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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,

Last week, we had the pleasure of welcoming back our 2024 Year 11 cohort for prizegiving. It was a wonderful chance to celebrate their achievements and reflect on the journey we've shared over the past five years. It was particularly meaningful to have my predecessor, Ms. Cavilla, join us for this event, reconnecting us to the strong foundations she helped build.

We were also privileged to welcome Dr Joanne Riordan, an alumna of Nonsuch, as our guest speaker. Dr Riordan's inspiring story captivated us all as she shared her educational journey and the life lessons that have shaped her success. Her words were both insightful and motivating, reminding us of the incredible potential within each of our students.

Looking ahead, we invite you to join our upcoming Parent Forum on December 2nd, which offers a valuable opportunity for you to share your thoughts and feedback on various aspects of the education we provide. Please refer to the letter sent last week for more details.

Additionally, a reminder that our Sixth Form Opportunities Evening is this Wednesday, and we look forward to seeing many of our Year 11 students and families there as they begin to explore the exciting paths ahead.

Finally, be sure to read through the rest of the newsletter, which showcases the many activities, achievements, and initiatives that make Nonsuch such a vibrant and dynamic place. Thank you for your continued support!

Warm regards,  
Mrs Williamson-Jones

# UPDATES FROM MS OSBORNE

## Attendance

Every day in education counts. Missed lessons lead to missed understanding and, in an academically selective school such as Nonsuch, this can lead to added pressure placed onto the student. Good attendance is central part of our vision, values and ethos at Nonsuch High School for Girls and as a school, we have high expectations for student attendance and punctuality; we expect our students to be in school, on time to school and on time to lessons. Data suggests that students who have an attendance figure of 95% or greater will achieve higher grades. Attendance at 90% or below is considered as persistent absence by the government. Over a school year, a student with an attendance rate of 90% that student would have lost 95 hours of learning time.

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	97.48	97.71	97.57	97.94	93.13	96.10	94.98	96.35
Authorised	0.90	0.86	1.81	0.88	3.84	2.63	3.95	2.17
Unauthorised	1.62	1.43	0.62	1.18	0.90	1.22	1.07	1.14
Persistent absence >=10%	16	21	26	25	50	36	42	216

04/11/24-08/11/24

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](mailto: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.

## Reporting absence

Please report absences via Schoolgateway.

Download the app [here](#).

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Student safety leaving school

For safety reasons, the Nonsuch Park gate will now close and be locked at 4.30pm.

This is to avoid students exiting into Nonsuch Park when it is dark; we do not own the park and we cannot extend lighting beyond our school boundary. **All**

**students leaving school after 4.30pm should now exit school via the canteen**

**gate.** Parents collecting students by car may drive onto site after 4.30pm.

Students using public transport can cross Ewell Road at the pedestrian crossing and walk towards Cheam Broadway down Ewell Road, or we would advise walking via Anne Boleyn's Walk.

**Please respect our neighbours and do not park across driveways, or on pavements, on roads close to the school.**

### Appointments during the school day

A reminder that appointments (e.g. dental or medical appointments, visa/ passport appointments) during the school day should be avoided. Where unavoidable, students in Y7-11 are required to be collected from school and will not usually be allowed to travel alone. To ensure the safeguarding of all our students we are unable to let a student leave school without parent consent in Y7-11.

If you do need to take your daughter out of school for an appointment, we require a minimum of two full school days' notice. We also require evidence of the appointment in advance.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Team	Location
18/11/24	15:40	Swimming	Sutton High	All years	Sutton High
19/11/24	15:30	Football	Harris Sutton	U12	Nonsuch
27/11/24	15:30	Football	Wallington	U12	Nonsuch
28/11/24	10:00	Gym		U19 & U15	St Catherine's
09/12/24	15:30	Hockey	Sutton	U12AB	Nonsuch
10/12/24	15:30	Football	Glenthorne	U12 & U14	Nonsuch

### PE - football

On Tuesday November 5th we had our first football match of the year with our U14 squad playing Harris Sutton. The team started slowly but picked up the pace and played very well as a team. The final score was 2-2, which is an amazing achievement and those who played should be very proud!



### Library - free books for Year 7

Year 7 classes have started to receive their free book from the school library. At the start of the year, students were able to choose their own book to keep from a selection of 16 titles compiled by the charity BookTrust. They watched a video of all 16 authors before making their choice. We are very fortunate to be able to offer this to every Year 7 class at Nonsuch. Students are excited to get their gift and it's been great to see them settle down straight away in library lessons to get immersed into their chosen book.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## CCF

Ninety Cadets from both Sutton Grammar and Nonsuch spent their first four days of half term on the annual October Camp at Longmoor Training Site. The Saturday was spent learning vital theory needed for the 24 hour expedition the following day. (ranging from first aid to section attacks and ambush) The 24-hour ex involved completing stands to test the knowledge, leadership and teamwork of each section. Activities included paintballing, attacks and ambushes using blanks and mine clearance. All of these were completed to a high level whilst also having to communicate intel back to the Platoon HQ.

Both Y13s and officers were really impressed by cadets' enthusiasm and are looking forward to Recruits camp in January!



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Year 7 House Assembly

Year 7 had a fun-filled and interactive House Assembly last week thanks to the efforts of the House Team. The balloon assembly was to introduce the importance of team work, community and fun, exemplifying the ethos of House at Nonsuch. Year 7s loved the activities, and everyone - staff and students, both in Y7 and Y13, had a joyful start to the school day. We hope Y7 will retain this positive memory and step into House events and contests during their time at Nonsuch with positivity and excitement.



## House Diwali Bake Sale

Last week, the House Team ran the very popular annual House Diwali Bake Sale in the school hall. Students enjoyed a variety of sweet and savoury treats which were sold to raise money for our three school-linked charities - Friends of Kipekelion, Sutton Carers' Centre and DEC. Many students contributed to the sale by making and baking treats or bringing in items. We very much appreciate all the support shown on the day, particularly from Miss Hicks and the DT department in helping facilitate the event.

We raised just over £220 for the three charities and awarded lots of House Points for contributors. Students had a lovely time enjoying their treats at lunchtime.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Girlguiding - The Lord Mayor's Show

Abby (Y8) and Olivia (Y12) participated in the Lord Mayor's Show representing Girlguiding LASER (London and South East Region) on Saturday November 9th. The Lord Mayor's Show is the oldest, longest, best-loved and least-rehearsed civic procession in the world and dates back to the early 13th century.



## Students' achievements

We love to hear about and celebrate our students' many and varied achievements outside of school. Please complete this [form](#) to let us know about these and we will try to publish as many of them as we can in future issues of the newsletter.

## University Taster Events - Years 10-13

Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th November 2024  
7pm and 8pm

A reminder that we have an exciting Careers event coming up for students between Y10 and Y13 at the three schools in the GLT (Nonsuch, Wallington and Carshalton High Schools for Girls). The event will give students the chance to attend online university 'taster' lectures, delivered live by leading universities in a wide range of subjects. Please keep a look out for the email to students for sign-up information.



## No Twilight on Wednesday November 20th

A reminder that due to Sixth Form Open Evening, there is no Twilight in the library on Wednesday November 20th.

# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Week 2</b>	
Monday 18th November	Year 10 Geography Trip – Olympic Park
Tuesday 19th November	Year 10 Geography Trip – Olympic Park
Wednesday 20th November	Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 21st November	Extended Break – 9.55-10.25
Friday 22nd November	House Talent Show auditions closing date Year 7-11 Flu Immunisations – Room 150
<b>Week 1</b>	
Monday 25th November	
Tuesday 26th November	University Fair – Virtual – 19.00-20.00
Wednesday 27th November	Kipkelion Fair - P1-P4 – Hall University Fair – Virtual – 19.00-20.00
Thursday 28th November	
Friday 29th November	