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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 the new Headteacher of Nonsuch High School, I am thrilled to welcome each of you back after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable summer break. I am honoured and privileged to have been appointed as Headteacher, and I am excited to lead the school through its next phase of development.

It has been wonderful to see the school come alive over the last few days, with students settling into their classes with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. The classrooms have been filled with energy, curiosity, and a shared commitment to learning.

Last Thursday, I sent out a letter to all parents and carers outlining important information and key updates. If you haven't had a chance to read it yet, I encourage you to take a moment to do so. In that letter, I explained that as part of our development and improvement strategy, we will be conducting a comprehensive school review throughout this academic year. The purpose of this review is to identify our strengths and areas for improvement, allowing us to create a clear development plan as we strive to provide an outstanding education for all our students. A key element of this review will involve listening to all stakeholders, including students, staff, parents, and carers.

I look forward to meeting many of you at school events throughout the year. As a school, we are excited for another successful year, dedicated to helping your child thrive and reach their full potential.

Warm regards,
Mrs Williamson-Jones

UPDATES FROM MS OSBORNE

Attendance

Welcome back to our returning students and their families, and a warm welcome into the Nonsuch community to our new students, parents and carers.

As a school, we have high expectations for student attendance and punctuality; we expect our students to be in school, on time to school and on time to lessons.

We continue to be proud of our school's attendance figures and proud that Nonsuch is a place where students want to attend and learn.

Our overall attendance figure last year was 97% and I would like to thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve this figure.

Children and young people's progress, attainment and achievements can be impacted by any absence and our expectation is that all students have an attendance figure of 95% or above.

A reminder that in February, the Government published new guidance for attendance which will become statutory from August 19th 2024. This is part of the Government's drive to improve attendance at school. This will mean that we will be making some small changes to our school policy which we will share with you in September which reflects changes to the law and the new National Framework for using penalty notices. The full guidance is [here](#).

A reminder that the Government has an [attendance hub](#) which can help parents make informed decisions about attendance.

The Government provides parents with guidance around illness and attendance at school. This [guidance](#) helps parents make informed decisions about their child's health and attendance.

You can monitor your child's attendance data through the School Gateway app and ensure that it remains at 95% and above. If there is anything that we may be concerned about, your child's form tutor, Head of Year or I will contact you.

Please refer to our separate Pastoral Updates newsletter for information about our pastoral support and organisations which you may find useful. This newsletter will be sent out weekly with details of our PSHE provision for each year group, once PSHE lessons begin.



SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

Back to School- Anxiety

Visit the Young Minds website for useful advice on supporting your child in managing anxiety as they join or return to Nonsuch after the summer break.

This time can be quite overwhelming, with concerns ranging from making friends to managing their school work. Each child has their own unique set of challenges.

Please share this [link](#) with your child to help ease their nerves about the new term.

Safeguarding email

If you have any concerns or questions regarding safeguarding or child protection, please do not hesitate to contact us at

safeguarding@nonsuchschool.org

We are here to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all individuals 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. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Mrs Hart using the email above.

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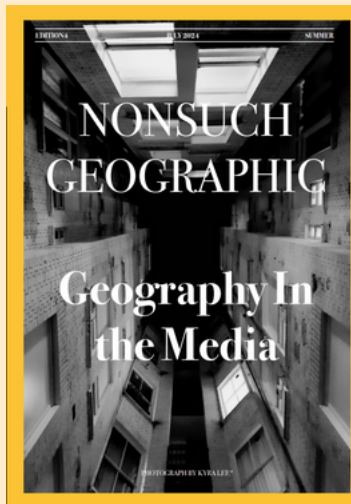
We would love to hear from you about the extracurricular activities/achievements students have enjoyed outside of school. Please complete [this link](#) so we can share achievements in this newsletter.

Reporting absence

Please report absences via Schoolgateway. Download the app here: [Nonsuch High School for Girls - Reporting Absences](#).

Geographical Society magazine

The Geographical Society have been working incredibly hard to produce their own magazine this year called the 'Nonsuch Geographic'. This year's version is called 'Geography in the Media' and has been entirely crafted and edited by members of our enrichment club 'The Geographical Society'. It can be found on your child's Sharepoint Geography page.



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Spanish Trip June 2024

Hargun and Kiana (Y13) write: In June during Activities Week we embarked upon our journey to Malaga. Despite the lack of sleep, we were all desperate to embrace the warmth of Spanish air – and it really was hot! Our first evening was spent roaming around the beautiful streets of Malaga, enjoying a game of volleyball on the beach in the process. Our days began with a few hours of Spanish lessons with our lovely teachers from the Maestro Mio language school, in which we learnt a variety of things, including some of Malaga's history, alongside many Spanish colloquialisms! In the evenings, we enjoyed a guided tour of Malaga as well as shopping in La Calle Larios, a beautiful street bustling with shops, restaurants and, most importantly, people.

We also investigated the oldest market in Malaga and experienced a boat tour from the main port, taking in the breathtaking views of Malaga's clear skies and turquoise waters.

During our week away, we visited Granada to visit the world-famous Alhambra Palace, where we were guided by our excellent tour guide, Julio, and learnt all about the history and way of life of the habitants.

As we neared our final couple of days, we watched an impressive, emotional Flamenco show, which, having studied the topic, helped us to gain a deeper appreciation of the art form. The heat, free-time and long walks by the sea are missed, but this trip was everything we could've asked for and more! A big thank you to the Spanish Department and Maestro Mio School!!



St John's Ambulance at Wimbledon fortnight

Nishtha and Hasi (Y13) write: In July, we volunteered for the St John Ambulance first aid centres at Wimbledon. The experience was extremely enjoyable and both of us were able to learn so much about first aid whilst also making new friends with other cadets. Of course, we also helped treat numerous patients, which was a very rewarding and educational experience.

We both learnt so many valuable skills and new things over the week. The atmosphere at Wimbledon was truly magical and it was amazing to see the grounds and catch a glimpse of some of the tennis whenever we were on the foot team! Volunteering at Wimbledon was so fun and we can't wait to go back next year!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	
Monday 9th Sept	Silver D of E Qualifying Expedition
Tuesday 10th Sept	
Wednesday 11th Sept	
Thursday 12th Sept	
Friday 13th Sept	Clubs Fair, Tennis Courts, 12.30-13.00
Week 1	
Monday 16th Sept	
Tuesday 17th Sept	SET day – school closed for students
Wednesday 18th Sept	Year 7 Parent Information Evening – 18.30-19.30
Thursday 19th Sept	Year 12 Parent Information Evening – 18.30-19.30
Friday 20th Sept	