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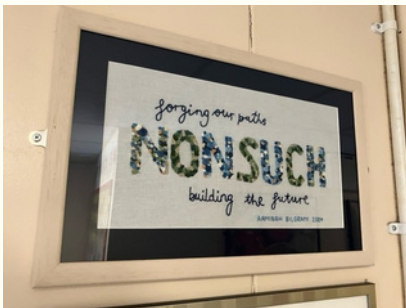
# NONSUCH NEWS

Our weekly newsletter for the school community

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## MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON-JONES



Dear students, parents, and carers,

I hope that you all had a refreshing break in February. It's great to welcome everyone back for what promises to be another busy and productive half term.

Last Monday, we held our annual Girls Learning Trust Conference, where we had the opportunity to share best practice with our colleagues from across the trust. A special thank you to our Year 12 students who supported the event and to Olivia and Giya, who spoke so eloquently to over 400 staff members - your contributions were invaluable!

Over the break, our students enjoyed an exhilarating ski trip to Austria and participated in a rewarding CCF camp, both of which were fantastic experiences for all involved. We have started this half term with the NEA Y11 food exams, a trip to Harry Potter World, and Y10 parent-teacher consultations.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to our talented students who participated in the Love Languages competition before half term and received a prize for their outstanding performance—an impressive achievement!

Finally, please note that we are deactivating the @nonsuchhsg Twitter/X account and school departmental accounts, as our school values do not align with this social media platform. Please follow us on Bluesky, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Thank you for your continued support. Here's to a successful and enjoyable term ahead!

Mrs Williamson-Jones  
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	98.57	94.11	97.38	97.41	95.41	97.56	93.26	96.21
Authorised	1.01	1.55	1.73	1.48	3.58	1.85	5.12	2.36
Unauthorised	0.42	0.89	0.89	1.05	1.01	0.54	1.57	0.91
Persistent absence >=10%	0.42	0.89	0.89	1.05	1.01	0.54	1.57	0.91
Lates	13	13	16	18	37	20	49	166

24/02/25-28/02/25

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](mailto: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 absence

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

## First Aid

Please advise [First Aid](#) of any recently-diagnosed medical conditions/allergies.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Upcoming PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Team	Location	
05/03/25	15:30pm	Badminton	Gordons	KS3	Nonsuch
05/03/25	15:30pm	Hockey	Sutton	U16	Nonsuch
06/03/25	16:00pm	Netball	Tournament	U15	Nonsuch
06/03/25	15:30pm	Football	Oaks Park	U12	Nonsuch
10/03/25	15:30pm	Hockey	Sutton	U13AB	Nonsuch
12/03/25	15:30pm	Hockey	Rosebery	U14	Nonsuch
12/03/25	15:30pm	Netball	St Phils	U12ABCD	St Phils
12/03/25	15:30pm	Netball	Wallington	U14AB	Nonsuch

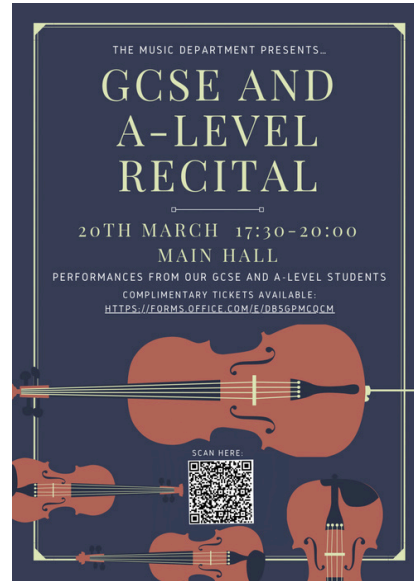
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## Music

Please come along to the GCSE and A Level Recital on Thursday March 20th. This is an opportunity to hear our talented GCSE Music students and listen to our incredible A level performers. Please note, the concert will be recorded as part of their coursework so may not be suitable for young children.

Please enlarge the poster to scan the QR code or complete this [form](#) to join us.

We look forward to seeing you there.



## Careers request - can you help inspire our students?

We are looking for guest speakers working in different industries to give our students insight into the vast variety of careers available to them. If you are able to offer an hour of your time to give a virtual (online) talk in your field of work or career journey, then we would love to hear from you.

If you would like to take part, please email [us](#) with:

- Your full name (including your title)
- The industry you work in e.g. IT, Healthcare, Creative Arts, Engineering etc.
- Your job title
- The topic you are willing to talk about to inspire the students in your field.

We appreciate any time you can give to enthuse students about your career.



## World Book Day celebrations and author visit

We are delighted to welcome award-winning author Sara Barnard to Nonsuch on Wednesday March 5th ahead of Nonsuch Book Week starting on Monday March 10th. Author visits in schools are extremely valuable for students' ongoing interest in literature and writing and we know Sara will inspire our students. She will also be signing copies of her brand new book 'This Song Is About Us' for students in Y9 and above who wish to purchase a copy.

The following week is our annual week-long celebration of books, reading and literature. The school library will be hosting a book fair all week. Please do refer to the letters sent to parents and carers about the book fair and our traditional dressing-as-a-book-character day, which will be on Thursday March 13th.





# SCHOOL NEWS

## Biology Challenge

The Biology Department is delighted to announce that an impressive 12 teams from Nonsuch entered the Imperial College Science & Innovation Competition this year. Teams were invited to create a video to showcase innovative solutions to some of the Global Sustainability Goals identified by the United Nations. The standard of entries was extremely high this year, and we are delighted that one of our teams, the 'Hippopotomonstrosesquippedalio' have made it to the final round, to be held at Imperial College on Wednesday, April 23rd. A huge congratulations to all who took part, and best of luck to our finalists!

Imperial College  
London

## Love Languages Competition success!

On Thursday, February 13th, 10 Y8 students proudly represented Nonsuch at the Love Languages Competition 2025, held at City of London Freeman's School. They put their language skills to the test in a challenging and exciting event. Their performance was a creative play, entirely written by the students, in which each of them took on the role of a European president. The storyline followed the leaders meeting at a restaurant and playfully debating which country has the best food, with each argument delivered in a different language.

In the lead-up to the competition, the students had a great time practising together, refining their skills, and preparing for the big day. Their hard work and enthusiasm were evident in their performances, and they did a fantastic job representing the school.

Congratulations to Emma, Katie, Sophie, Aria, Shelomi, Avika, Elise, Shion and Natasha for winning the prestigious Hankin Cup, which was introduced by the fundraiser of the event for the first time. Well done to you all - be proud of your achievement!



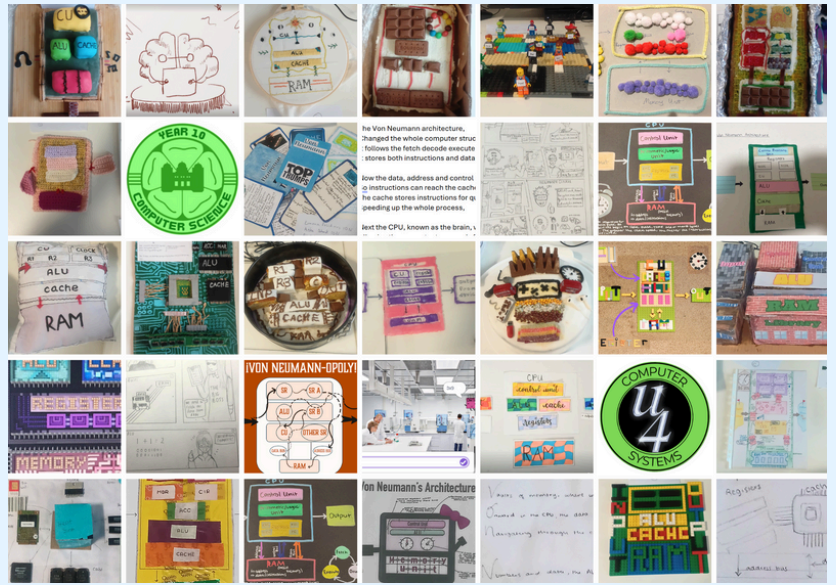
## Students' achievements

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.



## Computer Science

Before half term, Y10 computer scientists “dissected” the old computers that were upgraded two years ago. They learnt about the different components and then looked at what is going on inside the CPU. They were then given the task to present the Von Neumann architecture model for a CPU in a creative way. Along with some raps and poems, we also had a student’s first-ever embroidery, five cakes, a Minecraft model, a Scratch game, animations, Manga panels and a variety of models. Please do check out a selection of these in the montage. Well done, Year 10!



## Transport for London talk

Before half term, the DT department invited four female engineers from Transport for London to give students an insight into careers in engineering and architecture.

The lecture started with finding out exactly what an engineer does and various engineers gave insights in to their day-to-day work. It was great to see how valuable the skills gained in DT are so beneficial in the world of engineering and architecture, from designing, use of CAD, application of knowledge of materials , ergonomics as well as planning and time management of a project.

Degree apprentices Liana and Natasha shared their experiences of their courses and work including nightshifts, working inside the walls of a bridge and under the train tracks as well as taking part in the presentation to encourage engineers and architects of the future.

Many students took the opportunity to ask questions, particularly about degree apprenticeships. This pathway is becoming increasingly popular as you can work and study at the same time, whilst earning a wage.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## PE fixtures round up

### U13ABCD netball v Wallington

Our last netball match before half term was our U13ABCD squads playing four matches against Wallington. All teams played their very best, lots of great tactics and techniques were shown across all matches. Nonsuch came out with two wins and two losses:

A team: 11-10 loss POM: Ella

B team: 9-8 WIN POM: Hetty

C team: 17-3 loss POM: Emma

D team: 8-6 WIN POM: Asiya

Well done to all the students that played!

### U13 Indoor Cricket Area Round

Our last fixture before half term was the U13 Indoor Cricket on Wednesday. Nonsuch competed against Howard of Effingham and Reigate Grammar in the Area Round. Fabulous teamwork and communication was shown throughout each match by Nonsuch. We are so proud of the team for getting this far in the competition! Well done to all the cricketers! Also a mention to Elliora who is not in the photo but a big part of the team and to Tiahni and Phoebe for receiving players of the matches!

**View photos from both fixtures via school email addresses [here!](#)**

### U12ABCD v Wallington

Earlier last month, we had a four-match fixture against Wallington. We saw some great defending, the Y7s used great teamwork and demonstrated high level skills. They showed great enthusiasm and confidence in their games. A big well done to everyone who played!

Results and players of the matches are below:

U12A: 16-1 POM: Winter

U12B: 15-2 POM: Vidruma

U12C: 10-3 POM: Anya

U12D: 3-0 POM: Henesha

### U13AB Netball v Sutton High

In the last week before half term, we had an U13AB netball fixture against Sutton High. These were some amazing games to watch, with demonstrations of great attacking and shooting skills. Both teams won, with the A team result 25-9 and Emily as the POM and the B team result 9-5 with Amarachi and Phoebe as POMs. A massive well done to everyone who played!

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## Right Respecting Schools Steering Group

World Book Day this year takes place on Thursday, March 6th. It is inextricably linked to a child's right to education, freedom of thought and freedom of expression. There are many empowering stories of young people fighting for their right to an education. Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted because of her writing and shot on her way to school by the Taliban, may be the most famous.

One lesser-known figure is Mary Prince, who grew up enslaved and went on to become the first woman to write a slave narrative. Particularly important for a group of people largely denied an education and access to literature, this narrative, in which those who'd suffered under the trans-Atlantic slave trade shared their experiences, was a key tool of the abolitionist movement. Having been taken to London, where the legal system did not support slavery, Prince left her former enslavers, meeting Thomas Pringle in 1828.

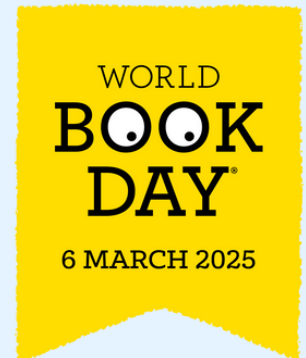
As a result of her enslavement, she was effectively illiterate.

She worked with Susanna Strickland, to whom she dictated her story, and Pringle, who edited it. 'The History of Mary Prince, A West-Indian Slave, Related by Herself' was published in 1831.

World Book Day's importance in the area of child and human rights is only increasing.

According to PEN America, a group which campaigns for human rights and freedom of expression, American schools have removed a large number of books from schools, libraries and shop shelves. Not only does this mean that young people are limited from developing adequate literacy and analytical skills, but it significantly limits their ability to think freely.

World Book Day is an opportunity to celebrate the joy reading provides for us along with our freedom to read. As World Book Day comes up, we must all ensure we honour and recognise the value of reading.



## Remembering Miss Jean Clayton

We are sorry to share the news that a former member of staff, Miss Jean Clayton, died in January. A memorial service for Miss Clayton took place at St Paul's Church in Cheam at the end of February.

Miss Clayton taught PE at Nonsuch from the late 1970s until her retirement in 2000. She was a committed teacher who gave many hours to the pupils of the school supporting extra-curricular activities at lunchtimes and after school. She ran numerous teams in netball, hockey and tennis, and following her retirement, she accompanied the ballgirls to Queen's on a voluntary basis. Miss Clayton was also a Form Tutor to many students throughout her time at the school.

On her retirement, Miss Clayton presented 'The Clayton Cup' which is still awarded annually to a Year 9 student who has made the largest contribution to extra-curricular PE. She particularly wanted to acknowledge the contribution made by students in the Lower School. We will remember her commitment to Nonsuch.



# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Week 2</b>	<b>International Women's Day</b>
Monday 3rd March	Film - Hidden Figures – Room 101 & 102 – 12.20 Speaker - Lucienne Davies – Library – 12.20
Tuesday 4th March	Film - Hidden Figures – Room 101 & 102 – 12.20 Oxbridge Evening – 18.00 - Hall
Wednesday 5th March	Film - Hidden Figures – Room 101 & 102 – 12.20 Speaker - Sara Barnard – Author – Library – 12.20
Thursday 6th March	Film - Hidden Figures – Room 101 & 102 – 12.20 Solutions Not Sides:- Session 2 Years 12 & 13 14.30 – 16.30
Friday 7th March	UKMT Maths Challenge – Hall
Saturday 8th & 9th March	Cyberfirst Gala – (4 students)
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Nonsuch Book Week</b>
Monday 10th March	Year 12 Politics Conference – Westminster College House Masterchef Final (7 students) – T1 – 12.20 Scholastic Book Fair – Library – all week
Tuesday 11th March	Year 12 Parent-Teacher Consultation – 16.00
Wednesday 12th March	Late start for students - registration 9.55am Year 7 Netball + Hockey Interhouse P2&3
Thursday 13th March	Year 10 Historians Battlefields trip (60 students + staff) Book dressing up day - staff and students Year 10 Revision Guidance Surrey Satro Competition – St Philomena School – 14.50
Friday 14th March	Year 10 Historians Battlefields trip (60 students + staff) Rag Week begins Fashion Show – 12.20 - Hall