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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,

Please see the summary of the 76 different activities that went on last week including five residentials and enjoy a few photographs with many more to follow next week.

We are indebted to staff for leading, planning, accompanying and master-minding the activities and to the support staff who managed the huge administrative machine that goes on behind the scenes.

The students I spoke to hugely enjoyed the various off-site trips but also the master chef, sporting days, team-building activities and various science and creative workshops. Staff really entered into the spirit of the week. Students who signed up for gardening activities have weeded, planted and painted our beautiful quad, taking great care over our unique school environment.

The back-drop sound-scape to this newsletter is the screaming of competitive Year 8s enjoying the inter-house sporting competition. Other year groups also have inter-house this week.

We will be meeting all Year 12 student and parents in guidance meetings on Thursday to discuss training and Higher Education options.

Please see other forthcoming events below.

We look forward to hosting parents who have signed up to join us on Sports Day this Friday, weather permitting.

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.



SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

Age Restrictions

Today, there is a plethora of activities available online, from playing games and chatting with others to watching TV and sharing videos or photographs. While the internet offers many benefits, it is crucial to establish boundaries for our children to ensure their safety. This helps them navigate the online world safely, develop digital resilience, and learn how to respond to negative experiences.

To protect our children, we should begin by checking age restrictions and ratings. Adhering to these guidelines helps guarantee that the content they engage with is suitable for their age.

For films, the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) provides age ratings. You can find more information, including a 'Parents' Guide to Age Ratings,' on their website.

Video Games: PEGI assigns age classifications to video games, focusing on age suitability rather than difficulty level. It's crucial to remember that PEGI does not account for user-generated content (such as that found on Roblox) or in-game chat features.

Apps: Review the age ratings provided in the relevant app stores. We also advise downloading and using the apps yourself to assess their appropriateness.

Social Media: Every social media platform has a minimum age requirement, typically set at 13 years or older.

What else can you do?

- Discuss the significance of age ratings with your child.
- Browse the internet together to see what your child is engaging with.
- Establish parental controls on your broadband, devices, and any apps your child uses to minimize the risk of exposure to unsuitable content.
- Regularly talk with your child about their online activities and continually remind them to speak with you or another trusted adult if anything online worries them.

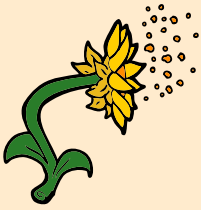
Further Information:

For additional resources, visit: [Understanding Age Ratings - Own It - BBC](#)



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

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.

Reporting absence

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

Activities Week 2024

During Activities Week, students have had the opportunity to take part in a variety of 35 different onsite activities and 41 offsite activities. These range from activities such as climbing The O2, paddleboarding and kayaking, a day out at Thorpe Park and Go Ape to Shakespearean Insult workshops, Media Days, gardening days and many more. It has been an absolute joy waking around the school and seeing every member of our community enjoying themselves.

In order for all our trips and activities to have the opportunity to celebrate their time away or out of school, we will be collating as many photographs as possible via a Sway link, due to be published in one of the newsletters before the end of the academic year. In the meantime, here are few photos to showcase the variety of activities students enjoyed!



We would love to hear from you about the extracurricular activities/achievements students have enjoyed outside of school. Please complete [this link](#) so we can share achievements in this newsletter.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	
Monday 1st July	
Tuesday 2nd July	
Wednesday 3rd July	Year 6 Induction Day
Thursday 4th July	Bronze & Silver D of E route planning and kit drop off – 15.30-17.30
Friday 5th July	Sports Day
Saturday 6th July	Bronze D of E Qualifying Expedition – 6-7th July Silver D of E Practice Expedition – 6-8th July
Week 1	
Monday 8th July	Silver D of E Practice Expedition
Tuesday 9th July	
Wednesday 10th July	Year 10 Guidance Meeting Gold D of E briefing – 15.30
Thursday 11th July	School ends at 12.25 Open Day – 14.15-20.00
Friday 12th July	School Birthday Late start for students – 9.55