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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON



Dear students, parents, and carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break and were able to spend some valuable time with family and friends.

I am delighted to share some wonderful achievements from over the holiday period. Our students represented the school with distinction in the FIRST Tech Challenge Regional Heats. Equuleus (Year 9/10) won the Sustain Award, Delphinus (Year 9/10) achieved an outstanding Inspire Award, and placed second overall, and Cassiopeia, our Sixth Form team, won the Innovate Award and were part of the winning alliance team, a first for the school. Cassiopeia has qualified for the UK National Championships, which will take place later this month. We wish them every success.

In addition, our chess team achieved an impressive fifth place nationally in the ECF Girls' School Final, a fantastic accomplishment.

As we begin the summer term, this is a particularly important time for our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who are approaching their final weeks before examinations. We wish them every success during the examination period. The term has already begun at pace, with a Y12 UCAS Discovery event taking place last Thursday, the Surrey SATRO final this week, and our much anticipated House Talent Show. Alongside this, GCSE Music assessments are underway, Year 11 Art examinations are taking place, and Year 10 examinations begin this week, alongside MFL oral assessments.

Finally, a reminder that our parent survey is currently open. We greatly value your feedback. Please refer to the email sent earlier this week or find the link later in this newsletter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a positive and productive week ahead.

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	97.76	97.29	96.29	93.68	90.82
Authorised	1	1.76	1.81	5.03	6.88
Unauthorised	0.33	0.29	1.52	1.05	3.19

13/4/26-17/4/26

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

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

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.

Music

March was an exciting month for the Music Department, with a termly concert, impressive GCSE and A Level recital performances, and a fantastic achievement for Vox Celestes (pictured), who secured second place at the Richmond Music Festival. Huge thanks to Mr and Mrs French for their outstanding work with the group.



Spring Concert

Maja (Y12) writes: "Spring is a time for growth and spirit, and I saw this reflected undeniably in the many performances at the Spring Concert 2026. What I found most warming of all is how many student bands took part; friends coming together to express themselves through musical performance is one of the most valuable things humanity can take part in! I myself thoroughly enjoyed performing 'Por Una Cabeza' with my close friend Chloe as a piano duet together and accompanying the beautiful Senior Voices. The range of cultural and stylistic expression made me feel proud to be a part of the music department at Nonsuch."

GCSE and A Level Recital

This year's GCSE and A Level recital was a wonderful showcase of growth, expertise and dedication of Nonsuch students. We are incredibly proud of the hard work each student put into their pieces and rising to the challenge of performing in front of a crowd with confidence. It was a pleasure to see such a supportive atmosphere as always, and we look forward to watching them continue to develop and flourish as performers.

Richmond Music Festival

Smitakshi (Y10) writes: "On Monday March 16th, Vox Celestes competed at the Richmond Music Festival for the second year in a row. It was an unforgettable experience for me, as it was my first time competing in a festival as part of this choir. We performed alongside many talented students of all ages from many different schools. They showcased a wide variety of styles and musical arrangements, from songs in different languages to well-known pop music by artists such as Billie Eilish. We had an amazing time performing and are extremely proud to have achieved second place!"

Finally, please do take a look at the following opportunities to perform and take part in the upcoming music days with [Trinity Laban Conservatoire](#).

House Competitions and Celebrations in March

Eid Celebration

Students contributed beautiful henna designs for a display in the library at the end of last term to celebrate Eid. There was also a lovely Eid picnic in the quad on Thursday, March 26th. Well done to the students who led on both the competition and picnic from ISOC!



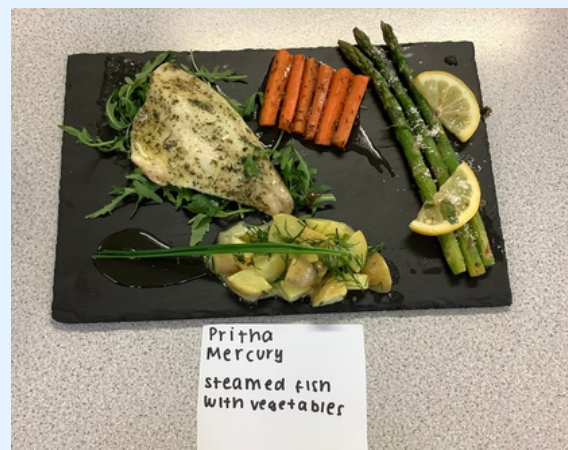
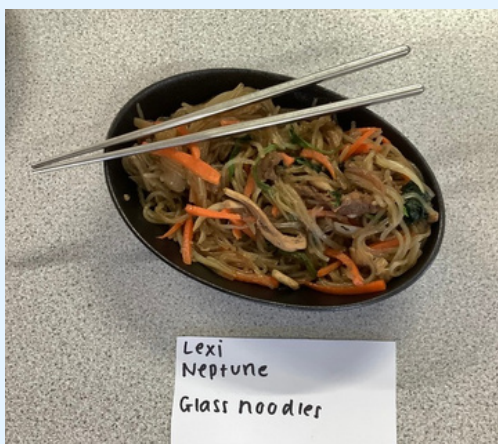
House Danceathon for Year 13s

The House Team's last event as student leaders was to organise a fantastic 'Just Dance' session for Year 13. It was wonderful to see the students (and teachers!) enjoy themselves dancing along in the Hall. The event encapsulated the spirit of House at Nonsuch – to celebrate being together and make fond memories of your time at school. It was a fitting end to the House Team's great and lasting contribution to school life over the past year.



House Masterchef

Once again the annual House Masterchef contest showcased the culinary talents of seven students chosen to represent their House following the heats last term. This year, the House team decided to award two top prizes – for best meal and for best presentation. Congratulations to Lexi in Y7 for her winning entry of glass noodles and to Pritha in Y8 for her beautifully-presented entry. Well done to all the students. We look forward to seeing what amazing dishes students will create for next year's competition.



Art Department News: Student Success at the Fourth Plinth Schools Awards

Huge congratulations to **Minha (Y8)** who is one of the prize winners for the Fourth Plinth competition!

Minha has been awarded a prize for her artwork titled 'The World Turtle'.

The Fourth Plinth Schools Awards is a prestigious London-wide competition, and Minha's work was selected by the judging panel as a prize-winning submission.



As part of her award, her original artwork will be professionally photographed and exhibited at City Hall, and she will also receive Cass Art prizes.

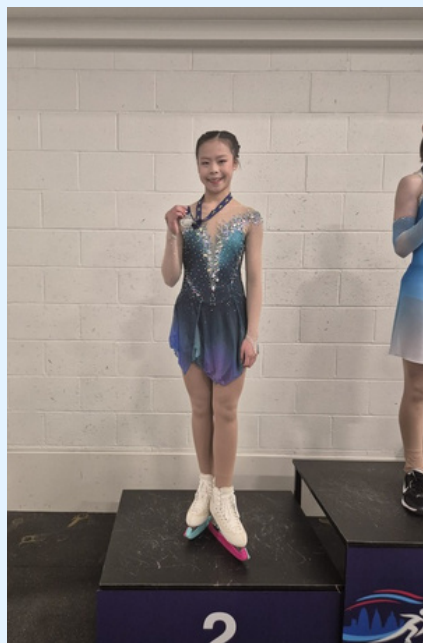
A formal presentation ceremony will take place at City Hall on May 1st, attended by the winning students and their families. The event will be hosted by this year's judge, author and illustrator Marion Deuchars, alongside Deputy Mayor for Culture Justine Simons, and will be compered by DJ Marcus Bronzy.

This is a significant and well-deserved achievement which reflects Minha's creativity, imagination and commitment. We are also proud to note that this marks the third year in a row since introducing the Fourth Plinth Schools Awards at Nonsuch that one of our students has been recognised—an outstanding accomplishment for both our students and the school.

Congratulations to Minha on this fantastic success!

Student spotlight

Earlier this month, Kaitlyn (Y10) competed at Skate London 2026. She placed second in the Short Programme and second in the Free Programme in Advanced Novice Category, demonstrating strong skill and confidence against a competitive field. Well done, Kaitlyn!



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week A	Year 10 Exams 20th-29th April Year 11 Exam Photograph & Textile 20th - 21st / Fine Art 23rd -24th April
Monday 20th April	
Tuesday 21st April	
Wednesday 22nd April	
Thursday 23rd April	Surrey SATRO Final, 12.00-20.00 House Talent Show, School Hall 12.20-13.10 Year 7 Parent Teacher Consultation 16.00-19.30
Friday 24th April	
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	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
Friday 1st May	
Saturday 2nd May	Ball Crew Saturday Training 9.00-12.00