June 2026



NYJO (National Youth Jazz Orchestra - free opportunity!

NYJO (National Youth Jazz Orchestra) are delighted to announce that our Saturday Sound Foundations Saxophone Group is accepting new members! This is a brilliant, free opportunity for young people aged 11-16 to get to learn the saxophone for the first time and access their own brand-new instrument. Apply [here](#) by Monday June 15th!

**SOUND FOUNDATIONS SAXOPHONE GROUP
- APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!**

NYJO



SCHOOL NEWS

Food - Year 9 DT pasta making

Year 9 food students have been showing off their pasta making skills in their recent lessons. All students made pasta dough from scratch and used the pasta machines to create tagliatelle. Miss Hicks has been really impressed with the quality and execution of their skills and the teamwork demonstrated in order to finish cooking and cleaning before the end of the lessons. Well done, 9JM, 9QN and 9PS!



Call for Guest Speakers: Sustainability and Green Careers

As part of our commitment to helping students understand the changing world of work, we are looking for guest speakers who work in green industries or promote sustainability within their role. We would love speakers to talk to students about what they do, their career journey, and how they became involved in sustainability. If you, or someone you know, works in sustainability or a green industry and would be willing to support our students in this way, please get in touch via the [School Office](#) with the school's Sustainability Lead, Mr Burton, to find out more.

Careers - Year 12 Mock Interviews - can you help?

As part of our Careers provision, we offer each Year 12 student a mock interview. The purpose of this is to give our students experience having an interview to help them be better equipped for university, apprenticeship or work-related interviews. A mock interview also helps them build confidence and understand the skills required in an interview scenario. Year 12 have their Guidance Meetings on Thursday 2nd July this year and we are organising the mock interviews on the same day as they are off-timetable on this day and many parents/carers take time off to attend the Guidance Meeting with their daughter.



We invite you to volunteer to be a mock interviewer on this day. Here are more details:

- Mock Interview date: Thursday 2nd July 2026
- Format: in-person at Nonsuch High School for Girls
- Interviewers will comprise of a mix of Nonsuch teachers, GLT colleagues, governors and parents/carers
- We ask that each volunteer offers a minimum of one hour please – interviews will last 20 minutes for each student (comprising of questions and feedback), and this equates to a minimum of three interviews per interviewer
- If you are able to offer more than an hour on this day, that would be wonderful
- The school will provide the framework of the interview – i.e. the interview questions and some guidelines on what kind of feedback to give each student
- The school will also provide each interviewer some basic information on what the student is applying for at university
- Interviewer background: you do not need to be in the same field as or have prior knowledge of the subject the student is applying for
- This is a really fantastic opportunity for students to gain invaluable experience and life skills they will carry with them forever – and your support can help them achieve this.

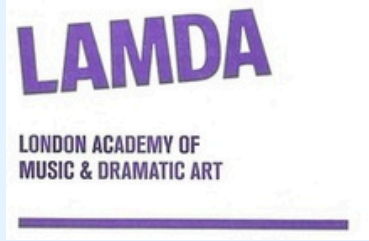
If you are able to support the school with this, please fill in this [short form](#). Thank you very much for your support!

Student spotlight

On 18th and 19th May, Kaitlyn competed at the Robin Hood International Trophy 2026 and achieved third place in the Advanced Novice Girls category with two excellent performances.



Student spotlight



Well done to Aksheka in Y7 who has successfully attained a distinction Distinction in my LAMDA Grade 5 Speaking Verse and Prose examination.

Student spotlight



Khushi from Year 7 participated in the Charity Through Adventure hike on May 24th completed all three of the Yorkshire Three Peaks in under 11 hours and helped raise money for the charity.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week A	Queen's Tournament 2026 6th- 21st June Year 10 NEA week
Monday 8th June	
Tuesday 9th June	Junior Kangaroo UKMT competition Junior Mathematical Olympiad
Wednesday 10th June	
Thursday 11th June	
Friday 12th June	Year 8 English Exam 13.10-15.20 Sports Hall
Saturday 13th June	Queen's Tournament 2026 6th- 21st June
Sunday 14th June	Y12 Geography Trip RESIDENTIAL
Week B	Queen's Tournament 2026 6th- 21st June Y12 Geography Trip Residential 14th-17th June France Residential 15th-19th June Germany residential 15th-19th June
Monday 15th June	
Tuesday 16th June	Year 8 Catch up HPV Year 8 Maths Exam 13.10-15.20 Sports Hall
Wednesday 17th June	Summer Concert 18.00-20.00
Thursday 18th June	
Friday 19th June	Borough Athletics-David Weir CCF Year 10 Leadership Weekend 19th-21st June 16.30-17.00
Saturday 20th June	Queen's Tournament 2026 6th- 21st June