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# NONSUCH NEWS

Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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## MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON-JONES



Dear students, parents, and carers,

As we enter the final week of this half term, the lighter evenings and warmer weather are bringing a real sense of energy to the school, with a packed calendar of activities extending well beyond the school day.

Last week was particularly exciting as our students showcased their talents and dedication across a range of events. We are incredibly proud to have won the Sutton Youth Games Dance Competition, securing our place in the London Youth Games. In school, Interhouse Dance was a fantastic display of creativity and teamwork. Meanwhile, our Year 13 chemists travelled to Cambridge University to compete in the Cambridge Chemistry Race, finishing an impressive 17th nationally, placing ahead of several top-performing schools, including Wilson's. Alongside these achievements, our Year 11 guidance meetings have provided valuable support for students planning their next steps.

This week sees the departure of our ski trip, and we wish all students and staff a safe and enjoyable journey. After half term, a reminder that Monday February 24th is an INSET day and Year 10 Parents' Evening is on Thursday February 27th.

As we complete the school review, I know that parents are keen to understand our key priorities for school development. Our School Development Plan, available on the school website, outlines the areas we are focusing on to continue improving the experience and outcomes for all students.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I hope you have a restful half-term break.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Williamson-Jones

# 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	98.19	97.62	97.14	96.40	95.59	95.86	0	96.8
Authorised	1.76	2.33	2.24	3.25	3.75	3.67	0	2.83
Unauthorised	0.05	0.05	0.62	0.34	0.66	0.14	0	0.31
Persistent absence >=10%	21	21	28	33	47	29	0	179
Lates	0.67	1.19	1.48	1.18	1.66	1.48	0	1.28

03/02/25-07/02/25

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](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.

### Reporting absence

Please report absences via Schoolgateway. Download the app [here](#).

### First Aid

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

**Please see the attached flyer for details of free webinars for secondary parents from the Education Wellbeing Service. These are to support your teenager's mental health webinars, including Managing Exam & Assignment Stress for parents of teenagers.**

# SCHOOL NEWS

### Upcoming PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Team	Location	
11/02/25	15:00	Netball	Sutton High	U13AB	Nonsuch
11/02/25	15:30	Football	Wallington	U12 & U14	Nonsuch
12/02/25	15:30	Netball	Wallington	U13ABCD	Wallington
12/02/25	12:30	Cricket	Area Round	U13	Nonsuch



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Celebrating Lunar New Year at Nonsuch

The main stairs in school have been beautifully decorated with students' handmade lanterns for a House celebration to mark the Year of the Snake for the Lunar New Year. They've been a vibrant addition to the school. The attention to detail on many of the lanterns, from hand-crocheted decorations, paper snakes and ingenious entries made from traditional red envelopes has been lovely to see. It was also lovely that two Year 9 forms, Venus and Jupiter, enjoyed making form lanterns as a mindful activity.



Winning entries will be announced after half term. Well done and thank you to everyone who took part.



## NONSUCH HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

### Presents GYM AND DANCE DISPLAY 2025



### COME FLY WITH ME

Pieces Inspired by Tourist Attractions & Places

AUDITIONS:  
WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY  
THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

Lunchtime in the Sports Hall!



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Sutton Borough KS4 Mixed Dance Competition - winners!

The Nonsuch Dance Team competed in a Sutton Borough KS4 Mixed Dance Competition at Sutton High on Monday 3rd February. All their hard work paid off as we watched an amazing performance which earned them first place in the competition meaning they qualify for the London Youth Games Finals in June. Congratulations to everyone in the team for this wonderful achievement!



## U12 Netball Tournament

On Tuesday 4th February, Nonsuch hosted an U12 netball tournament. We had four local schools attend and compete in a round-robin style tournament. It was a great afternoon filled with lots of hard work. Both teams played amazingly, showed great flow in their play and fabulous teamwork. Wallington and Croydon were the overall winners of the day. Our U12A&B teams both came 3rd in the competition which is a great achievement. A big well done to everyone that played!





## Right Respecting Schools Steering Group

Safer Internet Day recognizes the importance of online safety. Each year, an online issue (for example, fake websites) is used to highlight the challenges that young people face online. Each theme is created in consultation of young people across the UK. This celebration takes place every February and over 170 countries observe it. Safer Internet Day includes activities and discussions about online safety.

The day draws attention to Article 17 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. This article protects the right of children to have access to information for a range of sources, that are accurate and not harmful in nature.

In 2025, Safer Internet Day will be held on February 11th, with the theme: "Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online." This theme focuses on the rising issue of online scams and teaches young people how to protect themselves from these. It also aims to make young people aware of the support that is available to them.

This year considers three main questions:

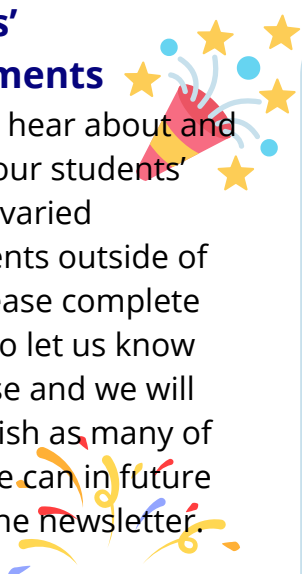
- How is changing technology like generative AI going to impact the approach of scammers?
- What roles can the government and internet industry take to tackle this threat?
- What changes would young people like to see to help protect themselves?

On February 11th, people all around the UK will be watching educational videos and reading articles on various internet issues such as cyberbullying, phishing and safe posting. The BBC hosts a live lesson every year in which they address key online safety concerns and encourage young people to discuss their online issues. The BBC has also produced two videos about scams and phishing in partnership with Childnet to support their teaching resources. These can help young people open up about issues they may currently be facing, whilst also educating them on how to prevent them in the future.



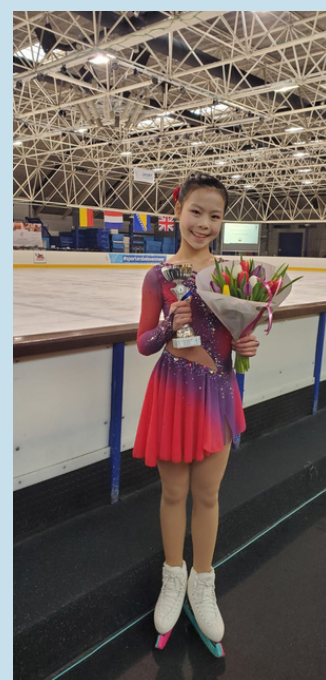
## Students' achievements

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.



## Student spotlight

Kaitlyn (Y9) writes: "This week, I competed at the Ice Talent Trophy 2025, an international figure skating competition held in Hasselt, Belgium. I had a great skate was honoured to bring home the first-place trophy. It was an incredible experience to compete alongside skaters from Belgium, France, Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, Ukraine, and Sweden. I am truly grateful to my coaches and everyone who has supported me throughout this journey." Congratulations, Kaitlyn!



# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Week 2</b>	Year 13 Mock Exams
Monday 10th February	DofE Parent Briefing – Bronze – online – 18.00
Tuesday 11th February	
Wednesday 12th February	U13 Indoor Cricket Area Round (H) – 12.30-16.00 TfL Engineering Lecture - Y9-12 –16.00-17.30 Parents' Information Evening, Battlefield Trip - via TEAMS - 18.00
Thursday 13th February	Love Languages Competition- (10 students) Austria ski trip 13-19 Feb Hans Woyda Maths competition - on site - 3:30pm
Friday 14th February	Austria ski trip 13-19 Feb
Saturday 15th February	CCF Camp 15-18 Feb
<b>Monday 17th – Friday 21st February</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	
Monday 24th February	INSET day - school is closed to students
Tuesday 25th February	
Wednesday 26th February	Year 9 Harry Potter Trip Gym & Dance Auditions – 12.20
Thursday 27th February	Gym & Dance Auditions - 12.20 Year 10 Parent Teacher Consultation (in person) – 16.00-19.30
Friday 28th February	Year 9 DTP/MEN immunisation catch-up session – room 102