

NEWSLETTER

18TH SEPTEMBER 2023 | AUTUMN TERM



Upcoming Events

- Monday 18th - 25th - Recycling Week
- Tuesday 26th September - Year 3/4 History Trip - British Museum
- 18-24 September - PSHE Week
- Friday 29th - Macmillan Coffee Morning by PA
- Tuesday - October 3th - Parent Association elections
- Wednesday - October 11th - Open Evening
- Friday 20th October - Culture Day

NLGS PRESENTS...



**BALANCING
TECH
FOR
A
BRIGHTER
TOMORROW**

Next week is all about PSHE, and we're kicking things off with an EPIC poster competition!

Submit your masterpiece by Sept 20 to win fantastic prizes!

Prizes:
1st place - £20
2nd place - £15
3rd place - £10 in gift cards

Guidelines: Let your creativity shine on A3/A2 canvas. Inspire balance in tech use and its impact on well-being, health, relationships, and future.

Drop off your entry in H3, 2nd floor

Winning posters will be displayed during PSHE Week, inspiring everyone! Your support means the world.

We would like to welcome our new staff to the community!



Ms Munoz
Spanish Teaching Assistant



Ms Pemberton
English Teacher



Mr Izevbekhai
Science Technician



Ms Kayali
Science Teacher



Mr Lafcioglu
Maths Teacher



Ms Newby-Mayers
Student Wellbeing Mentor

GCSE Results 2023



Congratulations to three of our top-performing students: Ved, Meryem, and Syed!

96%
OUR STUDENTS ACHIEVING GRADES BETWEEN 4-9

46.61%
OUR STUDENTS ACHIEVING GRADES BETWEEN 7-9

68.2%
NATIONAL AVERAGE*

22%
NATIONAL AVERAGE*

*(JCQ,2023)

OPEN EVENING
11th
OCTOBER
2023

**5:30PM
8:30PM**



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Dear Valued Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well and that you had a rejuvenating summer break with your loved ones. As we begin a new academic year, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to both familiar and new members of the North London Prep and Grammar School family. I am excited to share some exceptional highlights as we embark on this academic year:

Outstanding GCSE Results: I am thrilled to announce that our recent GCSE results have exceeded expectations, **surpassing and doubling the national average for England**. These outstanding achievements are a testament to the unwavering dedication of our students and the relentless commitment of our exceptional teaching and support staff.

Enriched Curriculum: We have thoughtfully enhanced the curriculum to provide a more comprehensive and rewarding learning experience. More details about these changes can be found in the emails we have sent out. We believe these enhancements will empower our students to thrive academically and personally.

Exciting Timetable Additions: Our Prep school students will now have lessons in **LAMDA** and **Mandarin Language**. Additionally, all year groups will benefit from more **Games** and **PE** lessons, which will encourage physical development and healthy living. We have also introduced enrichment clubs within the school day for all pupils, and Year 7 and 8 students have enjoyed the new **Learn to Learn lessons**, which will help to build study habits and improve academic success.

Improved Parent-Teacher Communication: Effective communication is crucial to your child's success. Please reach out to your child's teachers or our administrative team if you have any questions or concerns. **Regular parent-teacher meetings** will be scheduled to discuss your child's progress. We have streamlined communication tools, including **iSAMS** for attendance, report cards, rewards and behaviour records (from Year 3 to Year 11), and **ParentMail** for emails and text messages. If you have specific concerns, kindly direct your inquiries to the appropriate contacts, such as the School Secretary or Form Tutor.

Exciting Extracurricular Activities: Encourage your child to explore their interests and develop new skills through our diverse range of extracurricular activities. We have scheduled free timetabled clubs during the school day in addition to the usual clubs after school.

Interventions: Year 11 students will commence interventions from September 25th. Further details for other year groups will be communicated via ParentMail.

New Staff: We're also delighted to welcome new staff members whose expertise strengthens our school community. You can find more information on the first page of this newsletter.

Parent Association Elections: Join us for Parent Association elections on **October 3rd, 2023**, in the dining hall between 8:30 AM and 9:30 AM. We value and appreciate your participation, and we extend our gratitude to last year's PA members for their dedicated efforts. Whether you wish to be a committee member or help out occasionally, please join us to find out more.

Coffee Mornings: To foster engagement, we are introducing coffee mornings for Prep and Secondary Schools on a **half-termly basis**. These gatherings offer a unique opportunity for parents to connect with our Senior Leadership team.

Calendar of Events: Stay informed about important dates and activities by referring to our school calendar, which can be found in our newsletters. As we unite in our commitment to nurturing our students' growth and success, I have unwavering confidence that this year will be one of remarkable achievements and personal growth. If you have any questions or concerns, our office is ready to assist you.

We appreciate the trust you have placed in us for your children's education and well-being. I eagerly anticipate an extraordinary year filled with learning, laughter, and shared accomplishments.

H. Fatih Adak
Headteacher



Friday 15th **unifrog**



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

An informative and inspiring assembly was held for our Key Stage 4 (KS4) students. The assembly covered two essential topics that will greatly benefit our students in their academic and personal journeys.

Firstly, Mr Gokcel introduced the **Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE)** program and its numerous advantages. He highlighted the experiences of the students who have already joined this prestigious initiative and the exciting opportunities it offers. Through DofE, students can develop essential life skills, engage in outdoor adventures, and contribute to their communities. Mr Gokcel also shared the remarkable achievements of our students who have participated in the program, emphasizing the value of this initiative in building character and resilience. He discussed the future plans for DofE, highlighting the upcoming challenges and adventures that await our students on this incredible journey of personal growth and achievement. In the second part of the assembly,

Mr Gokcel introduced an exciting resource that will support our students in planning their future paths – **Unifrog**. Unifrog is a comprehensive platform designed to assist students in exploring their interests and guiding them towards their ideal post-school opportunities. It acts as a one-stop-shop where students can easily navigate various career options and educational paths. It helps students identify their key interests and align them with potential career paths, ensuring that they can confidently take their next steps after completing their studies at NLGS. Unifrog empowers our students to make informed decisions about their futures, whether that involves pursuing higher education, apprenticeships, or other exciting opportunities. By offering a wide array of resources and support, Unifrog equips our students with the tools they need to reach their academic and career goals.

Ms Dhrona discussed the **importance of extracurricular activities** in shaping well-rounded individuals. Beyond the classroom, students have the opportunity to discover their passions, develop crucial life skills, and make lasting friendships. Participation in clubs, sports, arts, and other activities fosters teamwork, time management, and communication skills that are essential for personal and academic growth. Moreover, colleges and universities highly value applicants who are actively involved in extracurriculars. It showcases a student's dedication, leadership potential, and the ability to balance academics with other commitments. Therefore, we encourage every student to explore the diverse range of activities our school offers and find their niche.

Lastly, we discussed the **importance of leadership roles** in nurturing tomorrow's leaders. Becoming a leader in the school community instils a sense of responsibility and empowers students to lead by example. It teaches them to think critically, solve problems, and advocate for causes they are passionate about. Our school actively promotes leadership opportunities, and we invite students to step forward, take on these roles, and make a meaningful impact on their peers and our institution. Leadership experiences not only enhance resumes but also cultivate the qualities that will serve them well in future endeavours.

We encourage all KS4 students to explore the opportunities offered by DofE and Unifrog, participate in extracurricular activities, and take on leadership roles. By doing so, they can make informed decisions and embark on successful journeys beyond their time at NLGS.

Stay tuned for more exciting updates and events from our school community!



NEED TO KNOW

Parents should email Ms Rodriguez at alison.rodriquez@northlondongrammar.com or call the school office on **0208 205 0052** to report any **absences** or **lateness**. This also includes notifying the school of any medical appointments and requesting a leave of absence for a student



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Alternative Histories

TUESDAY P4 (KS4)



MR GOKCEL

EMAIL: M.GOKCEL@NORTHLONDONGRAMMAR.COM

HISTORY, AS WE KNOW IT, IS OFTEN A TALE TOLD BY THE VICTORS. BUT WHAT OF THE VOICES SILENCED, THE STORIES UNSHARED, AND THE EVENTS SWEEPED UNDER THE RUG? IN THE 'ALTERNATIVE HISTORIES' CLUB, WE JOURNEY INTO THE HIDDEN CORRIDORS OF THE PAST, UNCOVERING THE TALES OF PEOPLES, CULTURES, AND EVENTS THAT HAVE BEEN OVERSHADOWED BY MAINSTREAM NARRATIVES. JOIN US AS WE RECLAIM HISTORY, PIECE BY PIECE AND HAVE A WORLD OF FUN WHILE AT IT.

BY PARTICIPATING IN THE "ALTERNATIVE HISTORIES" CLUB, STUDENTS WILL NOT ONLY EXPAND THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF HISTORY BUT ALSO CULTIVATE THESE VITAL SKILLS WHICH WILL BENEFIT THEM IN THEIR ACADEMIC PURSUITS AND FUTURE CAREERS.

SKILLS INVOLVED:

- CRITICAL THINKING
- RESEARCH SKILLS
- EMPATHY
- ANALYTICAL WRITING
- GLOBAL AWARENESS
- ETHICAL JUDGEMENT

SOME TOPICS THAT WILL BE COVERED ARE THE FOLLOWING:

- INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND THEIR LEGACY
- THE AFRICAN KINGDOMS BEFORE THE SCRAMBLE FOR AFRICA
- FORGOTTEN FEMALE FIGURES IN HISTORY
- LESSER-KNOWN REVOLUTIONS AND MOVEMENTS
- HIDDEN GENOCIDES

CINEMATIC EXPLORERS FILM CLUB

TUESDAY P4 - KS4

Mr Shehu

Email: florin.shehu@northlondongrammar.com

Are you ready to embark on a cinematic journey like never before? Welcome to the Cinematic Explorers Film Club, an exciting and enriching experience specially crafted for secondary school students with a passion for high-quality films.

At Cinematic Explorers, our mission is to ignite your love for cinema while fostering critical thinking, cultural awareness, and creativity. We believe that films are more than just entertainment; they are powerful storytelling tools that can educate, inspire, and connect people from diverse backgrounds.

What we Offer:

- Diverse Film Selection.
- Interactive Discussions.
- Guest Speakers.
- Film Analysis Workshops.
- Film Appreciation Projects.
- Film Screening Event.
- Access to Film Resources.
- Expand your horizons by exploring films from different cultures and eras.
- Develop critical thinking skills through meaningful discussions and analysis.
- Gain insights from industry experts and professionals in the field of filmmaking.
- Express your creativity through film-related projects and events.
- Connect with fellow film enthusiasts and build lasting friendships.
- Cultivate a lifelong love for cinema and storytelling.

STEM OLYMPIAD AND PROJECTS CLUB

Tuesday P4 - KS4

Teachers: Ms Cim

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STEM Olympiads and Projects club aims to change students' perspective on life with a range of academic learning and hands-on activities which links their Science learning with the wider world. We would like to get rid of the question "What use is this subject for me?" and better understand the value of the lessons taught in class. We will prepare students for competitions in STEM; Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics.



INTERNATIONAL STEM OLYMPIAD

INTERNATIONAL GREENWICH OLYMPIAD



ecoWarriors

Thursday 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Email: h.wise@northlondongrammar.com

Students will play an active role in helping the school become more eco-friendly. Students will generate new ideas about how to promote sustainability at home as well as at school. Students will also explore a variety of global issues related to sustainability.

During sessions students will participate in a range of activities including debates and discussions, creating posters and writing speeches. Students will develop a variety of skills including problem-solving, communication, confidence and team-work.



the World Scholar's Cup®

Tuesday P4 - KS4

Email: c.mcnamara@northlondongrammar.com

World Scholars Cup brings together many subjects together under the English umbrella through writing, quizzes, debates and challenges. Teams must work together, because there's nothing harder or more inspiring than knowing that someone else depends on you. And it deals with serious global issues without taking itself too seriously, because I'm convinced that before we can fall in love with learning, we must find the fun in learning.

What We Offer:

- Creative Writing
- Debates
- Quiz and general knowledge
- Exploring global issues
- Looking at making teamwork projects (podcasts)



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Wellbeing Club

Monday Lunchtime (KS3)

Tuesday P4 (KS4)

Ms Mayers

Email: R.newbymayers@northlondongrammar.com

Wellbeing club is about helping students understand the importance of their personal development. Learning about maintaining a healthy wellbeing and developing positive lifestyle habits.

Topics include:

- Mental Health Awareness
- Girl Talk
- Nutrition
- Money
- My body & Me
- Mindfulness/ Wellbeing
- Banter & Language Awareness
- Social Media & You
- Hygiene



Spanish Club

Wednesday 3:10-4pm KS3

Ms Varela & Ms Munoz



Our Spanish Club is all about embracing the vibrant world of the Spanish language and culture in a relaxed and enjoyable setting. It's the perfect place for students to enhance their language skills without any pressure, while having a blast along the way.

Anyone with an interest in exploring the customs, traditions, and rich cultures of Spanish-speaking countries.

How do we make it happen? We immerse ourselves in the language and culture through a variety of engaging activities, including:

- Tackling tricky tongue twisters and riddles
- Reciting captivating poems
- Listening to and belting out Spanish songs
- Watching interesting videos and films in Spanish
- Diving into Spanish literature with captivating books
- Playing interactive games
- Exploring the fascinating landscapes of Spanish-speaking countries

Journalism Club

Wednesday P7 (Y7 & Y8)

Mr K Eziefula

School Contact: k.eziefula@northlondongrammar.com

Journalism club is a student-led extracurricular activity within a school that focuses on developing journalism skills and fostering an appreciation for news reporting and storytelling. It provides a platform for students to explore the world of journalism in a fun and educational way.

The Journalism club aims to enhance students' writing skills, critical thinking, research, communication, and teamwork abilities by teaching them to question sources, distinguish facts from opinions, and collaborate on articles. It also provides a platform for students to raise awareness about important issues by covering events, sharing stories, and advocating for positive change.

STEM CLUB

With Ms Kayali

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Our STEM club meets every Monday after school. We engage in challenging activities and explore solutions to problems by combining Science, Design, Technology, and Mathematics. Our aim is to improve our solutions by working on exciting experiments and projects that push our students beyond their limits.

Our objectives are:

- To enrich, enhance, and expand the secondary school curriculum.
- To improve students' achievements, interactions, and experiences in STEM subjects.
- To motivate students to pursue their studies in STEM beyond GCSEs.



ART CLUB

Teacher - Monday - Ms Ziegler (Year 9 & 11)
Thursday (Year 10) Mrs Richards

We want to make sure that our students have the best possible experience. That's why we offer an environment where students can unleash their artistic creativity and get the chance to experiment with different art materials and techniques in the art room. Let's get creative together!

Music clubs

Teacher: Mrs Morgan

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Choir

Tuesday Lunchtime

For anyone who wants to sing, no experience required.

- Learn to sing in a larger ensemble.
- Learn part singing as well as singing in unison.
- Learn to listen to others carefully in an ensemble.
- Use music to aid positive mental health.

Opportunities:

- Performances at the Christmas Concert and the End of Year Concert
- Voice in a Million trip in March.

Orchestra

Wednesday Lunchtime

- For those that already play an orchestral string, woodwind or brass instrument.
- Learn to play in a larger ensemble.
- Learn to listen to others carefully in an ensemble.

Use music to aid positive mental health.

Opportunities:

- Performances at the Christmas Concert and the End of Year Concert



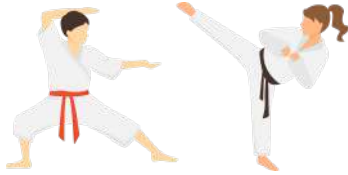
Extra-Curricular Clubs

Martial Arts

Tuesday 4pm - 5pm

Specifically developed classes, introducing students to Karate in a safe, controlled, and fun environment. Students will learn

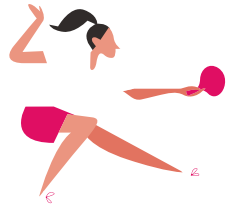
- Respect
- Honour
- Discipline
- Self Defence
- Fitness
- Character Development



Gradings (PKS) are three times a year (March, July and December) for students to upgrade and is down to the discretion of the instructor.

Table Tennis

Monday 3:10pm - 4:00pm (KS2)
Monday 4:00pm - 5:00pm (KS3)
Wednesday 4:00pm - 5:00pm (KS4)



Our club is led by a former professional table tennis player with extensive experience in the sport. With a wealth of knowledge and expertise, Helen is dedicated to sharing the intricacies of table tennis with young enthusiasts.

Whether your child is a complete beginner or has some prior experience, our club caters to all skill levels. Participants will receive top-notch coaching to improve their table tennis skills, including serving, forehand and backhand techniques, footwork, and game strategies.

We believe in the power of sports to foster friendships and teamwork. Our club promotes a welcoming and inclusive environment where students can make new friends while honing their table tennis skills. We encourage healthy competition and sportsmanship.

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Basketball Club

KS4 - Tuesday 4-5pm
KS3 - Wednesday 4-5pm

Coach - Piers Tang
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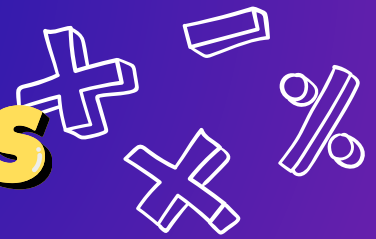
Get ready to dribble, shoot, and slam dunk your way into an exciting basketball adventure with Coach Piers from Brent Bulls Basketball Team! Our After School Basketball Club is the perfect opportunity for young hoopsters to learn, play, and excel in the game of basketball.

Coach Piers brings years of experience as a player and coach with Brent Bulls. Under his guidance, students will receive fantastic coaching in all aspects of the game, from fundamental skills to advanced techniques.

Whether you're an experienced player or just starting, this club focuses on skill development for all levels. You'll learn the art of dribbling, shooting, passing, and defensive strategies to become a well-rounded player.

All About

MATHS



Tuesday 4pm - 5pm

Email: alafcioglu@northlondongrammar.com

Unlock the World of Mathematics

Are you passionate about numbers, puzzles, and problem-solving? Do you find joy in exploring the beauty of mathematical concepts? If so, the School Maths Club is the perfect place for you! Join us on an exciting journey through the world of mathematics and discover the wonders of this captivating subject.

Why Join the Math Club?

- **Explore Mathematical Wonders:** Dive into the world of numbers, shapes, and patterns. Discover the magic of mathematics and its real-world applications.
- **Enhance Problem-Solving Skills:** Sharpen your critical thinking and problem-solving abilities by tackling challenging math problems and puzzles.
- **Build Friendships:** Meet fellow maths enthusiasts who share your passion and make lasting friendships.
- **Fun and Learning:** We believe that maths is not only about rigor but also about having fun. We organise maths games, quizzes, and maths-themed events.
- **STEM Connections:** Connect with like-minded peers who share your passion for mathematics, and collaborate on exciting STEM projects.

Maths Olympiad Preparations

Use it or lose it!

What will we be doing?

We will be solving puzzle-like questions that often require intensive thinking. There will be questions that require no mathematical background, as well as questions that demand good fundamental knowledge, along with reasoning and sequencing skills. The main resource will be past UKMT papers.



Whose is this for?

- Those who enjoy intellectual challenges and aspiring engineers and architects.
- Future mathematicians or math-related career enthusiasts.
- Students with a strong mathematical foundation and seeking intellectual growth. Those who want to stand out on college applications and in their academic or professional pursuits.
- Students who enjoy teamwork and collaborative problem-solving.

Cricket Club

KS3 and KS4 - Thursdays 4 - 5pm

Teacher: Mr Fernandes
Email: elio.fernandes@northlondongrammar.com



Participants will receive coaching to enhance their batting, bowling, and fielding techniques. There will be friendly matches and practice games, allowing students to apply what they've learned in a cricketing context. Whether you're an experienced player or just starting, this club focuses on skill development for all levels.



Term Dates

August Term 2023		
	Start Date	End Date
Term Begins	07.09.2023	13.10.2023
Half Term	20.10.2023	05.11.2023
Term Ends	15.12.2023 (Half Day)	
Spring Term 2024		
Term Begins	04.01.2024	09.02.2024
Half Term	10.02.2024	18.02.2024
Term Ends	28.03.2024 (Half Day)	
Summer Term 2024		
Term Begins	17.04.2024	24.05.2024
Half Term	25.05.2024	02.06.2024
Term Ends	10.07.2024 (Half Day)	



ARE YOU WORRIED?

All adults at North London Grammar care deeply about your health, safety, and well-being. We appreciate all children at our school, and we want to keep you safe and help protect your rights.

All adults at school are trustworthy individuals with whom you can speak at any time; the staff listed below has been carefully trained to assist you and your family.



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Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
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10 ways to find your STEM career

SEARCH ONLINE

Find careers in STEM that interest you

BE PART OF A TEAM

Join a STEM club

LEARN NEW SKILLS

Take up a STEM hobby

GET AHEAD

Research future STEM careers

GET INSPIRED

Visit STEM places of interest

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Take part in STEM competitions

SEE IT FOR YOURSELF

Visit STEM workplaces

ASK QUESTIONS

Get careers information from STEM Ambassadors

PLAN YOUR STEM FUTURE

Research apprenticeships, colleges and universities

RECORD YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Showcase your STEM skills to future employers