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Our fortnightly newsletter for the school community



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Messages from Mrs Williamson



Dear students, parents, and carers,
Term has begun with purpose and focus for both staff and students. We have very much enjoyed meeting parents and carers at the information evenings over the last fortnight. For parents in Year 7, we look forward to welcoming you to the parents' information evening on Tuesday, September 29th. The home-school partnership is a key foundation for your daughter's wellbeing and success at Nonsuch: thank you for supporting her and our staff by attending these important evenings.

We're really pleased to share with you two awards the school has recently been awarded. We are the proud recipients of the Bronze award for Building Stronger Foundations from Cognus, a bespoke programme for Sutton Schools, which is about a relational approach to supporting children. We are also delighted to have been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag with distinction for 2026 for our work in sustainability, which you can read about on page 4.

Please make a note in your diary for the PTA's AGM at 6.45 pm in the school library on Tuesday, after the Year 7 parents' information evening in the school hall. The PTA is always looking for support and volunteers.

A reminder too for parents whose daughters are going on the Classics Trip of the information evening on Thursday, October 1st at 6pm. October is also Black History Month, with this year's theme being 'Honouring our Communities.' We will be celebrating across the month with events organised by our CARE Council. These include traditional food served in the canteen, book suggestions in the library related to Black heritage and culture, and finally Show Racism the Red Card own-clothes day on Friday, October 9th.

With best wishes,
Mrs Williamson
Headteacher



SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

Safeguarding email address

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.

Reporting your daughter's absence

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 visit [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.

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Mental Health During the Teenage Years

An introduction and Overview

A one-hour online webinar introducing and providing an overview of mental health and wellbeing in teenagers, with practical ideas for parents and carers.

The session will cover topics including:

- What is mental health and being a teenager in today's world
- Supporting wellbeing during the teenage years – what research tells us
- Introducing a way of thinking about teenage wellbeing – the 'three areas' model
- Responding to teenagers and communication tips
- Problem solving challenging situations and options for help

Education Wellbeing Service

DATE / TIME

Monday 21st September
12.30-1.30pm

Scan the QR code or [click here](#)

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to either event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code.

You can also check out our other events by [clicking here](#)

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

DATE / TIME

Wednesday 30th September
7.00-8.00pm

Scan the QR code or [click here](#)

Webinars for Parents - Children's Wellbeing & Mental Health

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers lunchtime and evening parent webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health.

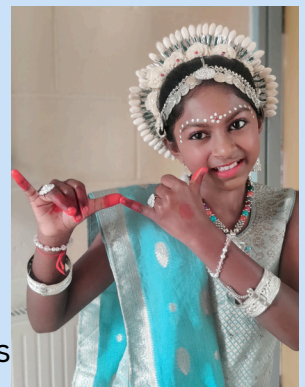
If your child is interested in 1:1 sessions with our in-school NHS Wellbeing Practitioners to help with worries, low mood or anxiety, they can pick up an application form from the pastoral office or speak to your child's Head of Year.

Twilight sign-up via Arbor

Please note, Twilight sessions are released every fortnight on Arbor. The link parents were sent at the beginning of term remains 'live' all term, so please only click on the dates you require your daughter to attend Twilight to book her a space. Thank you.

Student spotlight

Aahna (Y8) recently performed an Indian classical dance performance at Sangam community centre at Sutton which is for elderly people. This was for the Indian festival Janmastami celebration. Her performance brought brightness to the people there!.



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 these in either or school newsletter or Head of Year newsletters.

Student spotlight

Congratulations to Aadhya (Y10) for being a finalist in an International Space Competition earlier this year. Well done!



Sustainability Award success

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the **Eco-Schools Green Flag with distinction for 2026**.

The award recognises schools that demonstrate a strong commitment to sustainability. It empowers students to become responsible global citizens who actively support their local communities. Achieving the award with distinction is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our Green Ambassadors and Sixth Form Sustainability Team.



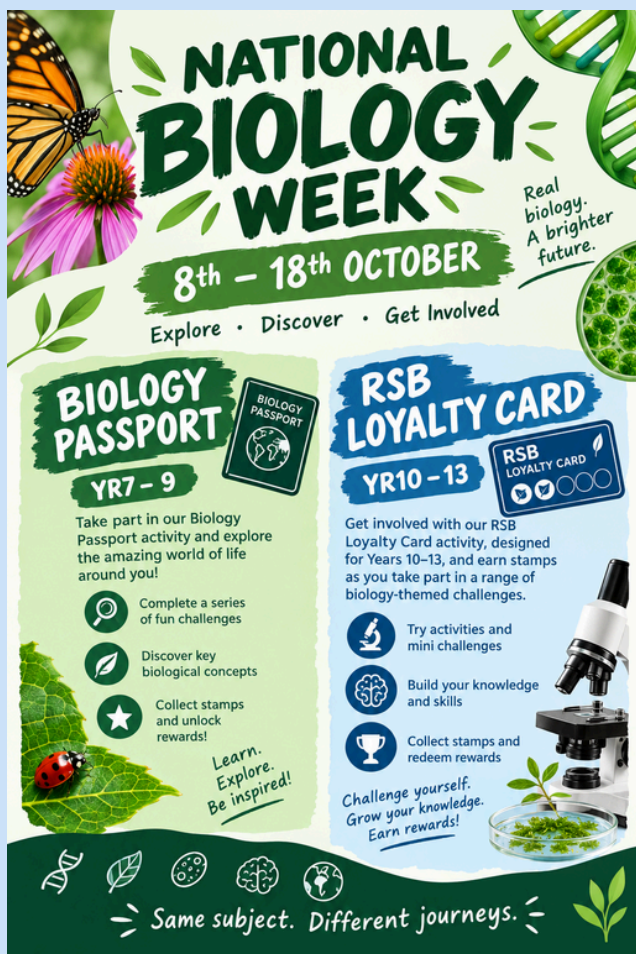
The award is based on evidence of impact across ten key areas, including biodiversity, waste management, energy conservation, and global citizenship. Schools must also demonstrate how they have raised awareness of sustainability through a range of projects. Our successful initiatives included hosting our first-ever Clothes Swap and creating a sustainability-themed mural made from recyclable materials.

We were particularly proud to receive the following feedback from the Eco-Schools assessors:

- *"It was wonderful to read about your commitment to improving the way your school thinks about reducing waste through posters and assemblies explaining the importance of responsible recycling."*
- *"We loved reading about the creative ways your school empowers young people to view themselves as active and responsible global citizens."*
- *"We were impressed by the work you have undertaken to improve biodiversity across your school grounds after identifying areas for development in your Action Plan. The addition of bug hotels, birdhouses, and vegetable-growing areas will create a variety of habitats for plants and animals, while leaving a memorable and lasting legacy for your school."*

While everyone at Nonsuch is delighted to have our work recognised, we see this achievement as just the beginning. We remain committed to building on this success and continuing to improve litter reduction, energy efficiency, and recycling across the school in the year ahead.

National Biology Week at Nonsuch October 8th-18th



National Biology week is nearly upon us! This is an annual event organised by the Royal Society of Biology to celebrate all things related to the biosciences. This year the event is running between **October 8th-18th**.

To celebrate at Nonsuch we have two extra-curricular activities running to engage students with Biology outside of the classroom. Students in Years 7-9 will receive a passport of biology - related activities to complete to gain a stamp and House Points. Those who complete the whole passport across the 10-day period should hand these in with their names on to the Biology office (next to S3) to be entered into a prize draw. Students in Years 10-13 will receive a Biology loyalty card and a list of suggested webinars and activities to complete - each of these also will achieve a stamp and credit for completion.

We hope to see as many completed passports and loyalty cards as possible across the week!



House Pumpkin Carving

October is soon upon us and the House Team invite you to take part in our very popular Pumpkin Carving Competition! Please make sure your pumpkin is named in order to receive House Points. The top three entries will receive extra points and edible treats!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week A	
Monday 28th September	Yr11 DT Trip B&Q DofE parents' information evening Bronze – School Hall 18.00-19.00
Tuesday 29th September	Y7 parents' information evening - School Hall 18.00-19.00 PTA AGM 19.00-19.45 Library
Wednesday 30th September	
Thursday 1st October	Naples Classics Trip parents' information evening – School Hall 18.00-19.00
Friday 2nd October	
Week B	
Monday 5th October	Black History Month
Tuesday 6th October	
Wednesday 7th October	Senior Maths Challenge 15.30 (90mins) School Hall
Thursday 8th October	Late start for students – registration 9.55
Friday 9th October	Show Racism the Red Card (own clothes day)