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Dear Parents\Carers,

We have had a very busy Spring Term 2018 with our students engaging in a wide variety of activities. The Easter break is peak revision time for our Year 11 students who are working hard and preparing for their GCSE examinations. They have been supported by their teachers in class and GCSE booster classes. Our Easter revision programme can be found on the website along with tips and ideas. We are wishing our year 11s a successful exam period.

Our students' generosity was much in evidence this term as our school raised just over £1000 by Friday 23rd March towards their £3000 target to build a water well in Africa. I am proud of them for showing their resourcefulness with ideas, their team work and creativity to raise money. We are planning to send some students with staff to Kenya for the opening ceremony of the NLGS water well in Autumn Half Term break. They will also visit an orphanage and have time to do safari.

Thank you for your continued support to ensure that your child wears the expected uniform of North London Grammar School and attends the school every day and on time. We will continue to contact parents where uniform, attendance or punctuality do not conform to our expectations.

I would like to share the good news that Dr. Francis is coming back after a long sickness leave due to the unfortunate accident before Christmas. I would like to thank our Dr. Cumberland and Ms. Mitchell for their excellent work in his absence. I would like to congratulate all students who have represented us in UKMT and Pangea competitions and achieved gold, silver and bronze certificates as well as 4th place in regional team competition.

May I wish you and your family a peaceful Easter holiday with much chocolate.

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On Sunday the 10th of September, we went to watch a silent film by Sergei Eisenstein, Strike (1925) with live piano accompaniment by Wendy Hiscocks.

“I have never been to an Arts Centre like Barbican before. It was quite interesting as I have also never watched a silent movie before. There was live music accompaniment too and overall it was an intriguing trip.”

By Saadet Cifci

We also went on Thursday the 14th of September to watch Leni Riefenstahl's Olympia Part 1, The Festival of Nations (1938). This was a documentary of the very famous 1936 Games of the XI Olympiad, that took place under the Nazi regime in Berlin.

“It was interesting and gratifying to see Nazi Germany's claims about the so called “Aryan athletic supremacy” being refuted by African American athlete Jesse Owens winning four gold medals”

By Ertugrul Kilinc
 Y11 Bonitas, Media Studies student

“I found it extremely interesting to watch the black & white documentary of 1936 Olympic Games, as all the sports are the same today.”

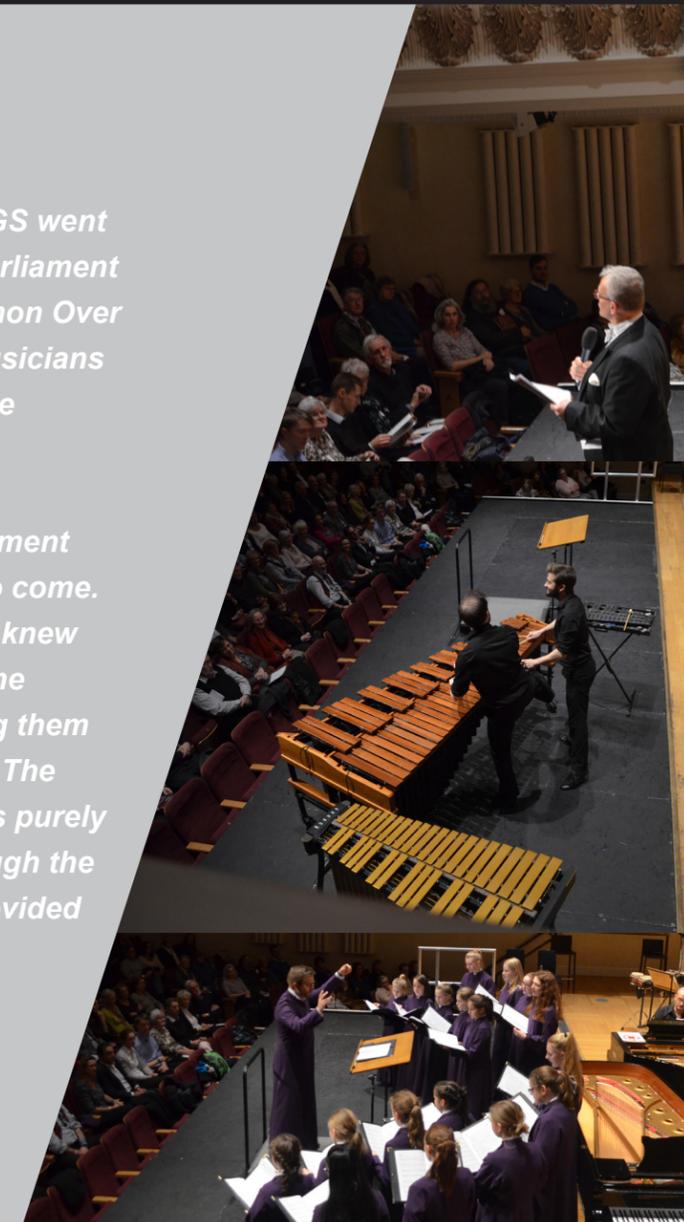
By Jordan Adlei
 Year 11 Scientia, Media Studies student

Cadogan Hall

On the 22nd of November, 25 students from NLGS went to a concert held at Cadogan Hall, where The Parliament Choir sang Carl Orff's Carmina Burana with Simon Over conducting. Our tickets were donated by the musicians of the Southbank Sinfonia and the singers of The Parliament Choir.

Before the performance began there were two percussionists who provided amusing entertainment and their music warmed us all up to what was to come. Carmina Burana is very famous and some of us knew the piece from before, but being present while the orchestra played and the choir sang and hearing them perform before us was simply ... overwhelming! The voices of the choir, the orchestra, the music was purely stunning for us all no matter who we were. Though the pieces were quite short, the experience they provided was worth it and I believe we would all go again.

By Yersin Ordabay
 Y8 Bonitas



.ART

Our GCSE Art students are creating beautiful, detailed and realistic pieces, from primary observational studies of natural objects, to making mosaics, from portraits and self-portraits, to reproductions of famous artists' and illustrators' art works.

Here are some examples of the work KS3 Master Class students produced this term during Period 6. Like everything else in life, when we put our time into something we do, then we surpass even our own expectations and develop ourselves beyond what we imagine we could achieve.



Gifted & Talented Art Intervention

Since the beginning of the second half term, we have established an environment that nurtures the talents of our gifted and talented students in Art. Every Thursday between 4-6pm, we are given the opportunity of starting early GCSE qualification preparations, without the additional stress of the deadlines. It has been very popular and by now an integrated part of our school life.

BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir

On Wednesday 29th November, the Year 7s, 8s and 9s went on a trip to the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Neasden. This visit was based on our half-term topic "Hinduism". We had the opportunity to observe the Arti ceremony and see all the colorful decorated deities in the main shrine. After the tour of the shrine, we were shown a documentary about the history of the mandir, followed by a question and answer session with one of the staff members. It was interesting to examine the way Hindus worship and fulfil certain religious responsibilities in their holy building. We are grateful to our teachers for giving us the opportunity to expand our RE knowledge.

Ceyda Alan Year 9



"I was amazed when I first came into the trampoline arena, I went to the laser room where I had to team up with someone and go through the laser room. Next, I went to the stunt arena where I jumped up onto platforms and did some flips."

By Kasper

"Today was a great day because I got to go to FLIPOUT. It was extraordinary because we did a lot of jumping on the trampolines and we even got to perform unbelievable tricks such as, front flips and back flips."

By Tawheed

"Today, was a once in a lifetime experience, the first minute I stood on the trampoline was the best. It was like my one and only dream. The trampolines were so bouncy especially the Kid stunt area. The flips were amazing, I improved every second."

By Archuthan

"Today was the best, I got to go to flip out, the second I entered my whole body got woken up by the lights that shined bright in front of me, I entered and I ran to the adult stunt area and I was too short I was so angry but overall the trampolines were really fun."

By Ahmet Emin



GCSE Information Evening

Wednesday 11th October 2017

On Wednesday 11th October we held a GCSE Information Evening for parents and students in Years 10 and 11. It was very well attended and covered various topics including how parents can support students during GCSE, what are predicted and target grades and how to revise effectively.

There was also lots of advice about established good routines regarding sleep and use of mobile phones, which can both have a huge impact on student performance at GCSE.

Finally we had a presentation from Doug Norris, our work experience partner. He explained the value of work experience and gave excellent advice about finding a work experience placement and how to approach employers.

Overall, it was a very successful evening and helped to launch a successful start for our Key Stage 4 students to the academic year.

Mr Federici

KAYAKING

On the 22nd of September, the students were very thrilled to go kayaking in Scotland. It was an exciting experience for them all, they got the chance to bond with each other and build on teamwork.



Work Experience Week 20th November to 24th November 2017

As part of our careers programme at Key Stage 4, students had the opportunity to find their own experience placement and complete a week of work experience from Monday 20th to Friday 24th November.

Over 60 students in Years 10 and 11 managed to organise their own work experience placements by approaching employers, introducing themselves and presenting their CV's.

We had students doing work experience in medical centres, architectural design firms, opticians, charities and even at diplomatic embassies.

Ali Emre, who did his experience at ACS Professional, a construction company said that,

'I've learned a lot about how buildings are constructed, in particular, how foundations are laid. I really have also developed my technical language, for example 'chasing' is when a channel is dug between building layers for cables and piping. I've also learnt about the building design process and how you need to apply what the clients wants in the design'.

This was a really valuable experience for all of the students involved and would not have been possible without the support of our work experience partner agency, Sirrond UK, who we employed to support us with the delivery of this programme.

Information about work experience for our current Year 9 students will be coming out in the Summer Term so that they have ample opportunity to develop their career ideas in time for their work experience week in Year 10.

XMAS Dinner



Our annual Christmas and dinner party

Year 7 Settling in dinner



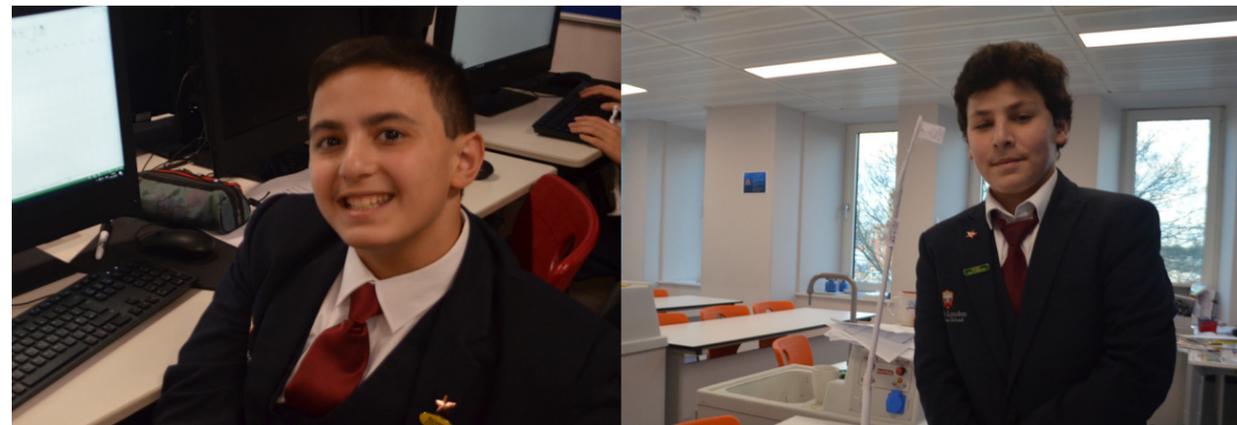
On Wednesday 4th October, our year 7 parents and pupils enjoyed a 3-course meal that was freshly prepared by our very own chef. The evening gave parents the opportunity to mingle with each other, and teachers in an informal setting. A small group of our senior students enthusiastically hosted the event by serving the tables, Tarik our year 9 pianist played the entire piece.

Mr Kali, our year 7 form tutor, gave an informative presentation on the week's form activities and announced our school council representatives Enrique Dias and Auntisa Oliveira. He discussed our house group competition.

Mrs Dhrona, our Head of Keystage 3, gave an inspiring presentation on school expectations, homework, attendance, rewards, sanctions and growth mindset. Her key message was "They succeed because together we make it happen." Finally there was a very humble and heart-warming presentation from Ceyda our Year 9 student who is working with the school to raise £3000 towards our nominated charity, Time to Help, to build a water well in Ethiopia.

Stem Club

This term our brightest scientific and mathematical minds investigated a variety of different experiments and research areas. From high energy exothermic reactions (to set off the fire alarm!) to building towers using just A4 paper, these students have continually pushed the limits of their understanding and skills. The students also worked on delivering presentations on alternative energy resources as feasible alternatives to fossil fuels. These presentations were made at STEM club on Tuesday, 19th Dec 2017 and there were a Gold, Silver & Bronze certificates up for grabs!



Diwali



Our year 7 students celebrated Diwali, the Hindu festival, spiritually signifying the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance and hope over despair. They wore colorful traditional costumes and acted out the story of Sita and Ram, sharing good values and celebrating diversity.

Theatre, Annie

The Year 8 Form groups organised an enhancement visit to see the musical Annie, which explores powerful themes such as the meaning of family, the importance of mindset, and the pursuit of happiness. The students had an amazing time!



Year 11 Trip to Germany/ France

I am delighted to announce that we have arranged a wonderful exclusive school trip for our Year 11 students as a celebration of their time spent at North London Grammar School and a reward for all the hard work placed into studying for their GCSE



Trip to Spain

Last year's Spanish study trip was very successful, but this year we are changing location. The Spanish trip will take place from the 6th to the 12th of May. We will be going for one week to the city of Segovia, only an hour's drive from Madrid Airport.

Students will have 4 hours of Spanish lessons every morning with qualified teachers, leaving the afternoon for some exciting organised adventure and the chance for them to practice the language in real situations. All the GCSE students in Y10, and those in Y9 and Y8 that have expressed an interest in joining GCSE Spanish, were invited. Therefore, 19 students are actually going to have a wonderful Spanish adventure.

We are very excited about having the children experiencing a glimpse of the Spanish way of life!

Mindfulness at NLGS

Our KS3 and KS4 students were introduced to the theme of mindfulness and meditation by Mr Gopal at two separate assemblies this term. By employing these tools, student attainment in tests has significantly improved, as the students can find greater clarity, focus and depth of understanding by 'being in the zone.' By learning to simply acknowledge their own thoughts or feelings without judgement, students find themselves far less affected by negative thoughts.



The accommodation will be in a pleasant countryside guest house which includes breakfast and dinner. The cost of the trip including flights, accommodation and transport will be at a special discounted price for our year 11 students for only £200, as the school is subsidising half of the cost as a special departing gift to celebrate the time they have spent at our school.

History Trips

Year 8:
Both Form groups had the opportunity to participate in a guided tour of Westminster Abbey, learning about its history and function as a key building in London from the Middle Ages till now. Our focus was to consolidate the knowledge from this term and the last by showing the connection through one building that has a significant function as a church and in the State. The students were able to gaze upon the tomb of Elizabeth the I and her infamous sister, Bloody Mary, as well as see the original resting place of the controversial Oliver Cromwell.



Four of our students achieved 100% in their Pangea maths challenge and will be entered for the finals at Queen Mary University on the 12th May

- Yersin Ordabay** Year 8
- Oscar Lau** Year 8
- Azlan Malik** Year 8
- Vritika Ravisangar** Year 8

UKMT Awards

Congratulations to our students from Years 8 to 12 who took part in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Senior Maths Challenge on Tuesday 7th November 2017.

- Tai Bui** won the Silver with best in school and best in year 12
- Kareem Omran** won the Silver with Best in year 11.
- Yu Eric Liang** achieved Bronze.

We are proud to announce that our students from year 8 also took part and competed against students from year 13. These students were:

- Yersin Ordabay** with a Silver
- Vritika Ravisangar** with a Bronze

Intermediate Maths Challenge UKMT

- Gold: Yersin (who was selected for the Cayley award)**
- Silver: Sahil, Ali Riza, Hasan, Tai, Jahangir, Umur, Ahmet D**
- Bronze: Kareem, Bach, Yu, Semih N, Yusup, Jodie, Semih Y, Melika, Mustafa K, Muhammad M, Hirujan, Ansar, Mohammad Shahzeb, Oscar, Sami, Vritika**

We came 4th in the Team Challenge.



Year 11:
As a class, the Year 11s explored two museums in London this term to consolidate their knowledge and understanding of the Cold War and communism: the Imperial War Museum and the British Museum. First, they went to the IWM to learn about the Secret War and about life during the Cold War. Here they were able to see segments of the Berlin Wall, along with other artifacts like the one of the casings from the bomb that dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Then, after a short trip by public transport through central London, they visited the Currency and Communism exhibit to explore how symbols of Communism became apparent in everyday life in USSR state-controlled countries and the meaning behind the various symbols.

Ms. Sheppard



Year 7 English Homework

Write a review on the Much Ado About Nothing play:

The Much Ado About Nothing play was written by Shakespeare and so far, that was my favourite play and the funniest play I watched. The play was so dramatic, funny and fun to watch since, nearly all the scenes in the play made me laugh so much because it was so funny. Most of the scenes were dramatic because there were arguments and a person getting arrested, which was part of one of the scenes. Most of the scenes was fun to watch because there were two people in separate scenes listening to other people talking about them like they were being spies/ninjas.

The scenes that made me laugh was mostly when the people were arguing because the words and actions they used were so funny and the second thing that made me laugh was when the two people were acting like spies/ninjas to listen to the people talk about them.

The scenes that were fun to watch was nearly all of them but the two main things that were fun to watch was the dancing the actors did because it was really silly and funny. The second thing that was fun to watch was when the actors were at the masked party they were all wearing superhero costumes and that was really fun to watch because that will never happen in a masked party.

My most favourite thing on the trip was watching the funny and silly play, talking with my friends everywhere (except most of the play), seeing lots of different building for example the Shard, and talking about football on the way back

The thing I didn't like was carrying my bag with me the whole time and fish smell when we were walking through a bunch of mini shops

I overall liked a lot of things and didn't like two things. Finally, the luckiest bit on the trip was getting seats in the train and getting seats to watch the play, which were high seats in the front row.

By Deyako Baban



Our students were all highly excited to raise donations to build water wells in Africa. They wanted to increase awareness and help their peers drink clean water by walking a distance of 9.3 miles starting from Seaford and finishing at Eastbourne. Your contribution will make us more than happy. We will be highly delighted to see your presence in the road of raising awareness for water wells in Africa. We as NLGS family thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your contributions.



For donations please visit:
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nlgs

"The hiking trip from Seaford to Eastbourne was a rewarding trip for everyone who was taking part. Each of us took the 9.3-mile walk to raise money, to build water wells in Africa. This motivated us all to keep going even though the journey was too long. It was a meaningful activity for all of us, and I'm sure everyone was glad that they contributed to this cause, and helped the school to reach their target of £1,000. The hike was fun and energetic, we were surrounded by all of our friends and peers. The journey went by quickly, before we knew it, we were already heading back to boarding!"

Yersin Ordabay



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- School Closed/ Holidays
- Half Day
- Bank Holiday

- Form Tutor Review Day (students only attend for their appointment)
- Occasional Day Holiday
- Professional Development Day (No school for students)