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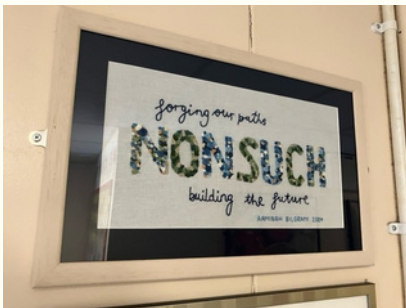
NONSUCH NEWS

Our weekly newsletter for the school community

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MESSAGES FROM MRS WILLIAMSON-JONES



Dear students, parents, and carers,

As we approach the festive break, I would like to share with you the highlights of the last fortnight and give you some important updates.

Last week, I thoroughly enjoyed attending our wonderful Christmas concert. It was a joy to see such an array of musical talent on display and to watch so many of our students excel. My heartfelt thanks go to the Music Department and the students for their hard work and dedication in putting together such a fantastic event.

Well done to our Year 11 students who completed their mock exams last week. This is a crucial step in their academic journey, and we are proud of their focus and resilience during this period.

At the end of this week, I will be sharing feedback from our Parent Forum held on December 2nd. Your insights are invaluable in helping to shape our discussions around the school's development. Thank you to all who contributed.

Finally, we are looking forward to our House Challenge Day on Wednesday. Students will work together in their forms, participating in a range of competitions that encourage holistic skills such as problem solving, leadership, and communication. It promises to be a fun and rewarding day for everyone involved and will culminate in a whole school assembly.

Please come dressed on Wednesday December 18th in your House colours/PE kit, or comfortable clothes if you are in Y12.

I wish you and your families a restful Christmas break and look forward to welcoming students back in January, refreshed and ready for another successful term.

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 Schoolgateway 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.

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	96.38	97.24	96.29	96.03	95.73	95.47	89.16	95.17
Authorised	1.81	2.71	2.95	3.33	3.76	2.78	10.09	3.94
Unauthorised	0.43	0.05	0.76	0.64	0.51	1.56	0.56	0.64
Persistent absence >=10%	18	26	32	32	39	35	77	259

09/12/24-13/12/24

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 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.

Reporting absence

Please report absences via Schoolgateway. Download the app [here](#).

First Aid

Please advise [First Aid](#) of any recently-diagnosed medical conditions/allergies.

SCHOOL NEWS

TWILIGHT NOTICE

The last Twilight session of the term will be **Tuesday December 17th**.

Twilight will resume on **Monday January 6th**.

A reminder please that Twilight is for study purposes. Please also ensure you sign up on Evolve for only the sessions you need. Many students who have signed up do not attend, which disadvantages other students.

Design Technology - KS3

The KS3 DT students have been working on their hand embroidery skills this term. Students have been working from the theme of 'My Heritage', in which they created a mood board that was used to inspire their miniature bag design ideas. They selected embroidery threads, fabrics and other embellishment to bring their ideas to life. Mrs Holloway has been so impressed with the intricate work of our students. Here are just a handful of our favourites.



PE - Hockey and Football

On Monday December 9th, we had our first hockey fixture of the year! Our U12A&B team played against Sutton, both squads played really well and put all of their practice from the last term into play. Some great set plays and skills were on show! Congratulations to all the players but especially to the players of the matches: Suria and Liyana."



On Tuesday December 10th we had a U14 football match against Glenthorne, the team showed great teamwork and communication. It was a very tough game in the cold conditions but we saw some fantastic play. Although the final score was 6-0 to Glenthorne we are thrilled with the U14 team! Well done to Anu for getting POM!"



UKMT Senior Kangaroo Round

Congratulations to the 21 students who made it through to the UKMT Senior Kangaroo Follow-on round. They achieved seven Certificates of Merits, the highest acknowledgement in this round. Ariel achieved the Best in School, Hayley the Best in Y12 and Vishmayaa, Isadora, Candice, Asviny and Denisha Merits. All these students have proudly represented our school. Well done to all who took part.

UK Space Design Competition

Pranavi (Y12) writes: The UKSDC (UK Space Design Competition) is a national competition where students collaborate in teams to design solutions for space missions, simulating real-world space industry scenarios. This year's theme allowed us to address real-world challenges in space exploration and come up with creative solutions. Collaborating with a diverse group of peers helped me build strong teamwork and communication skills while also improving my leadership and time management abilities. The feedback we received from industry experts was also very helpful. The event fostered a great sense of community, with everyone supporting each other and sharing ideas, making the challenge even more enjoyable.

Overall, it was an invaluable opportunity to step into the role of an aerospace engineer, to gain a deeper understanding of the complexities of space exploration and inspire creative thinking. I would highly recommend it to anyone with an interest in science, engineering, or collaborative problem solving.

Anisha (Y12) writes: Last weekend, a group of us went to Imperial College London to take part in the UK Space Design competition. We were partnered with Immanuel School, Dartford School and Kings' College School and were tasked with designing a settlement in space. It was an incredible opportunity, where we developed our teamwork and communication skills, while still having a lot of fun. I would definitely recommend this competition to anyone who loves thinking creatively and working in a team!



**Imperial College
London**

Student spotlight

Meela (Y11) writes: Last weekend, I was selected to play for the Ladies Surrey County Tennis Team in the Winter County Cup. Surrey was looking to be promoted to Division 1. The team ranged from professional tennis players, who were on tour, to university students who played tennis for their university and a couple of younger players, including me. At first, I had mixed feelings about playing, not because of the tennis but because my GCSE mocks were only two weeks away. However, after much deliberation I kept coming back to the words, "Your GCSEs don't determine who you are as a person."

I was off on the train to Lincolnshire after school, by myself. I was met by my team and team captain in Boston. I felt grown up all of sudden, and this was a taste of what tennis life could be like for me. I managed to get some revision done on the train, so didn't feel so overwhelmed.

Our first opponents were Lancashire. I lost my singles match but I was very happy with how I played; I battled hard and didn't give up. Next up was doubles and I was reunited with my old doubles partner. We both played really well and won and I think I played the best doubles I have ever played. I was buzzing and felt really strong, which then set me up for the rest of the weekend and some incredible tennis. Some of my highlights were watching the pro tennis players playing from all the counties, talking to the older players who are university to see how tennis and studying at university goes together at this level and the quaint little hotel we stayed in, with amazing food.

Surrey finished second overall, unfortunately we don't move up to Division 1 but we will be more prepared for the Summer Cup.

The weekend was so much fun and I am so grateful for the opportunity to represent my county at this level. Thank you to #surrey.tennis for selecting me.



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.

House Christmas Danceathon

Students entered the festive spirit with a fun lunchtime of dancing in the School Hall, run by the House Officials. It is always lovely to see students simply having a great time in school and making memories with their friends. They all enjoyed the festive chocolate at the end of the event!



SCHOOL NEWS

Upcoming PE fixtures

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent	Team	Location
20/01/25	15:30	Indoor Athletics	Borough	Y7	Nonsuch
23/01/25	15:50	Netball	Wallington	SNR	Nonsuch
29/01/25	15:30	Netball	Downsend	U12AB & U13AB	Downsend
05/02/25	15:30	Netball	Wallington	U12ABCD	Nonsuch
11/02/25	15:00	Netball	Sutton High	U13AB	Nonsuch
12/02/25	15:30	Netball	Wallington	U13ABCD	Wallington
26/02/25	15:30	Netball	Wallington	U14AB	Wallington
12/03/25	15:30pm	Netball	St Phils	Y7ABCD	St Phils
19/03/25	14:00	Netball	St Phils	U16AB	St Phils

Admissions consultation

In accordance with the School Admissions Code, please follow this [link](#) to the draft admission arrangements for entry to Nonsuch High School for Girls in September 2026-2027. The consultation period lasts from Friday 13th October 2024 to Friday 31st January 2025 inclusive and all responses must be received within this time period. In your response, please include your full name, title and contact details. Responses can be sent by:

Post to:

**Trust Admissions Manager
Girls' Learning Trust
Nonsuch High School for Girls
Cheam Road
Sutton
SM3 8AB**

Email to:

**ap2026consultationnhsg@nonsuchschool.org
(with the subject 'Admissions Arrangements
Consultation 2026-2027')**

The main changes proposed are:

- Clarification of language around Pupil Premium, changing "in receipt of Pupil Premium" to "eligible for"
- The addition of 'young carer' as a category as part of the prioritisation for Sixth Form places and an additional Supplementary Information Form to submit supporting evidence.
- Clarification of when offers to Sixth Form are made.
- Clarification of the process about mid-term admissions to years 10 and 11.

The [Consultation Admissions Policy and Arrangements for 2026 - 2027](#) are available on the school's [website](#).

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 2	Year 11 NEA
Monday 16th December	
Tuesday 17th December	Prize Giving – A-Level – 18.15-20.30
Wednesday 18th December	House Challenge Event (all day) Extended break 9:50 -10:20
Thursday 19th December	END OF TERM Early finish - 12.30
Week 1	
Monday 6th January	
Tuesday 7th January	
Wednesday 8th January	
Thursday 9th January	Ski Trip, Parents' Information Evening – 18.00
Friday 10th January	Y11 Art trip to V&A
After school on 10th, 11th & 12th	CCF Recruit Camp