



North London
Preparatory and Grammar School

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Newsletter 2020

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Dear Parents/Guardians

I would like to wish all parents and students a happy new year and hope that everyone has had a joyous holiday period. As the first term came to a close and the New Year began it was nice to take a look back at all the events that have taken place over the last term.

Our 2019 Christmas dinner proved to be a huge success, raising £1950 for Crisis UK which raises for homeless people in the UK. The atmosphere on the day was lively and fun and I hope that everybody enjoyed their evening. I would like to thank all PTA members for preparing a delicious dinner for the 145 people in attendance; student volunteers for their excellent service all evening; Mrs Zarroug for preparing our female singers to perform; and to all parents and staff that contributed with both their presence and generous donations. I hope this is only the start of successful events that will take place at NLGS this academic year.



In addition to the Maths Olympiad hosted at school recently, we will also be running a trip to Germany in order to allow students to participate in the IFS Olympiad between April 27 and May 2, 2020. The IFS Olympiad aims to increase the motivation and interest of the participants in Science therefore all students from Years 7 to 10 are invited to participate.

Our students had the pleasure to take part in the London International Model United Nations where students got the chance to represent selected nations as diplomats. We are very proud of our students who took part in the event as they had to speak in front of more than a thousand listeners about issues of concern to their selected nation.

Our Preparatory school students had the chance to partake in many trips over the past half term, including trips to the British Museum where students got to see the Ancient Greek workshop, as they have been studying Greek mythology this term, students got to enjoy dressing as Greek royals and have a look at real artefacts and tools used by Ancient Greeks. In addition to this students also visited the Natural History Museum where students took part in a workshop focused around evolution and fossils, where students got the chance to look at fossil specimens under a microscope and play games explaining Darwin's finch evolution theory.

I am pleased to announce that we have signed up for the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award this academic year. This will allow our 14+ year old students to complete the challenges and gain an award as recognition. To gain the award students must volunteer in community service, take part in an expedition somewhere in the UK or abroad, and also work to develop their physical and social skills. DofE is a recognised mark of achievement and respected by employers, therefore I would definitely encourage interested students to participate.

Our students will also be taking part in the Wings of Hope project. The main aim of this project is to encourage young people to volunteer and take part in activities that will both raise money and awareness for less fortunate children around the world without access to education. In order to complete this project students will have access mentoring from the Wings of Hope team and several workshops will be held on CV writing, project management, event organisation etc. If students progress to the semi-final of the project they will then present their ideas to a panel of high profile judges from a variety of different fields and backgrounds at the Houses of Parliament.

Interventions will be continuing this term as students begin to head towards GCSE exams at the end of the school year. As a result of feedback from the school council, prefects and carers/parents we will no longer be holding Sunday interventions and only students that are not making the expected level of progress and attainment will need to attend those interventions (other students are still encouraged to attend should they like to).

Finally I would like wish all the best to students as we enter the second of the three terms this academic year, particularly those students that will be partaking in GCSE exams and assessments later on in the year, I hope that all of your hard work and effort pays off!

We donated money to the Children In Need charity and we made a display in our library. We wore spotty clothes in honour of children in need. It made us feel upset that children had to go through this and made us realise how lucky we have been and that grateful for we should be what we have.

Sumayyah Hussain



The British Museum



We visited the British Museum to see the Ancient Greek workshop. It was so much fun! We had a chance to look at the artefacts and also go through the Ancient Greek mystery artefacts quiz. We looked through the exhibit and gained a lot of knowledge on the items there. There was so much to look at! It was great! We had a workshop session where the talker gave us items and we had to predict what they were used for. We dressed up with Greek royal robes and armour and acted out scenes. It was like stepping into a time machine! We enjoyed the trip a lot and thanked everyone who came along with us.



Our trip to the National History Museum

On Thursday 28 November 2019 years 5/6 went on a trip to the Natural History Museum. My class and I took the public transport which was very fun even though I am familiar with the tube, bus and the routes.

Workshop one was on evolution and the teacher took us to an exhibit where we explored the history of evolution in greater depth. We were put into two groups named 1,2,3 and 4. My group was number four and I was working with Vildan and Ese- we were each given a particular section to explore and then shared our findings.

After that we moved in to another exhibit, where there were benches and we played a game on evolution. Some people were finches and some finches got plastic beaks and others got wooden beaks and they all had to pick as many blocks (representing food) possible. This was a great example of Darwin's theory.

After our scrumptious lunch we went to the investigation centre where we saw lots of different specimens preserved by taxidermists. Our teachers' names were Annabeth and Sophie. We got to examine all the specimens and looked at them in closer detail. We used microscopes, rulers and pencils. I examined a glimmering, shimmering and turquoise crystal. I loved looking at all the specimens. My favourite was probably the tiger, but I still feel sorry for it because it did not sign a contract saying it can be examined after its death.

I would recommend this workshop to my friends since you get to open, uncover and reveal another layer of history. Overall, I enjoyed it to the top-most of my heart and I loved it and hope to come here some time later.

*By Purnima Hegde
Year 6 Scientia*



On Thursday the 28th, we went to the Natural History Museum where we learnt more about evolution. After an hour long trip through the underground, we finally entered the museum.

As we entered the museum, our guide greeted us and told us to go to the top floor where we played games about evolution. Both of the games were focused on learning. For the first game the teacher gave us some bones and told us to place them into the part that we thought it belonged to. At each part there were years in which one of the bones belonged to. The second game was a bit more interesting: the teacher chose some of us to be birds (finches) and the birds were given a wooden beak. Some were small and some were big and the ones who ate the most, won. This was supposed to mimic the skills of survival and adaptation for animals in real life.

After the games, we went upstairs where the class was split into 4 groups. Each group had to research a specific timeline and explain the main points to the other 3 groups. It was great fun. Not only that, but we learnt a lot of new things, too!

After a delightful lunch, we went to the exhibition room. There, we had to choose specimens and fossils to research and gather information about. My personal favourite exhibit was the geode- it shined and glistened as I looked at it through the microscope.

I would definitely recommend this workshop as you can learn so much from it.

*Vildan
Year 6 Scientia*



Christmas Festivities



Christmas Jumper Day



Visit from Santa



Hampton Court

The year 8 students went to visit the famed residence of Henry 8th one of the most famous Monarchs in British History - whose reign left an incredible mark in British History.



Model United Nations

We took a first-time delegation of students to the London International Model United Nations where students simulated what happens in the United Nations and worked to solve the world's most pressing issues. Our students Serdar Gokce, Nuran Tyurkeli and Sueda Sahinoglu have received certificates for distinguished performances.



Meet our School Council



I have been nominated as the president of the School Council. I have been working with my peers to make beneficial changes in our school by gathering and reviewing the suggestions and feedback of our teachers and the students. So far we have successfully made changes to the school menu to provide healthier options at breaktime and are currently working on organising new clubs and activities for our peers to develop their skills.

Emin Azak

From left to right, Mr Salahuddin, Mrs Dhrona, Thia Prabakaran (Secretary), Emin Azak (President), Dalia Abdelnour (Treasurer), Ansar Aletdinov (Vice President)



UFP Trip to BMW

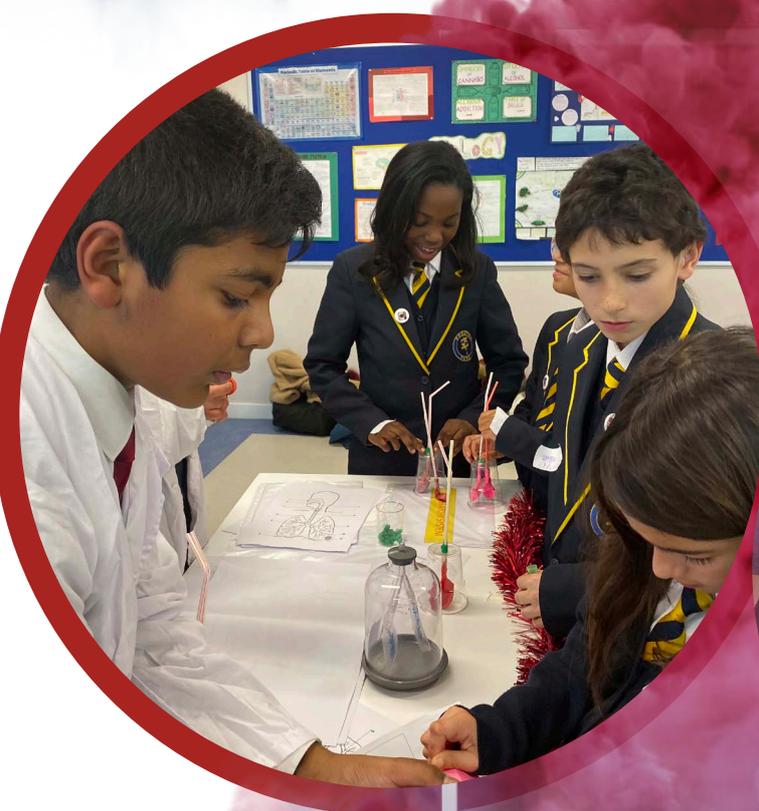
The UFP Class were treated to a tour of the state of the art production facility, where 1,000 robots work in cellular production to produce a mini ready for customer despatch every 4 hours. They learned how the cars are produced, the variety of metals and paints used and how the vehicles are quality controlled before delivery to the main dealers. A presentation was given about the history of BMW to the present day and students tour at the BMW Mini Museum. They received guidance on Engineering Career paths and the best Universities to choose for such a career path.



UFP students enjoyed lunch with Mr Adak, Mr Salahuddin and their teacher Mr Evans.

The Science Department hosted a Christmas Science Event for Preston Park Primary School.

Our students helped to organise this wonderful evening. All younger students had fun in different activities in Biology, Chemistry and Physics curriculum as well as Slime Workshop!



International Fun Science (IFS)

We are very excited to announce that NLGS Science Department is organising a trip to International Fun Science (IFS) Olympiad between April 27 to May 2, 2020 in Frankfurt, Germany.

Students will join trainings at Mathematikum and Experimenta Science Centres and will be assessed in two rounds of exams in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths. During the trip, they will also enjoy city attractions such as

- Guided City Tour
- Boat tour in Frankfurt
- Visit to Goethe University
- Have a fun day in Phantasialand
- A trip to Stuttgart and visiting Mercedes Museum
- Shopping at Zeil Street

What is the concept of the IFS Olympiad?

IFS Olympiad aims to increase the motivation and interest of the participants in Science therefore all students from Years 7 to 10 are invited to participate. This wonderful experience will provide students with a dynamic approach in Science. They will see that they can touch and experience Science by testing it.

There is no project or study that requires pre-preparation. Exam questions are based on ready-made experiments at Science centres. It is enough for students to join the experiments that are prepared for them and make evaluations within their group.

No matter the performance of the student, each participant will receive a participation certificate and a medal. I strongly advise any student who has interest in science to participate, as this wonderful experience will enhance your child's CV for college applications in the future. I will be providing support for participants until the time they take off.

The cost per person is £700 all-inclusive. Please find the daily program attached. Our school will support us with any additional charge.

We have 20 places available on our trip this year. Therefore, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Please feel free to email sumeyye.cimentepe@northlondongrammar.com if you have any questions and register your interest.



skills London 2019

Our students had the opportunity to attend Skills London, one of the UK's biggest jobs and careers event for 15-24 year old. This event provided students with the opportunity to find inspiration and make that life-changing connection.

I enjoyed my experience at Skills London. In the future, I would like to be an accountant so I visited the Finance sector. I spoke to the advisors and they gave me valuable insight into what accountancy career could be like.

Abisola Kazeem
Year 11



The Trussell Trust supports a nationwide network of over 1,200 food banks across the UK, providing emergency food and support to people in crisis and living in poverty.

North London Grammar School supported the Christmas foodbank appeal 'Stop the Hunger' campaign via British Airways. Our students worked hard to find donations and support those in need. We would like to thank all our parents for their continued support and donations.

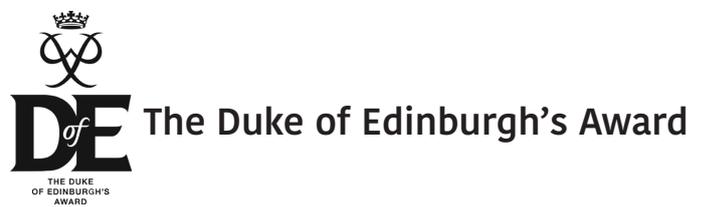


Club of the week!



Film Club

Student services organised a film night where students watched the epic “Batman Begins” enjoying their pizza and snacks. It was a wonderful evening and our students cannot wait for the next film night to watch the second film of the Dark Night Trilogy.



We have signed up for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is also known as DofE, The Head of State Award, The President's Award Scheme, The International Award for Young People, and the Governor General's Youth Award.

The Award is available to all 14-24 year olds and equips young people for life regardless of their background, culture, physical ability, skills and interests. Doing the Award is a personal challenge and not a competition against others; it pushes young people to their personal limits and recognises their achievements.



We are excited to announce that our students are taking part in the Wings of Hope project. The project encourages young people to help change the world; it helps our students gain life skills, team-building skills and compassion. The main aim is to help children who need it the most by educating them, by raising funds and building a portfolio.

Our students will receive mentoring and support from the London Business School for the program from experienced professionals; they can use this experience in their CV and university applications, it can also contribute towards the volunteering section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. They will also have access to the Wings Of Hope Speed Mentoring team who can put them in touch with young professionals. There will also be workshops on CV writing, project management, events organisation, how to manage finances and more.

If they make it through to the Semi-Finals they will be allowed to present their work to a panel of high profiled judges from business, sport, politics, arts, journalism and science fields at the Houses of Parliament.



NUTCRACKER

THE BALLET

English National Ballet



Fascinated by the beauty of the English National Opera, 130 of our students started their holiday by enjoying the magical experience of "The Nutcracker Ballet".



Peer Mentoring



Peer-mentoring is an exciting opportunity at NLGS where young people who want to contribute to a change step in and join the mentoring team. Mehmed Gokcel from Mentor Wise UK, a London based charity specialising in mentoring training, has presented and run a peer-mentoring course and training during assembly time. One student from each form group has been selected after a competitive round of presentations by candidates on mock scenarios given to them. Successful candidates have come up with elaborate plans to approach their peers who may be going through tough times and have shown great empathy and care towards them.

Christmas Jumper Day

Save the Children

Thank you for your donations. We have raised £120 for Save the Children charity.





The assembly was a celebration of the fantastic achievement of NLGS' first ever Model United Nations team who competed at the prestigious London International Model United Nations Conference.



The participants put on a mock debate where countries of the world debated a pressing issue of whether pineapple should be allowed on pizza in which countries passionately defended their stances on the issue. The assembly concluded with a recognition of 3 of our delegates who picked up awards for their recognition of their outstanding



Merit & Subject Awards

A very successful term whereas many of our students were awarded with merit awards and subject awards. The key criteria was: positive attitude to learning, resilience, diligence, focus, determination, completing homework to a high standard, revising really well and reading the book chapter, leadership and good character.

Maths

- Thia Prabakaran
- Vehbi Zerenturk
- Nathaniel Olajide
- Mehmet Furkan Buyuk

Physics

- Vehbi Zerenturk
- Kasun Senandheera

Biology

- Gani Berr Evans

Chemistry

- Malak Shaaban

English

- Mustafa Koseomur
- Kian Arad

Psychology

- Missy Jackson

Spanish

- Aylar Bedimyadova
- Khushiv Shah

Art

- Sanaa Kidiri
- Melike Caya

Religious Education / History

- Sanaa Kidiri
- Aylar Bedimyadova
- Mustafa Koseomur

Music

- John Frank Straughn
- Kasun Senandheera

Business

- Gani Berr Evans

Computer Science

- John Franklin Straughn
- Aya Hassan
- Aryan Samtani

Physical Education

- Anissa Lechevallier
- Nathaniel Olajide

Drama

- Monturayo Fashola
- Shreyanshu Mishra

Media

- Malak Shaaban
- Kubra Aydin



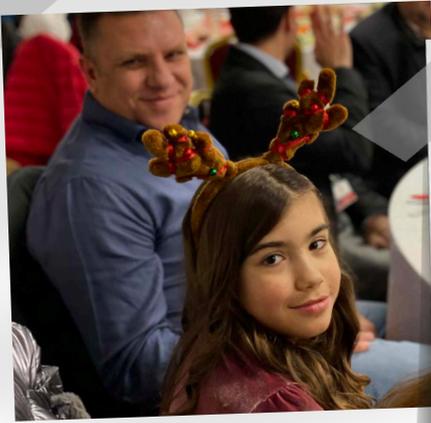
Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas dinner 2019 was a real success! The atmosphere was warm and fun, which made it an evening to remember. We were entertained by the sounds of our choir and all the songs performed by our primary cohort. There were lots of raffle prizes and the generosity of our parents was amazing. We managed to raise a staggering £ 1950.54 which went to Crisis UK.

I would like to thank our PTA members for cooking a delicious dinner for 145 people; our students who volunteered to serve us all on the night; Mrs Zarroug for rehearsing with our girl singers and all the staff and parents that contributed with their donations and their presence.

We now look forward to having you back here in 2020 enjoying other school events.





Announcements & Important Information

Holocaust assembly presented by a Holocaust survivor

Monday 13th January

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U14 Football v King Alfred School (6 a-side)

Monday 13th January

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U12/U13 Football v King Alfred School (6 a-side)

Tuesday 14th January

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NLPS Visit to Bevis Marks Synagogue

Tuesday 14th January

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U12 Girls v Ark Pioneer Academy - 5 a-side Football

Wednesday 15th January

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U13/U14 Basketball v King Alfred School

Thursday 16th January

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Meme/Vine and Cartoon Costume Day on the

Friday 17th January

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Film Night

Friday 17th January

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International Fun Science Registration Deadline

Friday 17th January

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NLPS Visit to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir

Monday 20th January

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U15/U16 Football (6 a-side) v King Alfred

Wednesday 22nd January

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NLPS Chinese New Year - Year of the Rat: Children can come in dressed all in red and gold, believed to provide good luck and wealth.

Friday 24th January

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NLPS Trip to Westminster Abbey

Tuesday 28th

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Open Morning

Wednesday 29th January - 9am to 10.30am

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U12/U13 Girls Football v King Alfred (6 a-side)

Thursday 30th January

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Year 11 Trip to Paintballing

Monday 3rd February

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Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday 25 February

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Spanish Trip to Valencia

29th March to 4th April