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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 incredibly busy and exciting week in school.

It was a real pleasure to welcome our Year 7 parents into school on Thursday for our parent-teacher consultations. These opportunities to meet families and staff and to work in partnership are invaluable with our common aim to support our students' development.

Our students continue to achieve remarkable success across a wide range of areas. I would like to congratulate our robotics team, who not only attended the FIRST Tech UK National Championships at the Copper Box last week, but also competed in the National Robotics Championships in Harrogate over the weekend.

Alongside this, it has been a particularly busy time academically. Year 10 students have been completing their mock exams, while our Year 11 and Y13 Art students have been immersed in their practical assessments. We have also had internal music and PE moderation taking place.

Last Friday's House Talent Show was a real highlight. I had the privilege of being a judge and was truly impressed by the creativity, confidence and talent shown by our students.

As we move closer to exam leave for our Year 11 and Year 13 students next week, we also look forward to welcoming prospective Sixth Form students to our upcoming event on Tuesday.

Finally, a reminder to complete the parent survey. The link is on page 4. Your views are incredibly important to us and play a vital role in shaping our future decisions.

Thank you, as always, 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	98.09	97.54	96.19	99.71	83.19
Authorised	1.57	2.13	3.39	0.24	14.59
Unauthorised	0.33	0.34	0.43	0.05	2.21

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.

Parent survey

Please do complete the [parent survey](#) if you have not already done so. Your feedback is invaluable. Thank you very much for supporting the school.

Education Wellbeing Service

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

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.

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

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.

Sustainability at Nonsuch

April 22nd marked Earth Day. Begun in 1970, today, more than one billion people will celebrate Earth Day in over 193 countries.

It remains an opportunity for everyone around the world to come together around environmental topics, such as pollution, deforestation, eliminating plastics in oceans, and so much more.

Although Earth Day is a global event there is plenty that you can do individually and within the local community to make a difference. Below is a link to 50 easy ways you can help the planet every day.

[Earth Day Tips: 50 Easy Ways to Help the Planet Every Day.](#)

Happy Earth Day!



Sutton Music Trust - Nonsuch Jack Petchy award winners

We are delighted to have been informed by Sutton Music Trust that two of our students in Y10, **Isabelle and Sophie**, were awarded Jack Petchy awards for their contribution to the ensembles for young musicians in Sutton.

David Brooker, conductor of the Young Musicians' Training Orchestra, and Phil Aslangul, conductor of the Young Musicians' Strings Group,

who both nominated the students, said: "Isabelle and Sophie have been invaluable helpers at both the Young Musicians String Group (YMSG) and Young Musicians Training Orchestra (YMTO). They have attended regularly and reliably and been excellent role models for the younger students, not only giving useful, tactful help to those younger than themselves but also with day-to-day setting and clearing up and with admin such as taking registers. Showing much common sense, they are pro-actively helpful – although always open to taking guidance over how to better help ensemble members, they have a remarkable ability to be self-sufficient and just get on with the job of helping both staff and students."

Isabelle and Sophie have decided to put each of their £300 grants toward venue hire for a special concert for the Sutton Youth Symphony Orchestra.

You can read more about the winners and the Jack Petchy Award at SMT [here](#). Well done, Isabella and Sophie!



Celebrating success in Chemistry

Junior Chemistry Challenge

The Junior Chemistry Challenge is an in-school competition for UK pupils in Key Stage 4, designed to stretch their chemistry knowledge beyond the GCSE syllabus.

In the school's first year of participation, 60 Year 11 students were invited to take part in the challenge, applying their understanding to a range of intriguing and unfamiliar chemistry problems.

We are proud to share that all Nonsuch participants achieved awards: six students received Copper awards, 28 were awarded Silver, and an impressive 25 achieved Gold. Special congratulations to **Jingxuan, Shreya K and Rakshana**, who achieved the joint highest score in the cohort with an impressive 32 marks.

A huge well done to every student who took part.

Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad

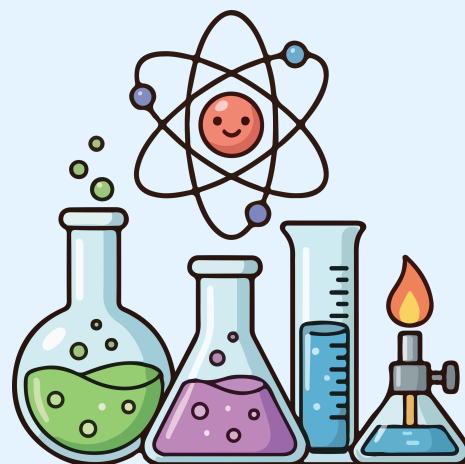
Congratulations are also due to all A Level Chemistry students who took part in the Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad and received their certificates in class this week.

Round One took place in January 2026, with over 17,00 students from just over 1,150 schools participating nationwide. This year's paper opened with a question about "pee in the pool", and went on to feature questions on topics such as isocyanides, compounds in henna tattoos and minerals.

Paddington, the UK Chemistry Olympiad official mascot, even made an appearance in a question about isomers found in carrots. It has been fantastic to see so many students commit their time and effort beyond the classroom to take on such a demanding challenge. We are especially proud to celebrate a record-breaking year for Nonsuch, with the highest number of awards in the school's history.

In total, students achieved 48 Bronze, 31 Silver, and an outstanding five Gold awards—an exceptional accomplishment that reflects both talent and dedication.

Special recognition goes to **Hasi** (13.1), who sat the paper during her mock exams, and to **Sophia** (12.2), who achieved an impressive score of 55 marks.



SCHOOL NEWS

PE

Our U12 football team had their football league semi-final last week. They played excellently against a very strong Cheam High team, managing to hold them to a 0-0 draw at full time. The match then went to penalties, and in a nail-biting finish, Cheam High scored the only penalty, taking them to the final. We are extremely proud of our team for playing so well throughout the season, and for putting up a strong fight. Congratulations to Judy, our player of the match!



Date	Sport	Opponent	Team	Result
21/4/26	Football	Cheam High	U12	0-0 (1-0 Loss on penalties)

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week B	Year 10 Exams 20th-29th April Year 9 Exams 30th April-6th May Year 11 MFL Orals 27th April-1st May Year 13 Art Exams 27th April-1st May
Monday 27th April	
Tuesday 28th April	Interhouse Y7 Hockey and Netball P3&4 Year 12 after school event - new students visiting 15.45-17.00 Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Award Presentation Evening, Epsom Playhouse - 19.30
Wednesday 29th April	
Thursday 30th April	A level PE Moderation GCSE Photography Moderation
Friday 1st May	
Saturday 2nd May	Ball Crew Saturday Training 9.00-12.00
Week A	Year 9 Exams 30th April-6th May Year 12 Exams 5th -20th May Year 12 HE Day 21st & 22nd May GCSE Exams - first day 7th May Year 11 Study Leave from 6th May Year 13 Study Leave from 7th May
Monday 4th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 5th May	Year 11 Celebration Breakfast 8.30am-12pm GCSE & GCE Fine Art Moderation A Level German Orals p4
Wednesday 6th May	Year 13 Celebration - Leavers' breakfast 9am-12pm GCSE Textile Moderation
Thursday 7th May	A Level MFL Orals Junior Mathematical Challenge (time TBC)
Friday 8th May	