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NONSUCH NEWS

Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

We are delighted to welcome all our students and families back to school for the start of the new term and year. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday and are returning refreshed and ready for an exciting term ahead.

In the first week back, our students have already been engaging in enriching experiences, including school trips for Drama and Art, allowing them to explore their creativity beyond the classroom. We have also had an online Year 13 parent information evenings, providing valuable guidance and insights for parents around next steps and upcoming A-levels.

This week, we are looking forward to welcoming Year 9 parents into the school building for the parents' consultation evening, fostering strong partnerships between home and school.

Looking ahead, our Year 11 students will soon have the opportunity to experience a "Day in the Life of Sixth Form," giving them a valuable insight into the excellent opportunities and academic experiences our Sixth Form offers.

Alongside these events, our students are already making their mark in co-curricular activities. We have exciting competitions taking place in the gym, as well as in Mathematics and Computer Science.

It promises to be a term once again filled with learning, creativity, and achievement. We look forward to sharing the highlights and successes with you as the term unfolds.

Best wishes,

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	97.03	97.29	97.14	97.13	96.47
Authorised	1.53	1.33	1.62	1.82	2.25
Unauthorised	1.44	1.38	1.24	1.05	1.27
Persistent absence ≥10%	20	22	24	30	32

05/12/25-9/12/25

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.



SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Workshops

Workshop 1: Improving Attendance

Date and time: Wednesday January 14th 2026, 18.00-19.00

Facilitator: Aniké Clarke - Education Welfare Officer - Cognus

Location: This is a virtual event – Teams

This workshop is for parents of students whose attendance is below 90% and finding it difficult to attend school on a regular basis. The aim of the workshop is to help parents develop a better understanding of how chronic absence can impact a child's achievement and to explore strategies for improving their child's attendance.

Please see the meeting details below:

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting ID: 355 517 640 920

Passcode: 4ux7jM9a

Workshop 2: 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

Additional Home Language qualifications

We are proud that we have many bilingual students that enrich the community and Nonsuch. We have, in the past, been able to facilitate students sitting an additional qualification in their home language by managing the administration and acting as a host centre for the exams. However, due to recent JCQ regulation changes, Nonsuch is no longer able to offer this service and as such will not be accepting any private entries for Summer 2026.

Should students wish to sit these examinations at an alternative centre, we would strongly advise that they do so in Years 10 and 12 as we may not be able to support the administration of any potential exam clashes in Year 11 and Year 13.

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Tree Planting

The Geographical Society has been planting trees on the school site. In the last week of term in December, we planted four silver birch trees on the top field at Nonsuch. In addition, our Sixth Form Geography students have adopted a tree sapling from the Woodland Trust to plant in their own gardens. Thank you for helping us grow a greener future!



Sustainability at Nonsuch

In 2026, Nonsuch is focusing on developing sustainable practices across our school. Led by our newly formed Eco Committee, Green Ambassadors from Y7-Y11 will be embarking on a series of projects to help raise environmental awareness and reduce our carbon footprint. Approximately 9% of all carbon emissions in the UK are produced by educational establishments and we are committed to help reduce our environmental impact. The Girls Learning Trust's Climate Action Plan sets out how we aim to improve sustainability and is built around five key pillars: **Decarbonisation, Resilience, Environment and Biodiversity, Curriculum and Culture**. Nonsuch is committed to making progress in each of these five pillars and we look forward to sharing what we are doing throughout 2026.

We would love to hear from any of our parents or relatives who have experience in sustainability or green careers and would be willing to speak to our students. Please contact our Sustainability Lead, Mr Burton, if you would be happy to help. Thank you for your support.



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Year 8 food collection

In the last week of term, Y8 were busy collecting food and toiletries for Sutton Community food shop. This is a charity organisation that provides food and other provisions for local people who are struggling financially. They also connect members with advice and services so that they can improve their situation. The food collections become very competitive, with 8 Saturn and 8 Mars managing to fill several boxes and winning overall for the tutor groups that collected the most food!

We were completely blown away by the amount of food that was kindly donated from every Year 8 household and Sutton Community Trust were so appreciative of your generosity.

Thank you to our families for contributing to this worthy cause and for making the festive period, a little easier, for those who are struggling to put food on the table.



SCHOOL NEWS

UKMT success!

Towards the end of last term four Y12 students ([Brooke](#), [Darshni](#), [Minseo](#) & [Prisha](#)) represented the school at the UK Maths Trust Senior Team Challenge held at Notting Hill and Ealing High School for Girls. The team competed against 20 other schools in three different rounds of complex maths activities. Here is Darshni's account of the day: "I greatly valued the opportunity to participate in the Senior Maths Team Challenge. I found the experience both rewarding and inspiring. In particular, I most enjoyed the team round, where we worked together to address a series of complex challenges within a limited time frame. This truly highlighted the importance of effective communication, strategic thinking, and collaboration in achieving success."



UK Maths Trust

We are delighted that Brooke has also secured automatic entry to the British Mathematical Olympiad Round 2 (BMO2). As the follow-on round to BMO1, BMO2 is widely regarded as the UK's most demanding national mathematics competition, designed to stretch and inspire the very best mathematical minds. The UKMT team said:

"Once again, congratulations on reaching this prestigious stage. We are incredibly proud of your accomplishment and wish you every success as you prepare for the next round." Well done, Brooke - we are also really proud of you!

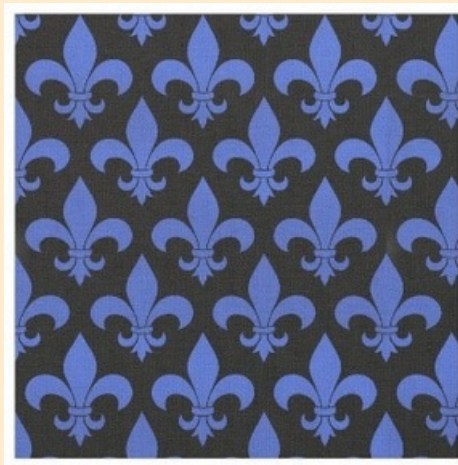
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Request for fabric donations for our Cultural Tapestry project

We have devised a project to create tapestries that represent and celebrate the cultural identities of the students of the Nonsuch school community. Thank you to the families who have already donated items that can be used in the tapestry.

We are still in need of more fabric (anything that has a cultural print/pattern e.g. tartan, batiks, ankaras, rangoli), unwanted traditional clothing including those with embroidery, flags, photographs of traditional jewellery, threads, wool, beads etc. Examples of the kinds of material are below:

If you have any of these items, please leave them in the box in the Main Reception area by Friday January 16th. If you have a query about your item, please contact either: Ms. Tuttolomondo or Miss Campbell. Thank you for your support.



Upcoming PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Team	Location
12/1/2026	3pm-6pm	Indoor Athletics	Borough Schools	Y7&8	Nonsuch
13/1/26	3.30pm	Netball	Wallington	Y10ABC	Wallington
14/1/26	9.15am-3pm	Indoor Cricket	Surrey Schools	U15	St Andrew's
14/1/26	4.30pm	Hockey	Croydon	U16	Nonsuch
19/1/26	8.30am-3pm	Gymnastics	Surrey Schools	U13	Putney High
20/1/26	3.30pm	Football	St Phil's	U12	Nonsuch
20/1/26	3.30pm	Netball	St Phil's	Y9A & Y10A	Nonsuch
22/1/26	3.30pm	Netball	Overton	Y9A & Y10A	Nonsuch

Student spotlight

Saanvi (Y8) recently claimed victory in the Under 13s Badminton Singles competition, organised by a local Sutton community group. Saanvi remained undefeated throughout the tournament, to secure the U-13 Badminton Singles trophy. Congratulations, Saanvi!



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	
Monday 12th January	House Masterchef Round 1 Deadline for House Talent Show Auditions Borough Sports Athletics 15.00-18.00
Tuesday 13th January	Y11 V&A Museum Art Trip
Wednesday 14th January	
Thursday 15th January	Year 9 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening 16:00-19:30
Friday 16th January	
Week 1	
Monday 19th January	U13 Gymnastics, Putney High
Tuesday 20th January	Day in the Life of a Sixth Former (Year 11 off timetable)
Wednesday 21st January	British Mathematical Olympiad Round 2
Thursday 22nd January	Year 12 BETT CompSci
Friday 23rd January	Churchill War Rooms Trip
Sunday 25th January	ECF Chess Championship semi-finals, St Catherine's School Bramley