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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,

Whilst students in Years 11 and 13 are in their public examination seasons and all other students in the school have final assessments, it can feel as though the whole school is in purely academic mode. There is a lot of other activity as you will see from the rest of the newsletter.

Citizenship

Anusha and Kathleen (Yr 12), Nithila and Emma (Yr 10), will be representing Nonsuch at the Sutton Joint Student council summit this week on the topic of "Wellbeing." We will also have our whole school council sitting on June 20th in school. Our plans for a cross-trust student conference have been postponed until the Autumn but we will be taking a delegation to the national student conference organised by the International Coalition of Girls' Schools (ICGS) in October. We also have a number of students preparing for hustings to represent the UK's main political parties in our own school's mock general election due to take place on July 4th.

Enjoyment and participation

Background work in preparation for ball-girling at Queen's; Work Experience (Year 12); Activities Week; Sports Day; the School Birthday House competition and end of term celebration assemblies goes on. Our students will also be ambassadors on the Year 6 induction day and at the school's Open Evening on July 11th.

Educational Talks

Our weekly recorded "Ed Talks" have been focussing on cyber-bullying and vaping – two very prominent aspects affecting young people. In tutorial time we are also covering the D-Day commemorations.

Please also see my reminder on page 3 regarding wellbeing and mobile phone use.

Until next week,
Best wishes,
Ms Cavilla

UPDATES FROM MS OSBORNE

Attendance

Thank you for your continued support with your child's attendance. We continue to be proud of our school's attendance figures and that Nonsuch is a place where students want to attend and learn.

A reminder that in February, the Government published new guidance for attendance which will become statutory from August 19th 2024. This is part of the Government's drive to improve attendance at school. This will mean that we will be making some small changes to our school policy which we will share with you in September which reflects changes to the law and the new National Framework for using penalty notices. The full guidance is [here](#).

A reminder that the Government has an [attendance hub](#) which can help parents make informed decisions about attendance.

The Government provides parents with guidance around illness and attendance at school. This [guidance](#) helps parents make informed decisions about their child's health and attendance.

You can monitor your child's attendance data through the School Gateway 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 I will contact you.

	Attendance	Authorised	Unauthorised	Persistent absence >=10%
Y7	98.14	1.48	0.33	2
Y8	97.67	1.77	0.52	1
Y9	96.80	2.67	0.53	8
Y10	96.44	2.90	0.64	11
Y11	91.35	7.20	1.45	59
Y12	95.60	3.25	1.12	14
Y13	88.92	9.42	1.61	104
All	95.00	4.09	0.88	199

All figures in % session attendance summary (4/9/23-20/5/24)



SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

Wellbeing, behaviour and mobile phone use

Our three key approaches to young people's wellbeing and welfare are:

Participation – to foster community purpose, identity and belonging as well as enjoyment and collaboration

Education – through PSHE

Response – through the various mechanisms we have in school and externally when young people need more individualised pastoral support

We also use our Behaviour policy to reward the positive behaviours that embody our school values, and to enforce school rules that support the school's ethos. Banning the use of mobile phones by sixth formers (not laptops or tablets which are allowed under our sixth form "Bring your Own Device" policy) has made for a noisier common room space at lunch time as students are all talking to each other. We think this is healthier. We are also tightening up on mobile phone use across the school as their use has been noticeably creeping back up. The school's published policy is that mobile phones should be out of site when on the school site. If a student is found using her phone on the school site at the end of the school day, it will not be confiscated until the following morning.

Mental health and social media

Young people have various motivations for seeking online conversations about the challenges they face. Some may find it more comfortable to communicate digitally rather than in person, even with those they haven't met offline. For others, the internet serves as a platform to connect with peers who are experiencing similar issues.

It's important to guide children in considering who they're talking to and whether these interactions are beneficial to their wellbeing. Encourage them to reflect on whether engaging with others online:

- provides them with hope that their situation will improve, or leaves them feeling that nothing will change.
- motivates them to discuss their feelings with others offline, or deters them from doing so.
- typically leaves them feeling better after the conversation, or usually makes them feel worse.

Just as in the physical world, online platforms can also be sites of bullying. Be vigilant for indications of this behaviour and ensure your child knows how to respond if it occurs.

Childline offers a wealth of information on maintaining positive experiences on social media, which might be helpful for your child to explore.

[**Feeling good on social media | Childline**](#)

Need advice about online safety?

If you're stuck, not sure what to do, or if you're worried about your child, you can also contact our trained helpline counsellors on 0808 800 5000.

Childline also has lots of information about online and mobile safety that will help you and your child.



If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Mrs Hart on safeguarding@nonsuchschool.org

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NONSUCH PTA
Presents

QUIZ NIGHT
FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2024
QUIZ MASTER MR BARRETT

Registration from 6.15 pm for 7pm Start

TICKETS -
PUPILS £9, PARENTS/CARERS £12
INCLUDES PIZZA + 1 SOFT DRINK
ADDITIONAL REFRESHMENTS ON SALE

[Buy tickets here](#)

MEET OTHER PARENTS AND HAVE A FUN NIGHT

Supporting our daughters and our school

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Reporting absence

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

Advice from First Aid

Pollen forecasts are high. If your child has hayfever, please make sure that they take their medication before coming to school. Many thanks.



Arts Award exhibition in the library



Abinaya has curated this exhibition as part of her Arts Award entry. It's a fantastic display of our students' creativity and imagination and of Abinaya's hard work. Well done to you all!

Abinaya says: "The Nonsuch Photographers' Gallery is a vibrant exhibition showcasing the diverse and creative pieces made by Year 10 photography students. This features an array of pieces that vary widely in colour and technique, reflecting the comprehensive learning and artistic growth of the students throughout the academic year. This exhibition not only celebrates their achievements but also provides a glimpse into the future potential of these young photographers! Curating this exhibition has been a wonderful experience, offering an opportunity to witness and showcase the impressive creativity and growth of the Y10 students. The process of selecting and arranging these wonderful pieces has been both rewarding and inspiring. This project has allowed me to appreciate the students' artistic journeys and has been a truly gratifying endeavour."

Student shoutouts

Hannah in Y8 says: "I completed the 15 mile Marsden March on Sunday May 12th with my mum. It was a really hot day which made it more difficult but we made it! We have raised over £400 so far!"



Shruthilaya says: "I took part in the Surrey Megafinals chess competition organised by Delancey UK Chess challenge in early May. I was really happy to win the Girls' U18 championship and was presented with a trophy."



Shradha (Y9) says: "Tanishka (Y9) and I entered the Croydon Performing Arts Festival in February and got first place in the Senior Duet South-Asian Dance category. It is one of the largest performing arts festivals in the country attracting more than 1000 performers each year. We are Bharathanatyam students at Mantra Dance Academy in Croydon."

Aree (Y12) says: "In March, I took part in violin and piano classes at the 80th Coulsdon and Purley festival. At the end of April, I received the Sheila Kirk Memorial Trophy for 'Outstanding solo performances in two sections on two different instruments' at the Festival Prizegiving."



We love to celebrate students' extracurricular activities/achievements outside of school. Please complete [this link](#) so we can share with the Nonsuch community.

Congratulations and well done on these outstanding achievements! We are really proud of you.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1	
Monday 10th June	
Tuesday 11th June	Year 12 Geography Fieldwork Trip – to Friday 14th
Wednesday 12th June	
Thursday 13th June	
Friday 14th June	CCF Year 10 Leadership Camp - Friday after school – to Sunday 16th
Saturday 15th	Ball Girling Tournament – Queens Club – to Sunday 23rd
Week 2	Queens Week
Monday 17th June	
Tuesday 18th June	
Wednesday 19th June	Summer Concert – 18.00-20.00
Thursday 20th June	
Friday 21st June	Eid Picnic – 12.20 PTA Quiz Night – Hall – 18.00
Saturday 22nd June	CCF Main Camp – 22nd-29th June

PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Team	Location
10/06/24	15:30	Cricket	Y7AB & Y8AB	Nonsuch
13/06/24	15:30	Cricket	Y9AB & Y10A	Wallington