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# NONSUCH NEWS

Our weekly newsletter for the school community



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## MESSAGES FROM MS CAVILLA



Dear parents, carers and students,

### **School timings week commencing Monday 22 April**

#### Early finish on Tuesday 23 April for Y7 Parent Teacher Consultations:

Students will be dismissed at the following times (and no sooner) in order to ensure an orderly dismissal:

Y12 & Y13: Dismissed as soon as register is taken, 12.20 onwards

Y10 & Y11: Dismissed at 12:30

Y7 – Y9: Dismissed at 12:35

#### Late start on Thursday 25 April due to teacher training for PSHE:

School Gates will open at 9 am (including the canteen)

School Building will open to Y12 & Y13 students at 9.30 am

School building will open to Y7-11 students at 9.45 am

Registration will start at 9.55 till 10.15 and normal lessons will resume from P2

### **New parent governor**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Yvonne Hails as our new parent governor following the recent ballot. Her term begins this April for 4 years. We had a good response to the ballot and we look forward to her joining our governing body alongside Dr Angela Kukula. We are grateful to the parents who consider giving generously of their time and to all who participated in the ballot.

### **New staff member**

We also welcome Mr Leung to the Maths department, who takes over from Mr Bubnjar.

### **Careers Fair 23 and 24 April**

Students in Years 9-12 have been encouraged to sign up to our online Careers Fair "Be Inspired." We are privileged yet again to count on alumnae, parents and other professional contacts who support this event.

See you there,  
Ms Cavilla

# UPDATES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON-JONES

## Attendance

Thank you for your continued support with your child's attendance. We continue to be proud of our school's attendance figures and that Nonsuch is a place where students want to attend and learn

As we begin a new term we'd like to remind you of our Attendance policy regarding absences during the first and last week of terms. If your child is unwell during these weeks, we kindly ask for medical evidence to authorise the absence. The Government recommends that children with mild respiratory illnesses, such as a minor cough, runny nose, or sore throat, can typically attend school. This guidance helps parents make informed decisions about their child's health and attendance. For more details, visit: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk).

The government attendance hub also has information that can help you to make informed decisions: [How to improve your child's school attendance and where to get support - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk)

Your openness about any planned international travel after the summer term begins is highly valued. This information is essential for us to fulfill our legal obligation to safeguard our students by knowing their whereabouts during term time.

You can monitor your child's attendance data through the School Gateway app and ensure that it remains at 95% and above. If there is anything that we may be concerned about, your child's form tutor, Head of Year or myself will contact you.

	Attendance	Authorised	Unauthorised	Persistent absence >=10%
Y7	98.06	1.50	0.38	2
Y8	97.60	1.81	0.59	2
Y9	96.88	2.51	0.61	7
Y10	96.43	2.87	0.70	12
Y11	95.16	3.99	0.81	15
Y12	96.23	2.97	0.75	11
Y13	94.03	4.56	1.40	27
All	96.34	2.89	0.75	76

All figures in % session attendance summary (4/9/23-16/4/24)



## Relationships and Sex Education consultation

Thank you to all parents and carers who provided feedback on our updated school policy. We will be looking at the feedback and making any amendments where necessary. The policy will then be passed to the Governing Board for ratification. The policy will come into effect on September 1st 2024 and will be available to view along side our PSHE policy on the school website.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Reporting absence

Please report absences via Schoolgateway. Download the app here: [Nonsuch High School for Girls - Reporting Absences.](#)

## Sutton Music Trust

Join a Sutton Music Trust Band, Orchestra, or Choir – FREE trial sessions available! Find out more information about all our ensembles here:

[Bands & Orchestras - Sutton Music Trust](#)

[Singing & Choirs - Sutton Music Trust](#)



JOIN OUR BANDS, ORCHESTRAS, OR CHOIRS

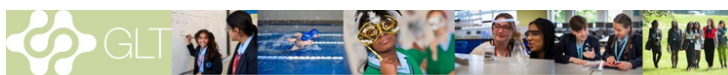
# Count me in!

Do you play an instrument? Do you love to sing? Want to make new friends and develop your musical skills?

Sign up now for a **free** trial rehearsal in the summer term!

Scan the QR code for more information on each group and to apply. Use the code **COUNTMEN** to guarantee your place!

#MakeMusicWithUs



## ‘Be Inspired’ Careers Fair 2024

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\***

**23rd & 24th April 2024**

Be inspired by guest speakers, alumni, professionals and leaders in their field who will give talks on their industry, career, personal lessons learned and advice.

- **Where:**  
Virtual Fair
- **When:**  
Evening sessions: Session 1=7-8pm Session 2: 8-9pm
- **Purpose:**  
To encourage & inspire students to find out about different careers and industries
- **Open to:**  
Students and parents/carers in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 at all GLT schools (Carshalton, Nonsuch & Wallington Girls)

Details on the guest speakers, talk titles and how to sign-up to follow soon!



## Exam anxiety webinar



Kooth is running a webinar to help parents and carers with children sitting exams on Thursday April 25th 6-7pm

[KoothTalks for parents and carers: How you can support your child to manage exam stress \(google.com\).](#)

## What is County Lines?

Grooming is often associated with sexual grooming, but the process of grooming can be used for a multitude of crimes where children and young people can be exploited. Internet Matters have put together a really useful guide for parents explaining county lines, how children are targeted, how they may be vulnerable and some resources/support. The guide is [here](#).

Please note an upcoming workshop in April run by charity Off The Record, which you may find useful:  
[Self-Harm Support for Parents/Carers](#)  
[23rd April, 6.30pm](#)

For students in Year 9-12, do sign up for sessions for our Trust careers fair this week (online). More details are in the attachment included with this newsletter.

# SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

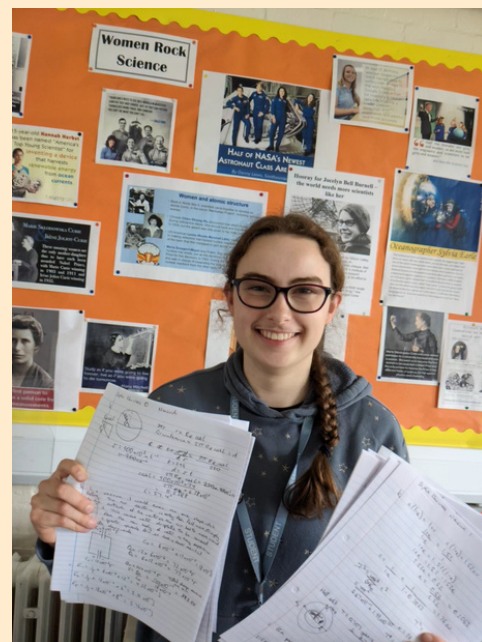
## Physics success - Y13 and Y11

Physics Enrichment club for years 11-13 (plus a few keen Year 10s!) has been running fortnightly for the first two terms. Our main aim is to prepare for supra-curricular competitions.

### British Physics Olympiad (A2 Competition)

For Y13, our impressive students were selected to enter the British Physics Olympiad. Every question is a real challenge for even the most capable. Congratulations to Ohemeaa, who achieved a Bronze certificate, Prakrti and Lara, who both achieved Silver, and Sophie who scored Top Gold.

Sophie (pictured) writes: "I participated, along with other physics students, in the British Physics Olympiad Round 1, which consists of two papers, one short answers and the other longer problems. Having achieved a top score in this, I was invited to participate in Round 2 of both the physics and astrophysics Olympiads. Both of these contained some fascinating problems, including the appearance of the sun on Discworld and how planes fly. I then went to a training camp in Oxford to practice and develop my skills further, where I met other avid physicists." Well done, Sophie!



### Intermediate Physics Competition (GCSE competition)

Some Y11 students were invited to participate in the IPC (GCSE) We want them to use this opportunity to push themselves in Physics and every single one of our students who entered got a medal position! They are amongst the best in the country. Bianca and Nikita were awarded Gold certificates and will get popular science book prizes. Silver awards will be given to these impressive students: Yathra, Emily G, Rhea, Jeyneeshaa and Suhitha. Well done to the Bronze award winners: Asviny, Niromy, Eeshal, Kami, Maryam, Kiriththiga, Hamna, Arushi, Denisha, Siya, Laiba, Sharani, Akshaya, Anisha, Yamini, Isabella achieved Bronze 1, and Inayah, Maria, Lara, Ashvika, Rachel, Evangelyn, Fanxi, Molly and Bharathi achieved Bronze 2.

Well done to you all - we are incredibly proud of you!

### Senior Physics Olympiad

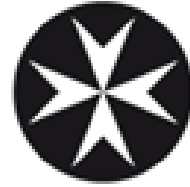
All Y12 physics students were given the opportunity to participate in the SPC and they really rose to the occasion. This competition is specifically to raise the game for students so they can tackle tough problems with confidence and gain an appreciation for how such problems are approached. We are impressed with our wonderful students who have broken Nonsuch records for their extraordinary haul of prizes.

There were over 40 Bronze certificates awarded which is a record not just because of the number of entrants, but also the proportion of our students achieving so highly compared to other schools. Ava Rose, Aree, Ashritha, Fiona, Jenelle, Keira, Marwa, Matt and Vishmayaa also will get book prizes along with their Silver certificates. Hats off to Yilin and Ibtida who achieved Gold medal certificates and will also get book prizes. We're proud to recognise your excellence!

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## St John Ambulance Ambulance Awareness course

St John  
Ambulance



Kathleen and Lara (Y12) write: As part our recent Ambulance Awareness course, we were lucky enough to attend a session led by Mrs Shirley's daughter, Helen, who is a paramedic. Helen detailed her career journey and gave us insight into a paramedic's daily routine. We were also put the test, attempting to categorise different emergencies and decide which ambulance services they would require, with Helen providing the sometimes, surprising answers! We then discussed different problems within the NHS – a great opportunity to develop communication and listening skills as well as our health service knowledge. Thank you, Helen and Mrs Shirley (and Frankie, Helen's five-month-old)!

## Netball - Y7 and Y8

### Sutton Schools Year 7 and Year 8 Netball

On March 19th, our Y7 and Y8 netball teams went to St Philomena's to play in a tournament against other schools. Both teams played brilliantly. They showed great flow in their play and highlighted their great teamwork with each other. Our Year 7 team came 1st in the competition and our Year 8 team came 4th. A big congratulations to everyone that played!



### Year 7 BCD and Year 8 CD Netball V Downsend

We had a five match tournament against Downsend School on March 20th. We saw some very exciting games. The Y7s used great teamwork and demonstrated high level skills. Our Y8s also showed great enthusiasm and confidence in their games. We came out winning every game we played against Downsend. Amazing work from all the players!

Results: U12B team won 32-6, U12C team won 14-2, U13A team won 19-7, U13B team won 17-10, U13C team won 5-1.



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## Cambridge Biology Challenge

The results for the second round of the Cambridge Biology Challenge are finally in! Students were challenged with the question 'Are humans still evolving?' where Homerton College received a wide variety of interesting responses. Congratulations to all of our students who participated, in particular to Anisha, Navani, Fanxi, Dhriti (all Y11) and Vidula (Y10) who received the award of 'Best explanation' for the response, which included the interesting case study of the Bajau people who are able to hold their breath for up to 10 minutes at a time. The third round asks participants to pick the organisms in their local area which has the most incredible biology and explain why. We really look forward to seeing how our students do in this round. Good luck, everyone!



## Young Carers lunch

To honour and increase awareness of Young Carers, Mrs Hart, Mrs Williamson-Jones and students recently attended a lunch via invitation hosted by Councillor Colin Stears.

During the event, Councillor Stears commended the hard work and dedication of Young Carers in supporting their families. Attendees had the chance to network and learn more about the initiatives of the Local Mayor.



We love to celebrate students' extracurricular activities/achievements outside of school. Please complete [this link](#) so we can share as many of these as possible with the Nonsuch community.

# SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

## CCF Easter Camp

Freya (Y13) writes: "During the Easter holidays, 20 CCF cadets across Y11-13 embarked on a five-day expedition through the Pennines and Yorkshire Dales. Cadets powered through strong winds and rain and conquered the Yorkshire Three Peaks: Pen-y-Ghent, Ingleborough and Whernside, walking a total of just under 100km.

On Monday, we trekked from Buckden to Pen-y-Ghent and after camping in Settle overnight, we continued onto Ingleborough, which unlike last year, didn't present us with snow, but instead heavy winds and showers as we approached the peak.

Wednesday brought us to Whernside, the highest of the three peaks at 736m, then to Dent, a small village where we once again enjoyed a warm meal and camped overnight after a very soggy day of walking! The next day took us from Dent to Hawes and Hardraw Force Waterfall, England's largest single drop waterfall - its imposing views were definitely worth the long day of walking!

To end the week, cadets took part in the annual Tan Hill Challenge, a 10km race up to the Tan Hill Inn whilst carrying a minimum 10kg bag. This was the ultimate challenge to finish off a long week of walking and really pushed us to our limits, but the accomplishment of reaching the highest inn in Britain and enjoying some rewarding fish and chips was a great end to a demanding week!



## Student shout out: Kyra (Y9)

Kyra writes: "I am part of the street dance crew at Sutton Community Dance. On March 29th, we went to a BDO street dance competition in Crawley. We came first in the 14 & under amateur category! I also did a duo dance and came seventh out of fourteen amazing duos so my partner and I got a trophy. It was an amazing experience with lots of talented people and I am so proud of the group!" Well, done Kyra!



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## Student shout out: Maya (Y9)

Maya participated in CSC Junior Chess Grand Prix on March 23rd in London. She won a second overall prize and a top girls' prize for the U14 section. Maya won five out of six rounds of chess and was joint first place along with other high rated players. . Congratulations, Maya!



## Student shout out: Simone (Y13)

Simone was selected to be a UN Women UK Delegate at the 68th annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68), the UN's largest annual gathering on gender equality and women's empowerment. This took place from March 11th to 22nd under the theme, "Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective". The UN Women UK CSW 68 is a two-week gathering of high-level government officials, NGO representatives, and UN delegates, alongside numerous events organised by grassroots organizations and activists. Participants discuss issues such as child marriage and equal pay, aiming to address progress and gaps in gender equality. At the conclusion, a policy document with recommendations for advancing women's rights is produced, which Member States collectively agree on and commit to implementing through action plans. Well done, Simone - amazing work!





# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Week 1</b>	
Monday 22nd April	
Tuesday 23rd April	Early finish (staggered dismissal around 12 :30) Y7 PTC part 1 – 13.10 (remote) Careers Fair - online
Wednesday 24th April	
Thursday 25th April	09 :55 school start Y7 PTC part 2 16 :00 – 19 :30 (remote)
Friday 26th April	
<b>Week 2</b>	
Monday 29th April	
Tuesday 30th April	
Wednesday 1st May	
Thursday 2nd May	
Friday 3rd May	Year 8 HPV Immunisation