



MONDAY OCTOBER 14TH | ISSUE 32

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% or 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. Details are [here](#), along with links to wider guidance on supporting your child's attendance. 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 also provides parents with guidance 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	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

2/09/24 - 4/10/24

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 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 [here](#).



LGBTQ+

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT IN A SAFE SPACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE LGBTQIA+ OR EXPLORING THEIR IDENTITY.

WEDNESDAYS 4:30-6:00PM
THROWLEY YARD
2 THROWLEY RD SUTTON SM1 4GJ
AGES 14-17



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CLO@BEINSPIREDUK.CO.UK

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 [here](#).

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.



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 make-up. 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.



SHP FOR POSITIVITY FOR ALL NAMED ENTRIES

ENTER BY: MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

MAKE-UP COMPETITION

SEND A MAXIMUM OF TWO PHOTOS OF YOUR MAKE-UP SKILLS IN CELEBRATION OF DIA DE LOS MUERTOS (DAY OF THE DEAD FESTIVAL - 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

Houses - Dia de los muertos make up competition - All Documents (sharepoint.com)

PUMPKIN CARVING HOUSE COMPETITION

CARVE A PUMPKIN AT HOME TO CELEBRATE SPOOKY SEASON!

ALL ENTRIES- 5 POSITIVITY HOUSE POINTS
3RD PLACE- 10 HOUSE POINTS
2ND PLACE- 15 HOUSE POINTS
1ST PLACE- 20 HOUSE POINTS

BRING NAMED PIECES TO THE QU...
TO BE REGISTERED FOR POINTS...
WEEK BEGINNING OCT 14TH. PLEASE
PICK UP YOUR PUMPKIN AT THE END
(OF OCT 18TH!)



Diwali Photography

SEND US A MAX. OF 2 PHOTOS FROM YOUR DIWALI CELEBRATION

DEADLINE: MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2024

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

Upload them to:
Diwali Photography 2024

SHP for RESPECT for all named entries

DIWALI BAKE SALE

Bring your treats to T1 at 8:15am on Thursday November 7th!!

Make sure your treats are in a NAMED container with your FORM and HOUSE!

All students who bring in treats and register with the House Officials will receive SHP for Integrity

Make sure to register with the House Officials to make sure we add your credits!!

Come to the Hall at lunch with some money (cash only) to buy some treats to enjoy!

Collect your container from T1 after school!!

07 NOV | MAIN HALL @ LUNCHTIME CASH ONLY!!

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	