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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,

Tuesday and Wednesday: Year 9 Parent Teacher Consultations online

As we have Y9 Parent Teacher consultations this week, school finishes early on Wednesday 17th January. Students will be registered and then leave school in key stages (sixth form, then Years 10 and 11 and finally Years 7-9) each released 5 minutes apart, from 12.25 – 12.35.

Thursday and Friday: Bag2School – PTA fundraiser

Another reminder: pre-loved clothes should be bagged up in refuse sacks tied tightly at the top and be brought into school on Thursday and Friday morning 18th and 19th January. The PTA will have helpers at the park gate to manage this. It is a great fundraiser for the school.

Heating in school and cold weather wear

Our programme to repair the boiler which heats the Maths and Languages corridors takes place next week. Please ensure students bring coats this half term, as some who arrive by car are bringing no warmer outer-wear to school. This is the season for thermal underwear, hats and gloves!

Girls Chess Championships at St Catherine's School, Bramley this weekend (pictured)

Nonsuch chess teams A and B travelled to Guildford to take part as a school for the first time in a girls' chess championship. Team A comprised: Anna (Y13), Maya (Y9), Tiara (Y7) and Team B Vicky (Y13), Nilupuli (Y7), Arushi (Y7) and Srutiga (Y11). The teams played five rounds of chess, competing against 34 other teams. Team A made it to the finals which will take place in April, coming third place overall, following chess championship veterans North London Collegiate and St Paul's Girls. A brilliant outcome for the school's first championship and due to the fabulous student chess leadership of Anna, Vicky and Harshani and facilitation of Mr Murdoch. I really enjoyed sharing the experience with them.



UPDATES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON-JONES

Attendance

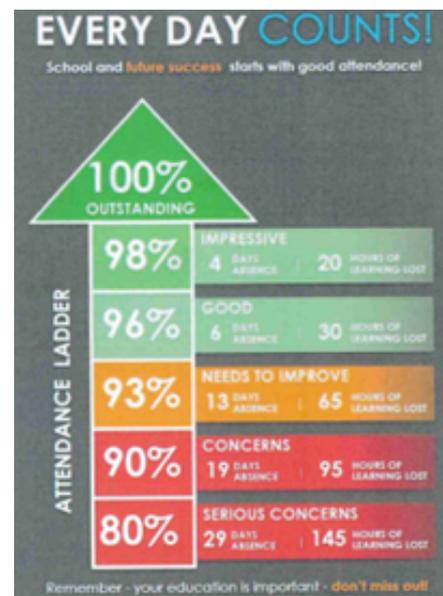
As we begin a new term we want to remind parents and carers about the importance of attendance. Every day in education counts. Missed lessons leads to missed understanding and in an academically selective school such as Nonsuch this can lead to added pressure placed onto the student.

We have had a number of students absent in the last week of the autumn term and the first week of this. We will be following up any illness in the week before and week after the Christmas holidays and will request evidence of this illness as outlined in our school attendance policy.

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

You can monitor your child's attendance data through the Schoolgateway 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.

Year group	Attendance (%)	Authorised (%)	Unauthorised (%)	Persistent absence >=10%
Year 7	98.34	1.25	0.40	4
Year 8	97.64	1.63	0.72	9
Year 9	96.88	2.44	0.57	12
Year 10	96.35	2.81	0.83	20
Year 11	95.46	3.87	0.66	16
Year 12	96.15	2.82	1.02	20
Year 13	93.78	4.67	1.53	37
All years	96.34	2.81	0.83	118



Session attendance summary (4/9/23 to 11/11/24)

Twilight

A reminder that there will be no Twilight on Wednesday January 17th.

Reporting absence

Absences need to be reported via Schoolgateway. Follow this link for downloading the app: [Nonsuch High School for Girls - Reporting Absences.](#)

Class Charts for parents

We will be launching Classcharts to parents via an online webinar on Tuesday January 30th 2024. This webinar will explain how Class Charts works and how you can monitor your child's learning behaviours at school.

Please join us at 6pm using [this link.](#)

SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

Kingston Festival of Performing Arts

Luxika (Y10) and Anaisha (Y9) say: "In November, we competed at the Kingston Upon Thames Festival of Performing Arts. We placed in many different categories. In December, we were honoured to be invited to perform at the Prizewinners' Awards Ceremony. Our group was selected for the Senior Society Award as well as Luxika going on to win the Adjudicators' Choice Award. We watched a night of outstanding performances, and at the end we were presented with their cups by the Mayor of Kingston. This festival was an amazing experience overall and we are both looking forward to competing again next year!



House Masterchef - Round One

It was wonderful to see so many students bringing in their entries for the annual Nonsuch House Masterchef contest on Thursday January 11th. All entrants receive House Points, with one winner from each House selected after a careful judging process by Miss Hicks and the House Officials.

We were really impressed with the range and skill of the entries. Photos to follow, but in the meantime, here are the winners from a large field of contestants. Well done to them all; they will now compete in the Grand Final later on in the term where the challenge is to create a main course in one lunchtime.

Winners: Yui (Y7), Ananya (Y7), Joycelin (Y7), Aabha (Y8), Mithuna (Y9), Akshita (Y9) and Monika (Y10).

PE - Indoor Athletics Competition success

On Tuesday 9th January our Indoor Athletics teams competed in the Sutton Schools Year 7 and Year 8 Female Sports Hall Athletics Competition. It was a fantastic day filled with lots of hard work, determination and everyone cheering on their teammates.

Nonsuch competed against seven other schools from around the local area and we came out of the competition in first place for both Year 7 and Year 8!! A huge congratulations to everyone in the teams. We will now progress onto the next round of the competition!

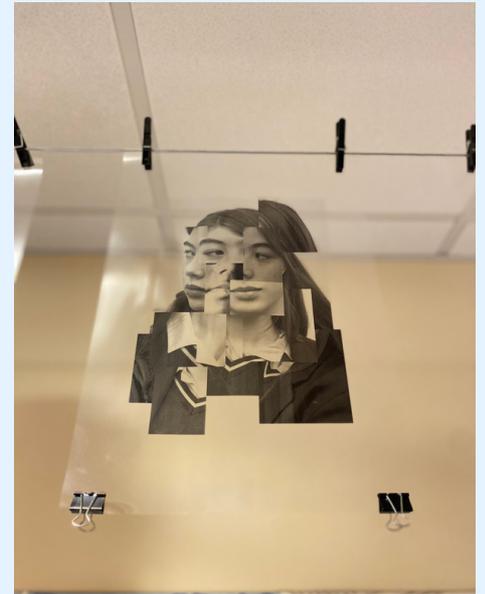
The PE Department also wanted to say a big thank you to all the Sports Leaders who helped out and ran parts of the competition. It was so great to see all of you out there leading – you were fantastic!



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Art - Y10 Pop Up GCSE Photography Exhibition

In completing the first part of their course, using portrait photographs they had shot last term, students used Photoshop to respond to the work of David Hockney and various cubist artists in creating these wonderful photographic joiners.



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.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	
Monday 15th January	
Tuesday 16th January	Year 9 parent-teacher consultation – 16.00-19.30 (remote)
Wednesday 17th January	School ends at 12.25 for all students Year 9 parent-teacher consultation – 13.10-15.30 (remote)
Thursday 18th January	Yr 11 V&A Trip (Fine Art, Photography & Textiles) Bag2School PTA fundraising
Friday 19th January	Bag2School PTA fundraising CCF Recruit Camp – 19th Jan-21st Jan
Week 1	
Monday 22nd January	Day in the life of a sixth former Nonsuch Young Musician of the Year (Final) – 15.30 (Hall) Year 12 Higher Education and Careers evening 7-8pm (Hall)
Tuesday 23rd January	
Wednesday 24th January	Year 11 Parents' Evening - 16.00-19.30 (in school)
Thursday 25th January	
Friday 26th January	