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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,

As another term draws to a close we can celebrate the fact that Year 11 students can enjoy a well-deserved rest after their mocks and NEAs; that Year 7 are no longer newbies to the school and that we have enjoyed House competitions, sporting fixtures, wider competition successes and the Christmas Concert.

Tuesday night saw my favourite event of the year – A Level Celebration and Prize-Giving – which was for the 2023 cohort. It is inspiring to reflect on and celebrate our ex-students' successes and onward destinations.

Whole school assemblies on Thursday allow us to celebrate the achievements and contributions of current Nonsuchers and to express gratitude to all our staff and say sad farewells to leaving staff. Mrs Mundy is moving on to a promoted post; Mrs Williams-Parsons is moving on to a different career pathway; Mrs Malik is re-locating and Mrs Younas is moving on to combine home-working with child care. Mrs Suvari will be teaching RS from January and she will be joined by another new RS teacher, Mrs Neligan, who will join us from 15 January onwards. Mrs Snelgrove joins the Maths department and a new Careers Coordinator will join our school in the Spring term. So there are new beginnings for a number of staff.

We are now consulting on changes to our Admissions Policy. Please follow [this link](#) for more information.

Huge thanks go to the PTA for supporting school events this term and arranging and decorating the enormous Christmas tree that has graced our foyer. We will miss it next term.

With best wishes and a happy new year,
Ms Cavilla

UPDATES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON-JONES

Attendance

We are continuing to receive requests for leave of absence around the Christmas holidays. Please be aware that it is unlikely a leave of absence will be authorised for a family holiday. However, we do appreciate you speaking with us to let us know in advance of the absence so that it does not spark a safeguarding concern. We will also 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	98.51	1.26	0.22	2
Year 8	97.92	1.56	0.28	5
Year 9	97.13	2.52	0.35	13
Year 10	96.58	2.61	0.49	16
Year 11	95.58	3.93	0.49	13
Year 12	96.22	2.87	0.87	12
Year 13	93.76	4.76	1.46	38
All years	96.49	2.81	0.61	99

Session attendance summary (4/9/23 to 12/12/23)



Twilight

The last Twilight session of the term will be on Tuesday December 19th.

Twilight will restart on Monday January 8th 2024.

A new booking link on Evolve for Twilight sessions will be sent to students.

Reporting absence

Absences need to be reported via Schoolgateway. Please follow this link for downloading instructions if required: [Nonsuch High School for Girls - Reporting Absences](#).

UK Space Design Competition winner! Y10

Vidula in Y10 says: 'On Saturday December 2nd, I took part in the UK Space Design competition. As the only participant from our school for the London Regionals, and the youngest competitor, I was both nervous and excited. The competition involved collaboration with students from other schools, and we formed sub-groups to tackle different aspects of the task.

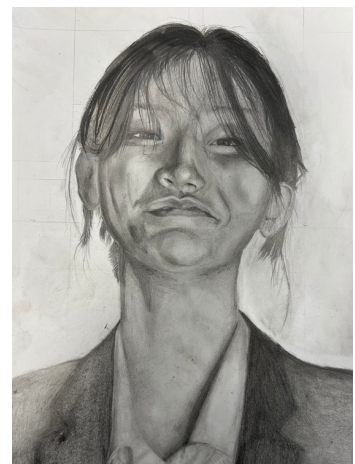
This experience provided me with valuable insights into engineering, offering a glimpse into what an actual job in the field might entail. The process of working with diverse teams and handling specific responsibilities was both challenging and enlightening.

I am thrilled to say that our team won! I'm honoured to represent Nonsuch at the national competition, which will take place at Imperial College in London.

I highly recommend this competition to everyone. It offers a chance to showcase problem-solving skills but also provides a glimpse into the world of engineering. There is also no need to prepare for it, as the task is only shared with you on the day.'

Art - Y10

Y10 Art students have been learning portraiture. Well done to Aditri, Zenda, Hannah, and Violeta for completing their work on time and to such a high standard.



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.

Roblox - parental controls

Roblox is a very popular game enjoyed by children and young people.

To ensure that your child has a positive experience while playing Roblox, we want to provide you with some essential information regarding parental controls. By implementing these measures, you can actively participate in safeguarding your child's online interactions.

Please read the PDF checklist included with this newsletter for more information.

[Mrs Hart, Designated Safeguarding Lead](#)

Sporting achievements of Ivonnya, Y9 and Taybah, Y13

Ivonnya says: 'During the October half-term, I represented England in a cricket tournament in Austria. I represented T20 Surrey Academy Girls. We played against teams from Serbia, the Czech Republic, Austria, Vienna and the Surrey boys' T20 team. It was a great experience playing with people from different countries and flying abroad to play a sport.

I maintained a 95.45 strike rate, totalling 42 runs in four appearances and took three wickets. Our team won every match to make it to the finals. We lost to the Czech boys' team but we had so much fun. We loved every minute of it!



In November, I then competed in the karate Snow Herons Martial Arts Championships. I achieved 30 points, the highest points possible as a blue belt. I came first in all categories and gained three gold medals. I had a lot of fun and I am so proud of my achievements.'

Taybah in Y13, one of our Deputy Head Students, also competed in the Martial Arts Championship earlier this term.

Taybah says: 'I won a trophy for skills in Weapons: Bo Staff, as well as a Silver medal for Hyungs. I really enjoyed the competition and it was a good, exciting way to prepare for my Black Belt exam last week!' Well done and congratulations to both Ivonnya and Taybah!

St John's Ambulance residential - Y10

Nithila in Y10 says: 'In November, Sai (also Y10) and I attended a weekend residential St. John Ambulance leadership course in High Ashurst, Box Hill. Our first lesson of the evening was what makes a good NCO (non-commissioned officer). We then spent time getting to know different cadets from other units. It was really interesting to see how different units operated and to meet new people.

The course involved various activities to strengthen our leadership skills: from learning how to overcome a problem whilst staying in control of the situation, to undergoing bullying awareness training.

We also played and run a lot of games and socialised. It was lots of fun and we were sad to see each other go. We certainly learnt a lot to take back to our unit.

This was a really good opportunity to learn new things as well as revise old things we may think are obvious but sometimes forget to do. I hope this article inspires lots of people to try it out. It was great to meet people we may not interact with everyday and learn about their life in St John's.'

DEPARTMENT NEWS

PE - U14 football

On Thursday December 14th our U14 Football team played against Glenthorne. The team showed some great teamwork and communication. It was a very tough game in cold conditions but we saw some fantastic play. Well done, girls!



Upcoming fixtures 2024

Date	Time	Sport	Team	Location
09/01/24	15:30	Indoor athletics	Y7&8	Nonsuch
15/01/24	10:00	Floor & vault gym competition	U13	Putney High
16/01/24	16:15	Hockey	U16	Nonsuch
22/01/24	15:30	Hockey	U13A B	Croydon
23/01/24	14:30	Badminton competition	KS4	The Ashcombe School

Music - Nonsuch Young Musician Final

Please complete this [MS Form](#) to reserve tickets for this exciting event!

The form will close when we have reached our maximum audience numbers.

we will not sell tickets for this concert so will collect ticket reservations via MS Forms.

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Nonsuch Young Musician FINAL

Monday 22nd January

🕒 3:30-5pm

Guest judges from Sutton Music Trust!

Prizes:
KS3 Prize
KS4 Prize
KS5 Prize
Piano Prize
Overall Winner

Natalia *Aree*
Darshni *Hannah*
Yi Xin
Alyza *Yi Yi*
Yu Qing *Elise*
Candice *Ella*
Isadora
Isabelle *Lucy*
Elinor

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	
Monday 18th December	
Tuesday 19th December	A Level Prizegiving – 18.30-20.30 (School Hall) Last Twilight session of Autumn term
Wednesday 20th December	No Twilight session
Thursday 21st December	Last day of term All students dismissed by 12.30
Friday 22nd December	
Week 1	
Monday 8th January	First day back – Spring Term
Tuesday 9th January	Sutton Borough Athletics Year 7 & 8 (Home)
Wednesday 10th January	Year 13 Parents' Information Evening – 18.00 (online)
Thursday 11th January	Ski Trip, Parents' Information Evening – 18.00 (Hall)
Friday 12th January	