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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,

It has been another incredibly busy week at school, filled with exciting events and fantastic achievements from our students.

First, a huge congratulations to our CyberFirst team, who travelled to Crewe last weekend for the CyberFirst Gala. Competing against schools nationwide, our four talented Year 8 students secured an impressive £500 for the school, along with a range of new technology for themselves. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication!

Meanwhile, our History department took 58 Y10 students on the annual Battlefields trip to Belgium on Thursday and Friday. We also hosted a very positive Year 12 Parents' Evening, where students, parents, and teachers had valuable discussions about progress and aspirations.

Last week was also our annual RAG (Raising and Giving) Week, which saw a variety of fundraising events, including the much-loved fashion show. It was wonderful to see our students and staff coming together to support our three school charities. Alongside this, we celebrated Nonsuch Book Week, with many teachers and students embracing the spirit of the event by dressing up as their favourite book characters on Thursday, which created a real buzz of excitement around the school. I certainly enjoyed being Miss Trunchball for the day!

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a great week 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	96.90	98.10	96.71	97.64	93.55	96.90	92.19	95.94
Authorised	1.43	1.43	2.71	1.92	5.51	2.57	6.47	3.20
Unauthorised	0.24	0.48	0.57	0.44	0.94	0.43	1.30	0.64
Persistent absence >=10%	19	23	24	18	78	33	61	256

10/03/25-14/03/25

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.

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.

Schoolgateway absence reminder

We have noticed an increased number of absence messages that are not being received in the attendance area of the Schoolgateway. If absences are not reported following the route below the Attendance Officer is not automatically notified and your daughter's reason for absence will not be recorded. Even when replying to a text, please follow the route below.

Please also note that attachments cannot be sent via the Schoolgateway. Therefore, if you are required to supply any evidence for an absence, please email attachments to office@nonsuchschool.org. Please refer to the PDF sent with this newsletter for a reminder of absence reporting either side of a school holiday.

Unfortunately, this is due to the set-up within Schoolgateway and is unavoidable.

The route is:

- Click on your child's name
- Click on Reporting
- Click on Attendance
- Click on 'Advise of Future Absence' - Complete the information not overwriting your daughter's name and tutor group

You need to be a priority 1 parent/carer to be able to download and your email address and mobile number must be up to date. Please email office@nonsuchschool.org if you need to update us. Download the app [here](#).

First Aid

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

Education Wellbeing Service | Making Life Better Together | NHS South West London and St George's Mental Health

Emotional Wellbeing and Ramadan

Ramadan is a holy month in the Islamic calendar. During this month, millions of Muslims around the world dedicate themselves to their faith, practice gratitude, kindness to self and others, giving to charity and connecting with loved ones.

- 1 Look after Yourself**
It's important to look after yourself by practising self-compassion and self-care. Doing activities such as walking, reading, spending time outdoors and making time for the things that are important to you.
- 2 Stay Connected**
Making meaningful connections are vital to our emotional well-being. Healthy connections with friends, family and others can support our mental health and well-being. Stay connected by going on walks together, doing fun activities (such as board games, going to look at the Ramadan lights at the West End etc.) and sharing meals. Here are some community events taking place this Ramadan you could attend:
Fid in the Square 2024 | London City Hall
<https://thebigiftar.co.uk/#about-us>
Community Activities & Groups | Sutton Council's Cultural Services.
- 3 Routine**
Achieving the goals you've set yourself for this month and doing things that you enjoy, such as spending time with your loved ones is great. It's important that you work on building a routine that works for you as it can help you to feel balanced and relaxed.

Who We Are?
Educational Wellbeing Practitioners are available in primary and secondary schools throughout Wandsworth, Sutton and Merton.
We offer evidence-based support programs for secondary school students dealing with anxiety and low mood, as well as guided self-help programs for parents of primary school children experiencing anxiety or behavioural challenges.
For more information please get in touch with the mental health lead at your school.

4 Acts of Kindness
Ramadan is a time for kindness and giving back to others. Simple acts of charity, like helping your parents around the house, preparing iftar with your family, or checking in on neighbours are great. Being considerate, whether through kind words, sharing, or lending a helping hand reflects the meaning of Ramadan.
Here are some volunteering ideas:
<https://www.mcwas.org/whats-on/ramadan-food-pack-drive-hot-meals>
<https://www.muslimaid.org/opportunities/volunteers/ramadan-campaign/>

Further Support
Muslim Youth Helpline
Provides faith and culturally sensitive support for young Muslims.
Online chat service available during opening hours.
Home - Muslim Youth Helpline (myh.org.uk)
South West London 24/7 Mental Health Crisis Support Line on 0800 028 8000
Childline: Call 0800 1111 (available 7:30am - 3:30am, seven days a week)
Samaritans: Call 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org (available 24/7)
Shout: Text SHOUT to 85258 (available 24/7)

Education Wellbeing Service YouTube Channel. Videos cover a range of topics about child and adolescent emotional wellbeing.
Education Wellbeing Service - SWLSTG - YouTube

SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

Exam Stress Webinar - supporting your teen with exams

Monday, 17 March at 12.30pm and 7pm - MS Teams

Sutton Education and Wellbeing Service invites you to join an online webinar for parents and carers ahead of the upcoming GCSE and A level exams.

Hear how to support your teenager with exam stress in the run up to the summer exam, alongside the common challenges young people may face and practical solutions on how to manage their feelings.

Please see the attached flyer for more details.

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Upcoming PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Against	Team	Location
17/03/25	8:00am	Badminton	Regional	KS3&4	St Helens
17/03/25	15:00pm	Badminton	Gordons	KS4	Gordons
18/03/25	15:30pm	Hockey	Croydon	U16	Croydon
19/03/25	15:30pm	Netball	St Phils	SNR & U16AB	St Phils
20/03/25	15:30pm	Hockey	Croydon	U14	Nonsuch
27/03/25	15:30pm	Tennis	Putney High		Nonsuch
27/03/25	15:30pm	Netball	Wallington	SNR	Wallington
31/03/25	14:00pm	Badminton	Gordons	KS3&4	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.



RAG Week

This year, our annual RAG (Raising and Giving) week will take place between Friday 14th March and Wednesday 19th March. Our first event was an exciting RAG fashion show which took place in the Sports Hall on Friday lunchtime. On Monday, our Y7 students are raising money through game and food stalls in the School Hall and on Tuesday, there will be an entertaining teacher talent show showcasing the hitherto hidden talents of both staff and Y12 students. Each of our lunchtime events will require cash or card donations (minimum £1 per event). Total donations raised will be split between our three school charities – 'Friends of Kipkelion', 'UK-Med' and 'Critical Support'.

Our final event will be a 'non-uniform day' on Wednesday 19th March. We ask that donations for our 'non-uniform day' are kindly made via ParentPay.



Can you help our Tap Dancing Club?



The Nonsuch Tap Club are in desperate need of size 4, size 5 and size 6 tap shoes that may be borrowed or donated for our upcoming 'Gym and Dance display' performance. Please contact the School Office if you are kindly able to assist.

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.

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UK Maths Trust Junior Team Challenge

On Friday March 7th, Nonsuch was delighted to host a regional final of the UK Maths Trust Junior Team Challenge. Eighteen schools from across London and the South East arrived with teams of four Y8 and Y9 students to compete in a range of challenges, culminating in the relay which saw students racing across the hall passing on questions and answers to their team mates. Nonsuch entered a team (Olivia Y8, Tulsi Y8, Alice Y9 and Sophie Y9) who finished second, losing only four marks across the whole competition. A big thanks to Mrs Snelgrove, from the Maths department, who hosted the event as part of her volunteer work with the UK Maths Trust.

Below is a summary of the day from [Olivia and Tulsi](#):

"We thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Team Maths Challenge. It was an amazing experience that not only allowed us to tackle challenging and thought-provoking problems, but also gave us the opportunity to work closely as a team of like-minded individuals. The collaborative atmosphere made solving complex problems even more rewarding, testing our ability to cooperate, think critically, and communicate effectively under pressure. Although the competition was intense, it was also incredibly fun, reinforcing our appreciation for the beauty of maths. We left feeling inspired and motivated by the entire experience."



Astronomy Olympiad success

Yilin Y13 entered the Astronomy Olympiad and has been successful in making it through to the second round of the competition. She was one of 88 students nationally to make it this far in the competition and one of just nine girls. The paper was 3 hours long and the average score was 29% with a top score of 67%. We are really proud to announce that she scored a Bronze grade - a terrific result. Well done, Yilin!

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PE

U12 Football v Oaks Park

On Thursday March 6th, our U12 football squad played against Oaks Park. It was a fantastic game filled with lots of communication and teamwork. Lots of great attacking plays were seen across the game. A big well done to all the players, with extra congratulations to our player of the match, Charlotte.

U16 Hockey v Rosebery

Spiel: We had our first hockey match of this half term last Wednesday with our U16 squad against Rosebery. The whole team showed great defence skills and tactics. The team had good resilience and fabulous teamwork. Although it ended in defeat, everyone left with their heads held high. Well done to all the players, especially to our player of the match: Lior!

U15 Netball Invitational Tournament

Nonsuch hosted an U15 Invitational Netball Tournament on Thursday March 6th. We competed against Ewell Castle and Sutton High. All Nonsuch teams played brilliantly, with great tactics and strategic play. We managed to turn over many centre passes and score a goal as a result. Overall, Ewell Castle won our A pool and our Nonsuch B team won the B pool. A big well done to all the teams who played!



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	Rag Week (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)
Monday 17th March	Year 8 Netball & Hockey Interhouse P1 & 2 Year 11 Netball & Hockey Interhouse P3 & 4
Tuesday 18th March	Teacher Talent Show – 12.20 Solutions Not Sides: - Session 3 Year 12 & 13 – 15.30-16.30 Careers Fair – 19.00-21.00 – Virtual Meeting
Wednesday 19th March	Y5/6 Quick sticks – 13.00- 16.00 PTA movie night – 15.30-18.00 Careers Fair – 19.00-21.00 – Virtual Meeting
Thursday 20th March	GCSE/A-Level recital concert – 17.30 – 20.00
Friday 21st March	Model United Nations Conference (1 staff 6-9 students)
Saturday 22nd March	Model United Nations Conference (1 staff 6-9 students)
Sunday 23rd March	Model United Nations Conference (1 staff 6-9 students)
Week 1	
Monday 24th March	Gym and Dance Dress Rehearsal – Sports Hall
Tuesday 25th March	Gym & Dance Display – 19.00
Wednesday 26th March	PTA Donut Sale – 12.20 - Hall Gym & Dance Display – 19.00
Thursday 27th March	Year 10 Netball & Hockey Interhouse – P3 -4 Year 13 Parents' Evening – 16.00
Friday 28th March	
Saturday 29th March	National Badminton Competition – Milton Keynes