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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,
I wish you all a restorative holiday break and the hope that working parents get some kind of break over the period. Please receive my best wishes also for those respecting: Lent and Easter Friday to Monday; the period of worship and fasting over Ramadan or celebrating Holi today.

For students in Years 11 and 13 and also Year 10 it is time to rest and recuperate and then use the rest of the break as precious, focused revision time in preparation for exams.

Parents, please note the parent governor ballot.

Students, note that we have a full School Council session on Thursday March 28th in the morning. PSHE lessons are followed by tutor time and our celebration assemblies which are largely student-led. We will be saying thank you to our outgoing student leadership team and welcoming the incoming team. The newsletter after Easter will list the student senior team members.

On the last day students will be dismissed at the following times:

12.10: KS5

12.20: KS4

12.30: KS3

I wish to remind students and parents to leave the site safely and respectfully. Despite discussions in school council around safety and behaviour in public spaces, a staff bus stop rota and messages we share with our neighbours, we still receive complaints about parents parking over driveways on Anne Boleyn's Walk and student behaviour getting on and off buses on Cheam Broadway. We have such a great and positive school community, let's make sure everyone knows it!

We look forward to hosting some students over Easter for revision sessions and welcome everyone back after the break.

Best wishes,

Ms Cavilla

UPDATES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON-JONES

Attendance

This week the local authority released league tables for attendance for schools in the borough of Sutton. We are pleased to announce that we are second place amongst all 12 state secondary schools in Sutton, with 96.5% attendance.

As the school holidays approach, we'd like to remind you of our Attendance Policy regarding absences during the first and last week of terms. If your daughter 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).

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

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.



Relationships and Sex Education consultation

We are hoping to send out by the end of the week the draft policy for you to view over the Easter Holidays. In the communication will be a Microsoft Form link for you to provide us with any feedback.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NONSUCH - CAREERS

HIGHER EDUCATION & APPRENTICESHIPS - SHOUTOUT!



Apprenticeships

UNIVERSITY & APPRENTICESHIP OFFERS

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are incredibly proud of our students receiving offers for university courses of their choice and places on apprenticeship programmes.

As such, we want to celebrate these achievements with you and will be sharing a selection of these each week with you.

Thank you,
Careers @ Nonsuch High School for Girls

University Offers:

- ENGINEERING**
 - Electronic Engineering
 - Mechanical Engineering
 - Materials Science and Engineering
 - Chemical Engineering
 - Design, Innovation and Creative Engineering
 - Aeronautics & Astronautics
 - Aerospace Engineering
 - Robotics Engineering
 - Structural and Architectural Engineering
- HEALTHCARE**
 - Cognitive and Clinical Neuroscience
 - Optometry
 - Infection and Immunity
 - Global Health and Social Medicine
 - Operating Department Practice
- ARCHITECTURE**
 - Architectural Engineering
 - Architecture

Please check nutritional information via the link on poster if you have allergies



Doughnut Day

27 March 2024

- Doughnuts £1.20 each
- Time - Lunch break (12:25pm - 1.00pm)
- Location: School Hall (entry ONLY via the doors by the netball courts)
- Card/Contactless / Cash accepted (exact money only)

[Nutritional info - krispykreme.co.uk/ingredients](https://www.krispykreme.co.uk/ingredients)

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Please note an upcoming workshop in April run by charity Off The Record, which you may find useful:
[Self-Harm Support for Parents/Carers- 16th & 23rd April, 6.30pm](#)

Please see the flyer for the Sutton Police Open Day on Sunday April 7th.

SUTTON POLICE STATION

COME VISIT US, COME TALK TO US
& GET AN INSIGHT IN TO WHAT WE DO
07/04/2024 10:00-16:00
ON DISPLAY:
TRAFFIC, FIREARMS, DOGS & MORE



OPEN DAY



Reporting absence

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

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

Art - Y12 Royal Academy submissions

We wanted to share these wonderful portraits created by Naerthi, Zahrah and Marcelina in Y12. The Y12 Elective Photography class have been working creating and submitting work to the Royal Academy of Art Young Artists Summer Show. We wish them all the best of luck as they complete and submit their entries.



Coulsdon and Purley Festival 2024 - Nonsuch success

The 80th Coulsdon and Purley Festival is taking place throughout March. It is a wonderful celebration of the performing arts. On Friday March 1st, eleven youth choirs performed. Nonsuch were represented by Vox Celestes in the 12-18yrs class. They gained a distinction mark and won the class, and were also awarded the Youth Challenge Shield. Congratulations to them for their hard work and commitment.

It was the turn of the solo vocalists on March 8th/9th and again Nonsuch were well represented. All the Nonsuch girls sang extremely well. Special congratulations to Sophia (Y12) who won the Sacred Song 16-18yrs class and Louisa (Y11) who won the British Song 16-18yrs class. Nikki (Y12) was also the runner up in this class, and Louisa was the runner up in the Show Song class 16-18yrs. Louisa has been awarded a cup for her performance in the British Song class.

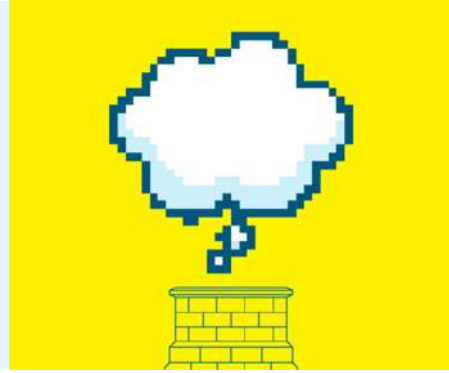


Sophia and Louisa have also been invited to take part in the Hervey Alan Competition on March 23rd at Trinity School, Croydon. We wish them all the best for that evening. Many thanks to our voice teacher, Vivienne French, for her support and encouragement.

SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

Art - 4th Plinth Schools Award 2024

The Art Department is delighted to share that Nonsuch has submitted a winning entry to the 4th Plinth Schools Awards 2024, Avantika in Y7. All the KS3 entries can be found on the web address [Fourth Plinth Schools Awards 2024 gallery](https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/what-we-offer/fourth-plinth-schools-awards-2024-gallery) | [London City Hall](https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/what-we-offer/fourth-plinth-schools-awards-2024-gallery).



Y8 - CyberFirst Competition Celebration Weekend

At the beginning of March, the winning CyberFirst Competition Year 8 team headed to Oxford for the celebration weekend. The 2023 CyberFirst Girls Competition, which ended in December, saw more than 12,500 girls across the UK take part in online cyber security challenges. Team Cyberfirst, consisting of Anjini, Sophie, Alice and Isabelle, took the top scoring team spot for the South East.

The daytime event included workshops on using drones and learning about the Boston Robotics Robot, Spot. The evening event was hosted by the amazing team at NCSC, and we received praise from Felicity Oswald, the COO and acting CEO of NCSC, as well as meeting Ellie Matthews, who works in Cybersecurity with Ultra, the sponsors for the South East region of CyberFirst.

The team received their awards and added another trophy to the cabinet, while Mrs Andrew collected another trophy and £500 on behalf of Year 8 for winning the "Most Team Entries (State Selective School)" prize. This money will be put towards resources in KS3 Programming lessons.



SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

School book fair update and competition winner

Thank you for all your support for Nonsuch Book Week. We are very pleased to share that we raised £823 to buy brand-new titles for the library. Please complete the [MS Form](#) to send us your book suggestions from the Scholastic website for us to consider purchasing.

We ran lots of competitions across the week for students to enter. Here is the winning alternative book cover from Casandra in Y8 for you to enjoy. Congratulations also go to Britney in Y8 and Ibtida in Y12 for each winning a £10 book voucher as 'Best Dressed' in the Nonsuch Book Character Dressing Up Day!



Surrey Satro Competition success!

On Wednesday March 20th the DT department took 18 students to Royal Holloway University to compete in the Final of the Surrey Satro engineering competition. Royal Holloway student ambassadors gave us a campus tour before the competition began.

All three teams displayed excellent teamwork and problem solving skills. After all the teams were judged KS4 were announced in second place. Well done to all students who competed... Posi, Arshiya, Pia, Siya, Yi Xin, Maya, Yathra, Teju, Tanishkaa, Elizabeth, Parichita, Nuha, Zahra, Lara, Eti, Mishka, Anusha and Veronika.



SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

PE - London Youth Games – Sports Hall Athletics

Kolaiah, Mahitha, Mayka, Emily, Hiruki, Minji, Antosia and Amarachi in Y7 write: "We competed against several talented schools with the most gifted athletes in the region. It was a wonderful experience with a variety of track and field events. We embraced the opportunity to socialise with other schools whilst engaging in a competitive environment. We competed in multiple rounds such as the Regional and Borough Rounds in order to get through to the final part of the competition. We had many people cheering us on along the way, such as: Miss Marshall, Mrs Haskins, Miss McIntyre and Mrs Williamson – Jones. Although it was a tough competition, we were so proud to represent Nonsuch and hope to be going again next year!



KS3 and KS4 Regional Badminton Competition



On Monday March 18th our KS3 and KS4 badminton teams attended the Regional Round at St. Helens School. Both teams played extremely well and won an amazing number of matches against our competitors. Our KS3 team came first in the competition and are moving onto the National Round in Milton Keynes! Our KS4 team were so close but came second in the competition so miss out narrowly on moving onto the next round. A huge congratulations to both teams and good luck to the KS3 in the next round!

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1	
Monday 25th March	
Tuesday 26th March	Whole School Photograph Gym & Dance Display – 19.00-8.45
Wednesday 27th March	PTA Doughnut Sale – 12.20 – Hall Gym & Dance Display– 19.00-20.45
Thursday 28th March	End of term. Students dismissed as follows: 12.10: KS5 12.20: KS4 12:30: KS3
Friday 29th March	Easter Holiday – Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April CCF Camp – Pennines – 7-13 April Bronze D of E Training Expedition – Surrey Hills – 12-13 April
Week 2	
Monday 15th April	
Tuesday 16th April	
Wednesday 17th April	
Thursday 18th April	
Friday 19th April	