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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,

As we begin the fifth week of the term, I want to take a moment to reflect on a busy and exciting start to the academic year. Our students have been involved in a range of enriching activities, and we have several exciting events and trips planned in the coming weeks up to half term.

We are particularly looking forward to the Y8 Art and Geography trip to Wisley, where students will have the chance to apply their learning in a new environment. In addition, our Y12 and 13 Art students will visit Tate Britian, offering them a fantastic opportunity to explore contemporary art and gain inspiration for their coursework.

Last week, 130 of our Y12 and Y13 students participated in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge. This national competition challenges our students' problem-solving skills, and we are proud of their efforts. We also held a successful Y12 team-building day on Friday, which helped our newest sixth formers strengthen relationships and develop important collaborative skills.

As always, please do check the school calendar for key dates, particularly any late starts, so that students are well-prepared.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope everyone has a productive and enjoyable two weeks before we head into the break.

Warm regards,
Mrs Williamson-Jones

UPDATES FROM MS OSBORNE

Attendance

Attending school every day can help your child to achieve their aspirations, and the aspirations you have for them. School attendance is also important for giving them the enrichment opportunities that can help support their social and mental wellbeing.

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.

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.

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.

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, either I, your child's form tutor or Head of Year will contact you.

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	98.99	98.09	97.37	96.65	95.52	97.83	94.30	96.93
Authorised	0.36	1.32	2.33	2.99	3.36	0.94	4.53	2.28
Unauthorised	0.65	0.60	0.30	0.37	1.12	1.23	1.10	0.78

23/09/24 - 27/09/24

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](#).

Come and Celebrate Sutton's Diversity!



Sutton Youth Summit

Celebrating Sutton's Diversity

Free event for ages 11+ to join together!

FREE food, drink, prize draw, activities, performances and more!

Thursday 10th October 2024

3-6PM

Ground Floor St Nicholas Centre, opposite Kiddistop.

Register now on Eventbrite!



In partnership with...



Building better lives through volunteering

Volunteer Centre Sutton
Registered charity 1048978



Sutton Information Hub

All your local information, all on one website!

- INFO AND SUPPORT
- FAMILY SUPPORT
- SEND LOCAL OFFER
- THINGS TO DO

Sutton Information Hub is your place to find:

- information and support
- things to do and activities in Sutton
- local support services
- voluntary, community, charity and faith groups

Scan the QR code to go to the Sutton Information Hub and start finding what you need now!

Register your organisation or group on the Sutton Information Hub for FREE

suttoninformationhub.org.uk



Hello Yellow day Thursday October 10th

For a third year we are coming together in yellow on Thursday October 10th 2024 because we stand brighter, together.

Every year, thousands of schools, companies and communities come together to make World Mental Health Day that little bit brighter by wearing something yellow and donating to YoungMinds.

YoungMinds is a charity that provides mental health support to young people and guidance to parents as well as campaigning for better mental health support for young people.

This World Mental Health Day, wear yellow with thousands of others across the UK and raise money to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health. Please refer to the email sent to students regarding the donation of £1 on ParentPay to wear a yellow item on Thursday October 10th. All money raised will go to Young Minds.



Wear it loud. Wear it proud.

This World Mental Health Day, 10th October, wear yellow and donate to YoungMinds.

Less than 1 in 3 young people are getting the support they need for their mental health. This needs to change. With your support – it can.

#HelloYellow

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SCHOOL NEWS

Music

All music clubs have now started this week and we still have a few more spaces in some of the clubs. Please do go on to Evolve and register for a music club that you are interested in and may have a particular skill in that area. It is important to be able to showcase your talents and develop your musical experiences by being involved in music making.

Instrumental Lessons

There is still some availability to sign up for instrumental and voice lessons. The current peripatetic teachers at school have a few vacancies for the following instruments; Piano, voice, violin, guitar, oboe, clarinet and saxophone. Please click [here](#) to complete the form.

For students wanting lessons in drums, cello, voice (pop/rock/musical theatre), flute and trumpet, please see the school's [Music page](#) where you can find the information and relevant form for lessons from Sutton Music Trust.



NONSUCH GOSPEL CHOIR

YEARS 8-13

CALL OUT FOR SINGERS FROM YEAR 8 AND ABOVE, ESPECIALLY 6TH FORM. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED BUT A PASSION FOR SINGING A MUST. REHEARSALS WILL BE THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES AND LED BY MS YARD.

Music Clubs 2024

Clubs start week beginning September 23rd

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School:			Practice Room sign up (Signup sheet goes up at 8.20 Monday morning)		
Lunch Time: 12.30-13.00	Senior Strings * Sooha Park, Natalia and Aree M1 (Years 9-13) Grade 5+	Vox Celestes* Mr & Mrs French M1 (Years 10-13)	Whole School Voices Ms Yard M1 (Years 7-13)	GOSPEL CHOIR (*NEW) Ms Yard M1 (Years 8-13)	Nonsuch Party Band Miss Cross-Padden M1 (Years 7-13)
15:30-16:30		Flute / Wind Choir M2 M Bowes Yaqing (Years 7-13)	Indian Ensemble Student led: Darshaj Parthiban M2 (Years 7-13)	Junior Orchestra Miss Cross-Padden M2 (Years 7-10)	Ukelele Club Student led M2 (Years 7-10)
		SENIOR VOICES M1 J Yard & Alyza (Years 9-13)	Symphony Orchestra* M1 (Years 7-13) Grade 5+		

Newcomers and existing members welcome!!



Twilight advance notice

Twilight will not run on Wednesday November 20th due to Sixth Form Open Evening.

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UKMAT Senior Maths challenge - sixth form

On Tuesday October 1st, 127 Y12s and Y13s sat the UKMT Senior Mathematics challenge. The challenge consisted of 25 questions, which were about solving interesting problems. With results expected in two to three weeks, we look forward to students being invited to the follow-on rounds, the Andrew Jobbing's Kangaroo or the British Mathematical Olympiad.

The previous week, 21 Y12s and Y13s sat the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls. This demanding paper consists of only five questions that require full workings and detail. A paper to truly stretch our students, leaving them in deep discussion about the problems. We look forward to seeing the outcomes in roughly a month's time.

Well done to all students who participated!



Charity walk - Year 9

Stuti (9J) writes: Smitakshi (9My) and I participated in the Shine Night Walk in London recently, a 10km walk to raise money for Cancer Research UK. We arrived at the bustling venue and were welcomed by an array of sounds and sights. Whether it was the music blasting through the speakers, or the multitude of glowsticks gleaming through the darkness, everything was extremely well put together and executed.

We started off the night decorating ourselves with vibrant glowsticks to help light up the lively streets of London. Around us, everyone was dressed beautifully, from butterfly wings to glowing bunny ears and together, we became one bright, shining light. It brought us lots of joy and pride to be part of such a powerful crowd, all united by the same cause. This experience, full of London's famous sights (the Buckingham Palace was our personal favourite), was truly enjoyable and we hope you join in the fun next year!



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 1	
Monday 7th October	
Tuesday 8th October	
Wednesday 9th October	
Thursday 10th October	
Friday 11th October	
Week 2	
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) Late start for students – registration 9.55am Year 11 Parent Information Evening – 15.30 – 16.30
Thursday 17th October	
Friday 18th October	
19-22nd October	CCF Autumn Camp
	Half Term – Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November