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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,

I am incredibly proud and excited to share the outstanding news that Nonsuch High School for Girls has been named **State Secondary School of the Year in the Southeast in The Sunday Times Parent Power Guide 2026**. In addition, we have been ranked second among all Southeast state secondary schools and 13th nationally. This remarkable achievement reflects the exceptional outcomes of our Year 13 students last year and is a testament to the dedication, expertise, and care shown by every member of staff. I hope you feel as proud as I do of this accolade, which recognises the collective strength of our school community.

Alongside this wonderful news, it has been another busy and rewarding week at Nonsuch. On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome our Year 8 parents into school for their Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening. These conversations are so valuable in strengthening the partnership between home and school as students continue to grow in confidence and independence.

Our PTA also hosted a fantastic Christmas Movie Night for Years 7 and 8 last Tuesday. It was incredibly well attended and brought a lovely sense of festive cheer to the school. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it such a success.

On Friday, we hosted a regional U13 Indoor Cricket Tournament, providing a great opportunity for students to showcase their sporting talent and teamwork. Meanwhile, our Year 12 students engaged in valuable academic enrichment through their EPQ trip to the University of Southampton, gaining insight into university-level research and study skills.

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	Y12	Y13	All
Attendance	96.49	98.15	96.31	96.89	92.83	94.25	93.07	95.41
Authorised	2.56	1.61	3.45	3.05	4.84	4.92	5.81	3.77
Unauthorised	0.95	0.24	0.24	0.06	0.80	0.52	1.01	0.54
Persistent absence ≥10%	18	21	25	25	35	44	44	212

01/12/25-05/12/25

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.



Christmas Concert

Tickets are available via Parent Pay for this Wednesday's Christmas Concert. It's a highlight of the school calendar, so be sure not to miss out!



Poster by Ekam, Year 8

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 11 - mock examinations breakfast

To acknowledge the achievements of Y11 and to celebrate their success, we held a post-mock breakfast in the main hall on Friday, 28 November. We are so proud of the manner in which Y11 have approached their mock examinations, an important milestone in your Year 11 journey. They have demonstrated a positive attitude throughout - and we appreciate all the hard work and dedication that has gone into achieving this goal.

We enjoyed commemorating this occasion in a more relaxed environment away from the exam hall.



Year 10 - UCAS and Oxbridge information evening

On Tuesday December 9th, 6-7pm Year 10 parents and students are invited to attend an information evening in the main school hall. The evening which will include presentations on all aspects of the Higher Education support we offer as well as the opportunity to find out about the Oxbridge admissions process and consider, from an early stage, the possibility of making an application to study at Oxford or Cambridge. The evening will be introduced by Mr Williamson, our Higher Education Coordinator and Ms Hawley, who will speak about Oxford and Cambridge applications. Please book a space via this [link](#).



PE - upcoming fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Team	Location
8/12/2025	16:00	Swimming	Sutton High	GCSE	Sutton
8/12/2025	12:15	Indoor Cricket	Surrey school	U15	Nonsuch
9/12/2025	15:30	Football	Wallington	U12	Nonsuch
11/12/2025	15:30	Netball	Glenthorne	Y7A and Y8A	Glenthorne
11/12/2025	15:30	Netball	Wallington	Yr11 and SNR	Nonsuch

PE - fixture results

Date	Sport	Opponent	Team	Result
1/12/2025	Hockey	Sutton High	Y7 A	4-1 Loss
1/12/2025	Hockey	Sutton High	Y7 B	2-0 Win
2/12/2025	Hockey	Sutton High	Y8 AB	2nd

Hockey

Our year 7 hockey teams had their first match of the season last week. They played really well in challenging weather conditions, using their skills and teamwork to put up a really good fight. Congratulations to the POMs, **Ivy and Anwita**.

Our Year 8 hockey teams also had their first matches of the season last week. They played a tournament with Sutton High and Rosebery, where Nonsuch won two games and drew one – an excellent set of results! Congratulations to the POMs, **Vinsy and Liyana**.



Student spotlight

Meela and Medha (Y12) write: It was 2 hours before our English GCSE exam and we had exchanged texts to say "Shall we do a Hyrox?" The excitement and anticipation got us through all our GCSE exams. The training started the day after our last exam. Every Tuesday morning, 7-8 am, we were at the gym training. Hyrox is a race held all around the world at different Venues. We were at the NEC in Birmingham. Eight stations of functional exercises each station separated by a 1km run. We want to take you around our race and hopefully inspire you.

After months of training, it finally was the day of reckoning. We took a walk around the circuit together. We were the youngest 2 there competing. There was no going back. As we turned into Station 1- Skireg, a 1km upright row, the cheers got louder. We kept our rhythm and straight into station 2 the 72kg/ 50metre sled push, we didn't ever practice this station, as most gyms don't have a sled. Next up was the Sled pull. A 50m pull with a 78kg weighted sled, we had to pull, couldn't step over the line or we would get penalties. After the 1km run, we were onto the 1km row. The 5th 1km run was the hardest of all the runs, not only were our legs heavy and empty, but we couldn't hold our arms up for our strides. Straight into the 200m Farmers carry with 2x16kg dumbbells. We flew through this, running 100m each with these kettle bells. The grey cloud over us lifted as we completed our 6th /1km run and leapt into the 80m continuous Burpee jumps. This was our "second wind" our reserve tanks kicked in and the 11am carb load was working for us, we were flying, the judge even commented on how good our form was.

The compliment gave an injection of confidence as we tackled our penultimate/1km run. This was complete and utter madness but so much fun at this stage. There was no time to think, no time to look around, it was all systems go, we dropped off the sandbag and started the last run, the smiles of the first lap returned to our faces, heart were racing in anticipation of the finish, we nearly made it. It was an incredible feeling that boosted our energy for the 100 wallballs. Here you have to squat and throw a 4kg ball onto a target. The ball must hit the target 100 times. At this point we were running on empty, not sure if it was that or the finish line in sight that made our hands numb, and our legs feel like jelly. The cheers of the spectators came back into focus, louder than ever we were encouraging each other along. The screen flashed 100 and we grabbed each other's hands and sprinted through to the finish. This is the point when you would normally read.... we opened our eyes and it was all a dream. It wasn't. We did it and we are going to do it again.

What a fantastic achievement, Meela and Medha! Well done.



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Student spotlight

Kaitlyn (Y10) writes: "I'm happy to share a little update from the British Figure Skating Championships 2025! This year, I finished eighth at Nationals among many talented skaters from across the country. I feel really lucky to have had the chance to skate alongside some of the UK's best athletes. Every competition teaches me something new, and I'm so grateful for all the support I've received from my coaches, family, friends, and school community. Thank you to everyone who has encouraged me along the way – it really means a lot. I'll keep working hard and can't wait to see what's next!" Congratulations, Kaitlyn!



Student spotlight

Rosalind in Y7 performed this weekend in Surrey Youth Ballet's production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory / Heroes and Heroines at the Leatherhead Theatre for their 19th season. This was Rosalind's third year in the company. Well done, Rosalind!



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1	
Monday 8th December	
Tuesday 9th December	Oxbridge/UCAS Year 10 PIE 18.00-19.00
Wednesday 10th December	Christmas Concert 18.00-20.00 School Hall
Thursday 11th December	CPD - late start for students – registration at 9:55 Year 9 PIE: Options – 18.00-19.30
Friday 12th December	
Week 2	
Monday 15th December	
Tuesday 16th December	A Level Prize Giving 18.00-20.30 Sports Hall
Wednesday 17th December	Robotics Scrimmage, 45 students, Harris Academy Sutton Sixth Form Christmas Quiz 15.30-17.30
Thursday 18th December	
Friday 19th December	School Finishes 12:30pm