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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,

Over the last couple of weeks I have reviewed some truly excellent UCAS statements submitted by our Year 13 students. It is encouraging to witness the considerable time, thought, and effort they have devoted to not only their preparations for university but also their applications for the early deadline on October 15th for Oxbridge and courses such as Medicine. I would like to extend my thanks to our dedicated Sixth Form team for their exceptional support to students throughout this process.

I would like to remind Year 11 parents about the information evening this week, which will focus on mock examinations. A revision guide will be distributed to assist our students as they prepare for this important stage in their education.

Furthermore, I am proud to report that five members of our Student Leadership Team attended the International Coalition of Girls' Schools Student Conference at Chelmsford High School in Essex last Friday. They had a valuable experience listening to guest speakers and engaging with peers from other girls' schools.

Lastly, please remember that we will have a late start for students on Wednesday, October 16th. Students are expected to arrive by 9:55 am to facilitate a smooth start to the day.

The staff and I at Nonsuch wish you and your families a restorative and peaceful half term break. We look forward to seeing all our students back for the next half term on Monday, November 4th. Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Williamson-Jones

## **UPDATES FROM MS OSBORNE**

### Attendance

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. Being in school and in front of a teacher is key to academic success.

High rates of school attainment can help your child to achieve their aspirations, and the aspirations you have for them. We aim for all our students to have an attendance rate of 95% of above. You can monitor your child's attendance data through the School Gateway 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.

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.

Thank you for your continued support to ensure your child attends school.

#### New guidance on attendance

In February, the Government published new guidance for attendance which became statutory in August. These changes reflect amendments to the law and are part of the Government's drive to improve attendance at school. Deails are <u>here</u>, along with links to wider guidance on supporting your child's attendance. The full guidance is <u>here</u>.

A reminder that the Government has an <u>attendance hub</u> which can help parents make informed decisions about attendance. The Government also provides parents with guidance around illness and attendance at school. This <u>guidance</u> helps parents make informed decisions about their child's health and attendance.

All in %	¥7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12	Y13	All
Attendance	98.71	98.62	97.72	97.77	96.35	97.68	94.47	97.31
Authorised	0.64	1.08	1.98	1.69	2.83	1.42	4.27	2.00
Unauthorised	0.31	0.30	0.27	0.54	0.81	0.63	1.23	0.59

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

#### 2/09/24 - 4/10/24

#### **ClassCharts for parents**

A reminder that our presentation on ClassCharts for parents can be found on the <u>parent portal</u> of our school website.

## **SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING**

### **Safeguarding email**

If you have any concerns or questions regarding safeguarding or child protection, please do not hesitate to contact us at **safeguarding@nonsuchschool.org** We are here to ensure the safety and wellbeing

of all individuals 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. Mrs Hart, DSL

### **Reporting absence**

Please report absences via Schoolgateway. Download the app <u>here</u>.

# **SCHOOL NEWS**

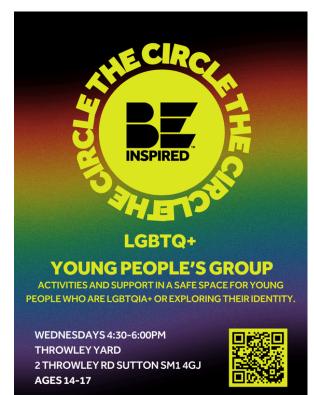
### **DofE Bronze, Silver and Bronze Enrolment**

There are just a few more days to sign up for the DofE Bronze, Silver and Gold Award. Information regarding signing up for DofE is <u>here</u>.

Please read the information carefully and look at the expedition dates.

Parentpay is now open. a

The sign up deadline is Tuesday October 15th 2024.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CLO@BEINSPIREDUK.CO.UK



## **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **House contests**

We have several House Competitions coming up, including our annual decorate-a-pumpkin contest running from **Monday 14th to Friday 18th October**, as well as two fun half-term virtual competitions: Diwali Photography and Dia de los muertos makeup. Please refer to the posters below for details of how to enter. Finally, forward notice for our ever-popular House Diwali Charity Bake Sale on **Thursday November 7th**, raising money for our school-linked charities.





SEND A MAXIMUM OF TWO PHOTOS OF YOUR MAKE-UP SKILLS IN CELEBRATION OF DIA DE LOS MUERTOS (DAY OF THE DEAD FESTUAL -A MEXICAN TRADITION COMMEMORATING THE DECEASED AND CELEBRATE THEIR MEMORY)

NAME YOUR PHOTOS WITH YOUR SURNAME AND FORM - FOR Y11, ADD YOUR HOUSE TOO.
UPLOAD THEM TO DIA DE LOS MUERTOS MAKE UP COMPETITION





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DEADLINE: MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2024

NAME YOUR PHOTOS WITH YOUR SURNAME AND FORM - FOR Y11, ADD YOUR HOUSE TOO.

> Upload them to: <u>Diwali Photography 2024</u>

> > 5HP for RESPECT for all named entries



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# **UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Week 2	House Pumpkin Contest - Quad				
Monday 14th October					
Tuesday 15th October	Year 8 Geography Trip – Wisley (J, M, My & N 1-15)				
Wednesday 16th October	Year 8 Geography Trip – Wisley (P, S, V & N 16-30) PHSE CPD late start for students – registration 9.55am Year 11 Parent Information Evening – 18.00-19.00 - Hall				
Thursday 17th October					
Friday 18th October					
October 19th -22nd	CCF Autumn Camp				
	Half Term – Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November				
Week 1					
Monday 4th November					
Tuesday 5th November					
Wednesday 6th November					
Thursday 7th November	House Diwali Charity Bake Sale- Hall – 12.30				
Friday 8th November					