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Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON-JONES



Dear students, parents, and carers,

Welcome back to what will no doubt be a very busy and productive half term. A very happy Diwali to all those who celebrated recently; I hope that this year will bring light and joy to your families.

Before half term, we celebrated Black History Month with the theme of 'Reclaiming Narratives'. Our students engaged in a variety of meaningful activities, including form board competitions, themed movies, a lunchtime quiz, and PSHE lessons focused on the importance of reclaiming narratives. The month's events culminated in our participation in Show Racism the Red Card on Friday, October 18th. I was incredibly proud to see our school community come together to stand against discrimination and celebrate unity.

Over the half term break the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) attended a camp where our students demonstrated incredible resilience and teamwork. This week's newsletter also highlights fantastic news about some of our students' achievements both in competitions in and out of school last half term and during the break.

As we begin this half term, a few reminders: we're looking forward to welcoming our Year 12 students to the GCSE Prize Giving on Thursday to celebrate their achievements, and we're excited to see our Year 7 parents for Tutor Consultation Day on Tuesday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Williamson-Jones

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 School Gateway 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.

New guidance on attendance

In February, the Government published new guidance for attendance which became statutory in August. These changes reflect amendments to the law and are part of the Government's drive to improve attendance at school. Details are [here](#), along with links to wider guidance on supporting your child's attendance. 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 also provides parents with guidance around illness and attendance at school. This [guidance](#) helps parents make informed decisions about their child's health and attendance.

Thank you for your continued support to ensure your child attends school.

All in %	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13	All
Attendance	96.70	97.48	96.19	97.60	94.84	96.81	89.26	96.51
Authorised	1.34	1.14	2.05	1.37	3.46	2.21	7.95	2.82
Unauthorised	1.96	1.38	1.76	1.03	1.71	0.99	2.28	1.59

14/10/24-18/10/24

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 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. Mrs Hart, DSL

Cyber Security

From financial scams, identity theft, using public Wi-Fi and much more, cyber security is fundamental to all of our lives. Please visit [Internet Matters](#) for resources for parents and their children on topics such as:

- Creating secure accounts
- Phishing and ransomware
- Digital piracy, and much more

Reporting absence

Please report absences via Schoolgateway. Download the app [here](#).

SCHOOL NOTICES

Student safety leaving school

For safety reasons, the Nonsuch Park gate will now close and be locked at 4.30pm.

This is to avoid students exiting into Nonsuch Park when it is dark; we do not own the park and we cannot extend lighting beyond our school boundary. **All students leaving school after 4.30pm should now exit school via the canteen gate.** Parents collecting students by car may drive onto site after 4.30pm.

Students using public transport can cross Ewell Road at the pedestrian crossing and walk towards Cheam Broadway down Ewell Road, or we would advise walking via Anne Boleyn's Walk.

We ask that you are respectful of our neighbours and do not park across driveways, on pavements, on roads close to the school.

Appointments during the school day

A reminder that appointments (e.g. dental or medical appointments, visa/ passport appointments) during the school day should be avoided. Where unavoidable, students in Y7-11 are required to be collected from school and will not usually be allowed to travel alone. To ensure the safeguarding of all our students we are unable to let a student leave school without parent consent in Y7-11.

If you do need to take your daughter out of school for an appointment, we require a minimum of two full school days' notice. We also require evidence of the appointment in advance.

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Borough Cross Country

Please see photos from the annual Borough Cross Country competition [here](#) which can be accessed via your daughter's school email address.



PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Team	Location
13/11/24	15:30	Netball	Tiffin Boys	SNR/ABC	Nonsuch
18/11/24	15:40	Swimming	Sutton High	All years	Sutton High
19/11/24	15:30	Football	Harris Sutton	U12	Nonsuch
27/11/24	15:30	Football	Wallington	U12	Nonsuch
28/11/24	10:00	Gym		U19 & U15	St Catherine's
09/12/24	15:30	Hockey	Sutton	U12AB	Nonsuch
10/12/24	15:30	Football	Glenthorne	U12 & U14	Nonsuch

Engineering Society

Engineering Society is held Tuesday lunchtime in S5 starting from 12:30. Each session offers hands-on, interactive activities, while exploring various engineering fields. We also share insights into exciting career paths and global projects, making learning fun and inspiring!

Upcoming sessions will see us covering sectors like software engineering, electrical engineering, and more.

Recently, students had the opportunity to learn about mechanical engineering, including performing a practical experiment exploring DIY catapults. In groups, we launched small objects across a room with the aim of hitting a target. We'd love to see you there next Tuesday!



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Physics Olympiad - Oxford University

A number of Y11 students participate in the GCSE Physics Olympiad every March. Last year, some of our top scoring students who have gone on to study Physics and Maths at A Level were invited to a weekend residential at Oxford University.

Yathra (now in Y12) writes: In late September, I participated in the BPhO Masterclass along with 29 other students, held in St John's College and the Department of Physics at Oxford University. We learnt about theoretical physics from professor lecturers as well as getting a tour of St John's and speaking to undergraduates, masters and PhD students. We also had an insight into the different career paths available through a physics degree (led by Dr Sian Tedaldi) and more problem solving as a group.



If you are in Y11 and thinking of competing in the British Physics Olympiad in March 2025, I highly suggest trying and aiming for a top silver/gold as the residential at Oxford was amazing!

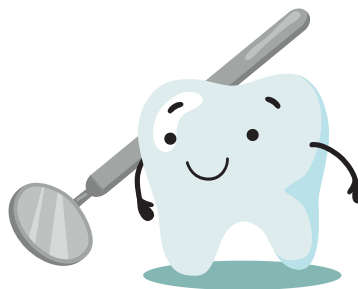
Geography and Art trips to RHS Wisley - Y8

The Geography and Art Department took all of the Y8 students to RHS Wisley over two days at the end of last half term. Students had a beautiful autumnal experience whilst learning about plant propagation and plant adaptation to different biomes to align with the curriculum. All the photographs were taken by students on the Geography tablet. Thank you for your support to enrich our students' learning.



Dental Society

Y13 Biologists will be running Dentist Society each Friday Week 2 at lunch from 12.35-1.05 in S6 - starting November 8th. The society is run by students for anyone who wants to know more about dentistry as a career as well as applying for a dentistry degree course and allied dentistry professions. Y12 students will be taking over running the society from January. All sixth formers are welcome and any interested Y11s.



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UKMAT Mathematical Olympiad - KS5

We are extremely proud of the 21 KS5 Mathematics students who sat the UKMT Mathematical Olympiad for Girls during October. Five students achieved Distinctions, 14 achieved Merits and two achieved certificates of Participation.

Congratulations to Hayley in Y12, (Distinction with Best in School) and Shaambavy (Distinction with Best in Y13). Also receiving Distinctions were Y12 students Tharshi, Yathra and Hasi.



No Twilight on Wednesday November 20th

A reminder that due to Sixth Form Open Evening, there is no Twilight in the library on Wednesday November 20th.

University Taster Events - Years 10-13

Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th November 2024
7pm and 8pm

We have an exciting Careers event coming up for students between Y10 and Y13 at the three schools in the GLT (Nonsuch, Wallington and Carshalton High Schools for Girls). The event will give students the chance to attend online university 'taster' lectures, delivered live by leading universities in a wide range of subjects. A flyer for this event is attached. Please keep a look out for the email to students for sign-up information.

Computer Science - all years

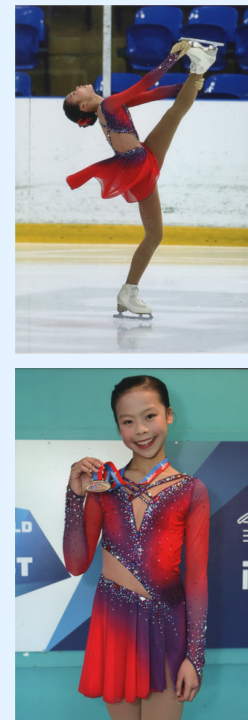
Nearly 50 students from Years 7-13 came together in October to compete as a team in the Codementum European Coding Competition as part of Code Week 2024. Working through navigation puzzles using either block programming or Python, they used all the programming skills they had to win as many stars as possible within one hour. We hope they had lots of fun. We have our fingers crossed that they win!



Student spotlight - Kaitlyn (Y9)

Kaitlyn (9J) writes: In September and October, I competed at two national competitions with great results. In September, I took part in the Cambridge Free Classic 2024, which was my first time competing at this higher level including short program and free skate events. I was pleased with my performance and obtained my personal best score. I finished fourth in the competition. It was a great experience for my first competition in the Advanced Novice category.

In October, I competed in the BIS October Qualifier. I had a very good performance, achieving a seasonal best score at this level and receiving third place overall. This event has ensured my place in the 2024 British Championships, which I am now working towards to achieve my best there this month.



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.



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1	
Monday 11th November	
Tuesday 12th November	Year 7 Tutor Consultation Day
Wednesday 13th November	
Thursday 14th November	Prize Giving GCSE – Sports Hall -18.00
Friday 15th November	Y12 Classics Conference Trip - Barnes
Week 2	
Monday 18th November	Year 10 Geography Trip – Olympic Park
Tuesday 19th November	Year 10 Geography Trip – Olympic Park
Wednesday 20th November	KS5 Open Evening 5pm-8pm
Thursday 21st November	
Friday 22nd November	Year 7-11 Flu Immunisations