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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

Last week our Year 11 guidance meetings took place, providing valuable support to students and parents as they consider next steps and make informed choices about future options. Alongside these meetings, Year 11 students also had a dedicated Careers Day, offering insight into a variety of pathways and professions. Our careers and higher education programme continued with a Higher Education and Apprenticeship Evening for students and families to explore post-16 and post-18 opportunities in greater depth.

On Friday, students enjoyed taking part in the Love Languages competition, while Year 9 and Year 10 students visited Henry Hoover as part of a DT trip. Friday also saw Mrs Powers organise a Model United Nations event at Nonsuch, welcoming students from local schools to join us. I am very grateful to Mrs Powers for her commitment and hard work in making the event such a success.

In our final week of this half term, we are all looking forward to our Multicultural Extravaganza on Wednesday. Alongside this, we have the Year 11 options deadline and the Year 10 Parents' Evening, with our CCF students also embarking on their February camp. Finally, I wish the 40 students travelling to Austria for our annual ski trip a safe and exciting journey.

I hope you have a restful half term when it arrives. Please note, school will be closed to students on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th February due to the launch of our new MIS system. Students will return on Wednesday 25th February.

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
Attendance	96.33	96.43	96.48	96.67	94.75
Authorised	2.10	3.14	2.95	2.48	4.51
Unauthorised	0.19	0.43	0.57	0.86	0.74
Persistent absence ≥10%	19	33	43	34	46

02/2/25-06/2/25

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.



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Parent information - new school management information system

We would like to remind parents and carers that a letter was sent last week confirming that we will be moving our Management Information System (MIS) to Arbor after the February half term. Moving to Arbor will, over time, allow us to communicate more efficiently and bring together our existing platforms helping to simplify how you interact with the school.

Initially, there will be very little change for parents, aside from a difference in the format of emails you receive, which will now come from Arbor. From mid March, we will begin contacting parents with information about accessing the Arbor parent portal, and the parent app is planned to go live after Easter.

To help ensure a smooth transition, please check that we are using your details and let us know if any contact details need to be updated. Any amendments should be sent to the school office at [**office@nonsuchschool.org**](mailto:office@nonsuchschool.org)

Thank you.

Parent Workshops

Workshop 1: E-Safety

Date and time: Monday February 9th 2026, 18.00-19.00

Facilitator: Steve Welding - Education E-safety Adviser from Cognus

Location: This is a virtual event – Teams

Steve Welding is an online safety specialist who wishes to educate all parents on how they can support their children to make the correct choices online. As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child safe online. This workshop will provide you with advice and resources to help you in supporting your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

Please see the meeting details below:

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting ID: 328 317 871 653 4

Passcode: 2qr6gX3M

PSHE - CPD training Thursday February 5th

Due to staff training, there were no PSHE sessions this week. The pastoral newsletter will be published after half term, as usual.



Sutton Neurodevelopmental Needs One Stop Shop

Support and advice for families with neurodevelopmental (ND) related needs like social skills, concentration levels or coping with change.

A new drop-in service for Sutton families of children and young people aged between 5-18, with challenges which may be related to a neurodevelopmental presentation (Autism or ADHD). This could include emotional difficulties, behavioural challenges, problems with sleep, friendship issues, sensory difficulties, attention and concentration difficulties, and hyperactivity and impulsivity. Our health and care professionals can provide information, advice and signposting, and help you access services.

- Drop-in service - no need to book
- Supportive and friendly environment.
- Attend as a family, on your own or with other people who care for the young person (young people must be accompanied)
- All families from Sutton are welcome, whether or not you are on a waiting list
- No diagnosis needed
- Attending will not change your position on any waiting list

The Sutton ND Needs One Stop Shop will be held at:

Sutton Carers Centre
Sutton Gate, 1st floor
1 Carshalton Road
Sutton, SM1 4LE

Opening hours:

- 12 January 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 26 January 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 09 February 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 23 February 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 09 March 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 23 March 2026, 13:00-16:00



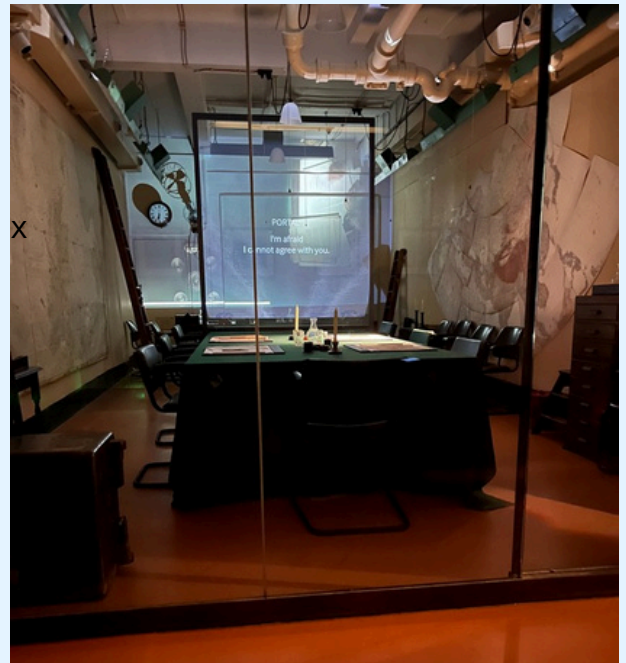
For more information contact
needsbasedneuro@swlstg.nhs.uk



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Year 12 trip to the Churchill War Rooms

Last week, Y12 historians visited the Churchill War Rooms in London. Understanding the life and times of Winston Churchill forms a key part of their Unit 1 studies and this trip certainly helped to develop their understanding of Churchill's life before and during the Second World War. Located underneath Whitehall, the War Rooms have been perfectly preserved from when Churchill occupied them during the Second World War, giving us a real sense of the history of the dramatic days of 1940. Even the most Churchill-sceptic historians said they loved the trip and now want us to take them to Chartwell, Churchill's former home.



DT trip to Numatic, home of Henry Hoover

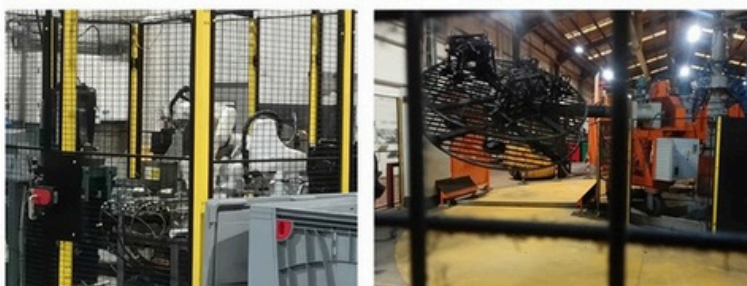
Last week, Year 9 and 10 students travelled to Chard, Somerset to visit the Numatic Factory, home of the iconic 'Henry Hoover.'

We were greeted by Zoe a mechanical design engineer who is responsible for designing parts of the machinery which make various vacuum cleaners manufactured at Numatic. She delivered a presentation on the different types of engineering, career paths into engineering and the importance of the skills gained in Design and Technology to become 'creative problem solvers'.

We learnt about robots, cobots and the use of AI and that this is an area that will continue to develop in the near future. We were also given an insight into how companies, like Numatic, turn commitments to sustainability into reality through the development of recycling and energy-efficient systems.

Students were then taken on a tour of the factory, where they observed different stages of the production process, including injection and rotational moulding, assembly, and quality control. This gave a clear insight into how design and engineering principles are used in a real working environment.

The STEM task to build a Henry Hoover without instructions in teams which included a quiz where we had to apply our DT knowledge of materials and manufacturing techniques – Henry also had some clues to help us inside. Finally, we had a speed race to see how fast each team could assemble their Henry Hoover! Thank you to the members of staff who accompanied the students and to the team at Numatic for their time and for providing such a valuable learning experience for our students.



Sustainability at Nonsuch

We are so fortunate to have such wonderful school grounds here at Nonsuch and increasing biodiversity within these grounds is a big aim for us this year. With this in mind, Ms Campbell and her Random Acts of Kindness Club have been developing a small patch of ground specifically to attract and increase the pollinator population. The bug hotel is a great addition, and there is now a small allotment by the tennis courts. Despite some unwanted attention from local foxes, the club have planted some bulbs and wildflower seeds. Ms Campbell says she is also hoping to also grow some potatoes which will then be donated to a local food bank. What a great idea Ms Campbell. We're all looking forward to seeing how these grow in the spring.



Upcoming PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Team	Location
9/2/2026	4pm	Netball	Wallington	Year 10	Wallington
10/2/2026	4pm	Netball	Invitational Tournament	Year 10	Nonsuch
11/2/2026	4pm	Hockey	Sutton	U16	Nonsuch
13/2/26	4pm	Badminton	Surrey Schools	KS3	Ibstock Place

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PE

Our Y9 and 10 netball teams had an exciting fixture against Glenthorne last week. The Y9 team did an excellent job at remaining focused throughout, while the 10 team earned a tight victory, fighting until the final whistle to ensure they won their match.

Our KS4 Badminton Team took part in the County Round of the National Schools Badminton Tournament last week. Both Nonsuch teams won their pools and our A team will now progress to the regional round. Congratulations to both teams!

Our U15 Indoor Cricket Team played brilliantly in their tournament against Claremont and Surbiton High School. The team were superb with the bat and worked incredibly well as a fielding unit, with each bowler taking at least one wicket! We are incredibly proud of them!

Our Y7 A and B netball teams played a brilliant match against Sutton High last week. They worked well as a team. Congratulations to the Players of the Match, **Ivy and Emily**.

Our U14 hockey team had their first fixture of the season last week. They worked hard on their offensive play, and communicated well with each other throughout the match. Congratulations to the Players of the Match, **Alannah and Malaika**.



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PE results

Date	Sport	Opponent	Team	Result
29/1/26	Netball	Glenthorne	Y9A & Y10A	Y9 – 25-1 Y10 – 11-10
2/2/2026	Badminton	County Round	KS4	1st Place
3/2/2026	Netball	Sutton High	Y7A & Y8A	Y7 – Won 18-4 Y8 – Won 5-1
3/2/2026	Indoor Cricket	Claremont and Surbiton	U15	1st Place
4/2/2026	Hockey	Rosebery	U14	Lost

Student spotlight

Sophie (Y13) writes: “In November, for the School Table Tennis Finals, **Kate** (Y12) and I won the London South stage, which qualified us for the London Area Finals. We came third among other very competitive school teams from other area of London.

For the London South Table Tennis Individual Championships 2026 at the end of January, after tight matches, Kate came second and qualified for the Butterfly National Schools' Individual Championship in April. I came third, which qualified me for the London Jack Patchey Individual Finals in June.” Well done, Sophie and Kate - what fantastic achievements. We are really proud of you!



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	HALF TERM 16TH – 20TH FEBRUARY
Monday 9th February	
Tuesday 10th February	Young Carers' Meeting
Wednesday 11th February	Multicultural Extravaganza 12.20-13.30
Thursday 12th February	Year 10 Parent Teacher Consultation 16.00-19.30 Year 11 Options Deadline STEM Racing Regionals, Harlow College Austria Ski Trip, 40 students 12th-18th February
Friday 13th February	DTP/Men catch up KS3 Badminton Competition Austria Ski Trip, 40 students 12th-18th February
Saturday 14th February	CCF February Camp Y9+ 14th- 17th February
Week 1	
Monday 23rd February	INSET DAY – no school for students Bronze, Silver and Gold DofE training day
Tuesday 24th February	INSET DAY – no school for students Bronze DoE PIE evening (online)
Wednesday 25th February	Year 11 Food NEA Week
Thursday 26th February	Year 11 Food NEA Week Interhouse Y9 P4 & 5 Year 12 Parent Teacher Consultation 16.00-19.30
Friday 27th February	