

NEWSLETTER

3-21 JANURARY 2024 SPRING TERM





Sat 27th Jan - Holocaust Memorial Day Tue 30th Jan - U12 Boys v King Alfred (7 a-side) Wed 31st Jan - U16 Boys v King Alfred Fri 2nd Feb- NSPCC Number Day Sun 4th Feb - World Cancer Day Sat 10th Feb - Chinese New Year Sun 11th Feb - International Day of Women & Girls in Science

Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

I hope this message finds you in good health and refreshed after the winter break. As we enter the new term, I am delighted to share some exciting updates from the last term and highlights about our school community.

Firstly, I am thrilled to announce that **North London Grammar School is now officially part of the Independent School Inspectorate (ISI) family**. This transition is a significant milestone, and I am confident it will bring new opportunities for growth and development.

Our school also continues to excel in various areas of the **Independent School Association** (ISA), actively participating in public speeches, art exhibitions, and football and cricket tournaments.

The previous term was busy with inspections from the Home Office, Ofsted, and the Fire Department for Health & Safety. I'm pleased to report that all inspections proceeded smoothly, with no issues raised. This success reflects the dedication of our staff, students, and the entire school community.

I extend my gratitude to the Parents Association (PA) for organising a successful Winter Fair. The £1782 raised demonstrates the strong spirit of our school community. These funds will support Noah's Ark Children's Hospital and the acquisition of sports equipment for our school.

I am proud to share that we had the honour of hosting Mayor Nagus Narenthira and Councillor Gill Sargeant at one of our events. Their appreciation for our school, students, and staff is truly encouraging.

Academically, we've introduced a new curriculum design, seamlessly integrating clubs into the timetable to provide students with a more enriching and wellrounded educational experience. We've hosted parents as guest speakers, and their contributions are invaluable. I encourage all parents to actively engage with the school and contribute to the vibrant learning community we are building.

Lastly, our GCSE results were outstanding, with 46.61% of students achieving grades 7-9. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the collective efforts of our students, teachers, and parents.

Best wishes to our Year 11 students as they prepare for upcoming exams. Your hard work and dedication are commendable, and I am confident in your success.

As we embark on this new term together, let's continue to work collaboratively to foster an environment of learning, growth, and success. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to another term filled with achievements and milestones.

Thank you, Best Wishes Mr Adak



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CRICKET TIME





We place a strong emphasis on sports education, fostering a diverse range of athletic pursuits. Our dedicated students hone their cricket skills through rigorous training sessions. We believe in the holistic development of our students, and sports play a vital role in instilling discipline, teamwork, and a healthy lifestyle. As we witness their progress on the cricket field, we're proud to support their athletic journey.

National Table Tennis







We are delighted to share the achievements of our talented table tennis players at the **ISA London North Table Tennis Tournament**, which took place on the 10th of Jan, 2024. The competition showcased exceptional skills and sportsmanship from our students. In the plate competition, **Selim** demonstrated outstanding prowess, reaching the semi-finals. **JJ** also made us proud by making it to the quarter-finals, displaying commendable determination and skill. **Aissulu**'s remarkable performance in the group stages secured her a well-deserved spot in the cup competition. We also extend our congratulations to **Siham**, who, after winning several matches in the group stage, successfully qualified for the plate competition. These achievements reflect the dedication and talent within our school community. We applaud our students for their hard work and commendable performances.

Important Days To Know

01/02/2024: Year 8 GCSE Options Information Evening @ 4.30pm 12/02/2024: Year 10 & 11 Interventions Week 19/02/2024: Year 10 & 11 Mid-Year Examinations 12/03/2024: Tea with SLT @ 3.20 - 4.20pm 13/03/2024: Year 10 Parents Evening @ 4.30pm 20/03/2024: Year 8 Parents Evening @ 4.30pm



Student Academic Year 2024

Spring Term 2024 Spring/1 Thursday, 4th Jan – Friday, 9th Feb

Half-Term Saturday, 10th Feb – Sunday, 18th Feb

Spring/2 Monday, 19th Feb – Thur, 28th March

Easter Holiday Friday, 29th March – Tue, 16th April

Summer Term 2024 Summer/1 Wedn, 17th April – Friday, 24th May

Half-Term Saturday, 25th May – Sunday, 2nd June

<mark>Summer/2</mark> Monday, 3rd Jun – Wednesday, 10th July

> Summer Holiday Thursday, 11th July onwards

Thought of the Week

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." -Walt Disney



DINING HALL (Parking AVAILABLE via pick up / drop off area)







North London Grammar School and Prep School recently organized a comprehensive safeguarding training session for our dedicated teaching staff. The initiative aimed to enhance our educators' skills in ensuring a secure and nurturing environment for all students. Led by experienced professionals in child protection, the training covered essential topics such as identifying signs of abuse, implementing safeguarding policies, and fostering open communication. We believe that investing in continuous training not only upholds our commitment to the well-being of our students but also strengthens the school community. The engaging and informative session received positive feedback from our teachers, demonstrating the highest standards of care and safety at NLGS.





North London Grammar School organised a "Time Management" workshop for our Year 10 and 11 students, featuring expert guidance from Elevate Education. The session aimed to equip students with valuable skills to effectively manage their time, aiding in academic success and personal development. The workshop delved into practical strategies for efficient study routines, task prioritisation, and stress management, fostering a proactive approach to academic responsibilities. Students actively participated in interactive sessions, gaining insights into effective time allocation and goal setting. As we continue to prioritise the holistic development of our students, such initiatives contribute to their academic excellence and overall well-being. We extend our gratitude to Elevate Education for their insightful guidance in empowering our students for a successful academic journey.

Peer Reading Programme

Our secondary students are actively mentoring prep school peers in a collaborative reading initiative. This peer reading programme aims to bolster the reading skills of our prep school students, fostering a supportive learning environment where older students guide their younger counterparts through the world of literature.





School Gallery







































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Do you have any concerns? Who can you speak to?



Pastora

Emotional challenges, bullying, friendship problems, loneliness:

- Deputy Head: Mrs Dhrona
- Form Teachers. Head of Years: Mr Fernandes.
- Miss Cimentepe, Mrs Chaudhri, Miss Wise

Safeguarding

If you're feeling unsafe:

- · A Trusted Adult.
- Head of Year: Mr Fernandes. Miss Cimentepe, Mrs Chaudhri,
- Miss Wise · Head of Department: Mr Clemments,
- Mr Lafcioglu, Mrs Chaudhri, Mrs Zeigler, Mr Fernandes, Miss Wise
- Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Dhrona
- Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Erdil



Teaching and Learning

We are here to help

If you have any concerns related to teaching or learning, contact:

- Senior Deputy Head: Mrs. Erdil · Head of Department: Mr Clements,
- Mr Lafcioglu, Mrs Chaudhri, Mrs Zeigler, Mr Fernandez, Miss Wise

Worries

There are worry boxes placed in Student Services and the PSHE classroom where you can anonymously voice your concerns.





We conducted a successful fire drill on the 11th Jan 2024. The safety and well-being of our students are our top priorities, and such drills are crucial for preparedness. The staff and students efficiently followed the evacuation procedures, demonstrating their commitment to a secure learning environment. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and commend the smooth execution of the drill. Your child's safety is paramount to us, and we will continue to uphold the highest standards of emergency preparedness.

Inset Day - January 3, 2024



Our staff recently relished a valuable Inset Day, enhancing their professional development. This dedicated time allowed our educators to collaborate, refine teaching strategies, and ensured an enriched learning experience for our students.

Year 10 Work Experience:



Our Year 10 students need your help securing work experience in various fields. If you or someone you know can provide opportunities in Law, Finance, Computing, Design, or Healthcare, please complete the form by 26th January 2024:

https://form.jotform.com/240104760229044

For inquiries, contact Ms Fatema Asaria at fatema.asaria@northlondongrammar.com. Work experience is scheduled for 22nd-26th April 2024.



PA MEETING



Parents Association convened for an important meeting on Tuesday, 16th of Jan, 2024. The session was filled with constructive discussions and collaborative decisionmaking, reflecting the strong bond between our school and the parent community. Topics ranged from upcoming school events to fundraising initiatives aimed at enhancing the students' educational experience.
PA plays a pivotal role in fostering a sense of community within our school, and this meeting was no exception. The active involvement and dedication of our parents contribute significantly to the overall success of NLGS

NLGS GCSE Music Recital Showcases Y11 Talents



We are delighted to announce a GCSE Music Recital on Monday, 15th January, at 4:15 pm in the music room on the 3rd floor. The event, hosted by NLGS's dedicated music teacher, Kayleigh, invites all to witness the outstanding musical performances of Year 11 students. This recital serves as a platform for students to share their musical accomplishments with friends and family, constituting a significant component of their GCSE course. Attendees can anticipate impressive renditions of performance pieces, with the option of audio recording for valuable feedback. Notably, exceptional performances may exempt students from presenting the same piece in the final recordings scheduled for March.

ARE YOU WORRIED?

All adults at North London Grammar care deeply about your health, safety, and wellbeing. 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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Keeping children safe is everyone's *Maths wizards*, stretch and challenge our children in the prep school, based on mathematical concepts they have been learning about. The worded problems allow children to think in an elastic way about maths and give them an opportunity to apply mathematical concepts outside the classroom.



Every week there is a new problem that the children have to solve with their Maths Wizard hat on. Each time they solve a problem, they collect a sticker. After they have solved 5 problems they receive a badge, they must then solve another 5 problems to get the next badge. There are 4 badges to collect -Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum - after this they become wizards in training. Once they have solved another 3 problems, they become a Maths Wizard and receive a special prize!

Week 1	lease go to your subject rooms for	intervention sessions		
Monday	Art	PE GCSE		Music
Tuesday	Geogra	graphy		History
Wednesday	No intervention			
Thursday	English		Additional Maths (1.5hours)	
Friday	Biology (lab 1)	Chemistry	(lab 2)	Physics (CS2)
Week 2	lease go to your subject rooms for	Intervention sessions		
Monday	Art	Business Studies	Computer Science (Computer Lab1)	
Tuesday	Spanish		Psychology	
Wednesday	No intervention			
Thursday	English		Maths	Additional Maths (1.5hours)
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'ear 11 interventions are urrently underway at , nsuring targeted support or students. Tailored essions in key subjects aim to enhance *inderstanding and* performance, fostering success as they progress hrough their academic ourney. Engage actively and make the most of this valuable opportunity for *icademic improvement.*

• Maths Interventions: Fridays, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m., tailored support for selected Year 10

students, focusing on those below a grade 4. Interventions • English Interventions: Tuesdays, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m., specialized sessions for students not achieving a grade 4, aiming to boost skills and confidence.



• Science Interventions: Thursdays, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m., rotating sessions covering physics, biology, and chemistry for students below a grade 4. *Continuous progress monitoring may lead to interventions in other subjects. Encourage active engagement with homework and recommended learning* platforms for comprehensive development.



Pedestrian Entrance Advisory: When arriving at school on foot, kindly use the pedestrian door for a seamless entry experience. There is a buzzer next to the Pedestrian Entrance for calling the school receptionist

Pedestrian Gate

Gentle Operation: The pedestrian door opens gradually; please refrain from physically engaging with it to ensure the smooth functioning of the automatic system.

Vehicle Entrance Caution: If you are not coming by vehicle, please avoid using the vehicle entrance and use the designated pedestrian entrance for convenience and safety. Your cooperation ensures an efficient and secure entry process for all.



We are seeking volunteers to judge our participants' face-to-face and online projects.

VOLUNTEER JUDGES NEEDED

GREENWICH OLYMPIAD

- Parents are invited to participate as judges for the Olympiad.
- Friends and relatives of parents are also welcome.
- Colleagues of parents have the opportunity to contribute as judges.
- **Recommendations for potential judges from parents** are encouraged, and you can provide names/email addresses for consideration.
- Additionally, parents are encouraged to assist us in various aspects of the Olympiad.

Online judging:

Saturday 1st June 2024 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Face-to-face judging:

Tuesday 11th June 2024 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

> Interested? Register today!



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Extra-Curricular Clubs

Prep School Clubs

Table Tennis

Table Tennis Club is open to all Prep children regardless of their current level of experience. Whether you are a beginner or have been playing for years, you will find this club to be an excellent opportunity to improve your table tennis skills and learn new techniques in a fun and engaging environment.



TUESDAY

In Lego Club, you'll team up with other clubmates to take on a variety of exciting building challenges. It's not just about stacking blocks; it's a fantastic journey that will help you enhance your fine motor skills, learn to work together as a team, solve tricky problems, and develop the incredible power of resilience.

DUNGEONS DRAGONS CLUB Thursdays

Dungeons & Dragons is a collaborative storytelling game in which players can create their own characters and set out together on a fantastic adventure. One player takes the role of the Dungeon Master (DM) - which will be Mrs Modha and guides the story, describing its settings and inventing challenges for the other players' characters to overcome.

Chinese Language and Culture Club MONDAY

Join our thrilling Chinese Language and Culture Club and set off on an incredible journey to explore the wonders of China! In this club, you'll have a blast as you learn essential phrases and characters through engaging games, catchy songs, and interactive activities, unlocking a whole new world of communication.



Netball Club wednesday

Netball skills, whether you are a beginner or looking to advance your abilities. During club sessions, students will receive instruction in fundamental skills, learn how to apply these skills in a game situation, and further their interest to compete in matches against other schools in the future

Football Club

THURSDAY

Our Football Club is a fantastic opportunity for children to enhance their football skills through a series of engaging exercises and drills while having a blast.

Friday clubs

CHESS CLUB

In this exciting club, students will not only learn the game of chess but also engage in friendly competitions, fostering a spirit of teamwork and healthy competition. It's also an opportunity for children to sharpen their problem-solving skills and make strategic decisions, all while having a blast!

Dance and Yoga

In our club, you'll get the chance to explore modern dance moves, helping you express yourself creatively while improving your motor skills and balance.

Through exciting pair work and teamwork activities, you'll develop your dance skills as well as your ability to collaborate with others



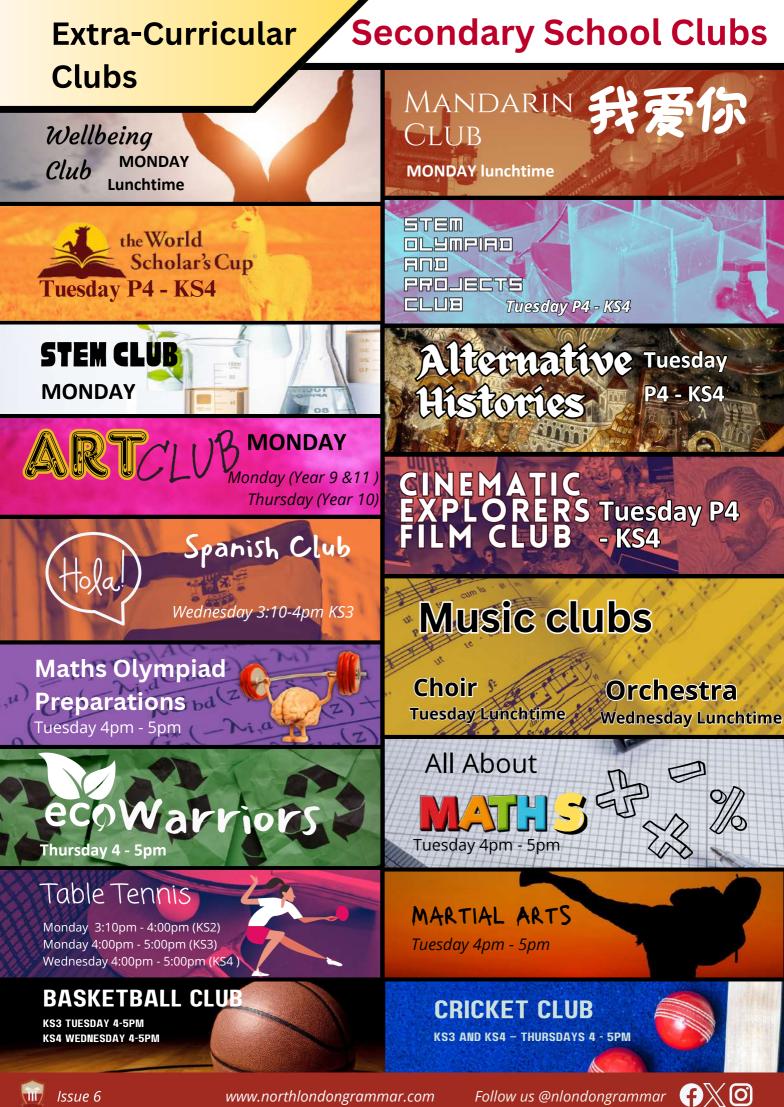
Quiz Club is a fun and exciting platform designed to ignite the curiosity of young learners and feed their knowledge-hungry minds! In this engaging club, children will discover the wonders of the world around them through quizzes. These quizzes will challenge them with a variety of general knowledge and themed questions, encouraging exploration, learning, and growth, working independently or in teams. Board Games Club

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new Board Games Club!It's a fantastic opportunity for our young minds to engage in fun, social activities that promote teamwork and critical thinking. We look forward to an exciting journey of board game adventures with your children!

Arts and Crafts Club

Are you ready for an exciting journey into the world of art and imagination? Our Arts and Crafts Club is the perfect place for you to discover the joys of creativity and self-expression.

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PRESENTED BY Transport for London



As our year 6 transitions to secondary school, we understand that they will become more independent in travelling home by themselves. We were fortunate enough to have a TfL member of staff on the 16th of Jan, 2024, to provide them key information on how to be safe when, getting to know their zip cards, as well as the benefits of active travel.

Tate Modern Visit

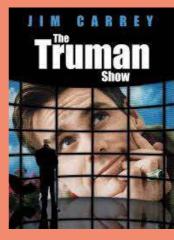


On the 15th of Jan, 2024, Year 11 Art students from North London Grammar School embarked on a visit to **Tate Modern**, igniting their GCSE exam preparations. Despite the brisk weather, the group explored the renowned Yayoi Kusama Infinity room, a highlight of the day. Sanaa humorously remarked on the cold, likening it to temperatures in Poland along the Thames. The students found inspiration throughout the gallery, capturing moments with numerous photographs. The outing concluded with skyline sketches, reinforcing artistic concepts. As the term progresses, the school encourages Year 11 to persist in their efforts, expressing gratitude to Mr Eziefula for his unwavering support.

Prep School Football Club



We are pleased to announce that our football club, helmed by Mr Johnney, takes place every Thursday!



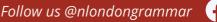
Movie Night

In a splendid event on January 19, 2024, students indulged in a delightful Movie Night. The school's auditorium came alive with laughter and excitement as students enjoyed a cinematic experience, making the evening a resounding success!

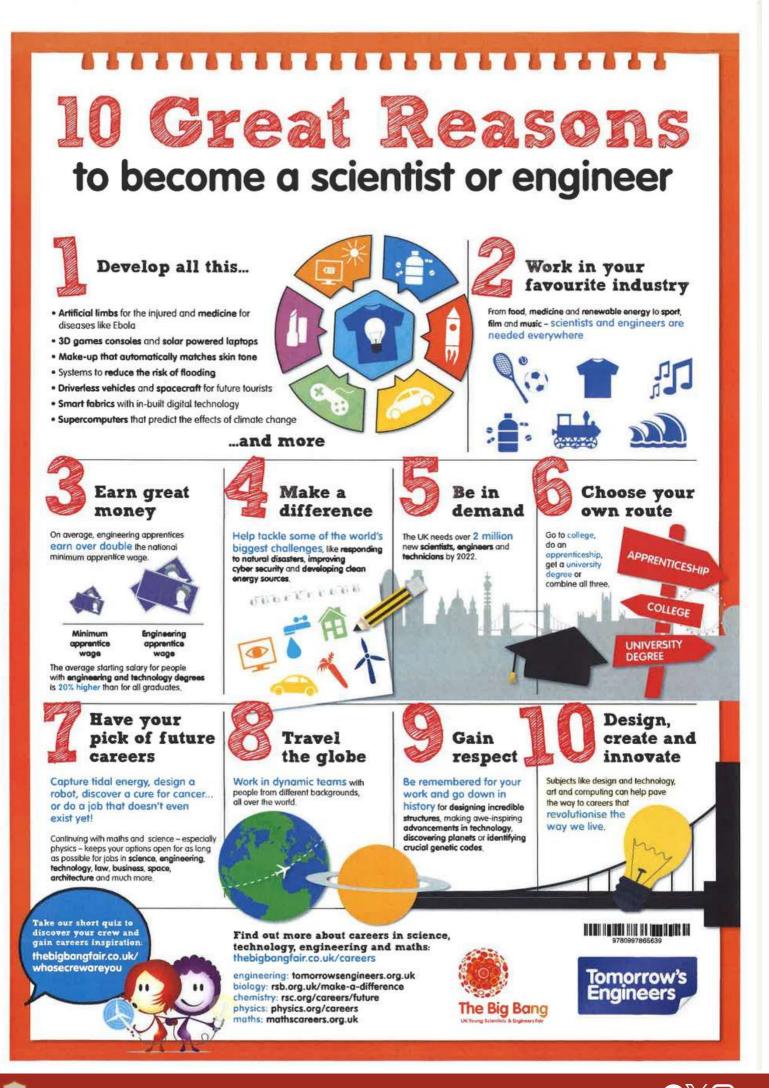
UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge



 We're excited to share that many of our students have been selected to represent our school in the upcoming UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge on January 31st. This online event, lasting 60 minutes with 25 multiple-choice questions, provides a platform for students to showcase mathematical prowess.
 Participation not only hones problem-solving skills but also aids preparation for key exams like SAT Math Level 2 and ACT Mathematics, as well as university admissions tests like Oxford's MAT and Cambridge's STEP.







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British Values Assembly

Milan, Stefan, Muhammed, and *Sami* led an assemblies on British Values on the 17th and 19th of January 2024, orchestrated by *Mr McNamara*. The sessions, which featured a quiz, delved into fostering respect and tolerance within the classroom, school, and wider community. The

quartet engaged students in a thoughtful discussion on the practical ways to uphold these values, exemplifying the school's commitment to instilling essential principles. The interactive sessions resonated well with students, showcasing the school's dedication to instilling these values in a meaningful way.



Student Council Meeting



On January 15th, North London Grammar School's Student Council convened, fostering a collaborative space for students to discuss vital school matters. Topics ranged from proposed school initiatives to individual student concerns, reflecting a comprehensive exploration of issues affecting the student community. This meeting aimed to amplify the student voice, emphasizing its role in shaping the school environment.

COMMITTE

The Student Council reflects the school's commitment to inclusivity and student involvement, providing a valuable platform for meaningful discussions that contribute to the ongoing development of a vibrant educational community.

Staff Well-being



We conducted successful Staff Well-being days on the 10th and 17th of Jan. We gathered for a meaningful and uplifting experience, fostering camaraderie and sharing moments of joy. It provided a valuable platform for colleagues to connect, enhancing our school's sense of community. As we continue to prioritise the well-being of our staff, such initiatives contribute to a positive and supportive work environment.



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Who to tell

Tell a parent or carer

- · Tell an adult you trust
- · Tell another adult who works in the same place
- · Call the police or 999
- Call Childline on 0800 1111
- · Call the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 020 8359 4066 (9 to 5pm) or the Emergency Duty Team on 020 8359 2000 (5pm to 9am)
- Websites: help@NSPCC.org.uk MASH@barnet.gov.uk

What will happen next

Concerns raised by a child or young person are called an allegation. Allegations should be taken seriously and listened to.

Your allegation will then go to the head of the organisation or the safeguarding lead. They will decide if it should be referred to the LADO.

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You will not be in any trouble for telling the truth and you will be told what is going to happen next.

This leaflet has been designed with help from children and young people from the Youth Assembly



What to look out for

All adults and volunteers are different but if an adult is making you feel uncomfortable by:

- · Constantly picking on you
- · Wanting to spend time with you on your own
- · Being physically or verbally aggressive to you
- · There might be other reasons you feel worried or hurt by an adult in a position of responsibility

If any of these have happened, please speak to someone who can help.



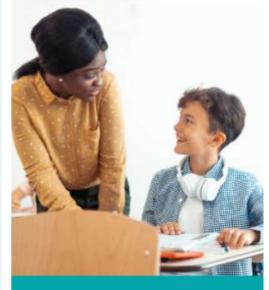
The LADO

The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) will decide with the police if there is a criminal investigation needed.

If not, the LADO will ask the employer of the worker / volunteer who has made you feel worried or hurt, to carry out an investigation.

- · You may be spoken to again for more information.
- · You will then be told what is likely to happen next.
- Adults will work together to make sure that whatever made you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, does not happen again.





Most adults who work or volunteer with children and young people do a great job.

However, sometimes an adult will make a child or young person feel worried or unsafe.

If this happens to you, we want you to tell someone.

This leaflet will tell you what to do, what to look for and what will happen next.

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NLGS Secures Bursary for Oxford MUN Conference

Exciting news! Following the success of our students at the Oxford Global MUN conference this past November, our school has secured an invitation to the next event that will take place 2-4 February 2024. Furthermore, as with the previous competition, our students have been rewarded a bursary to cover 2/3's of the participation cost. Thanks to our teacher's efforts, students

can now participate for just £90, including travel, accommodation, and dinner.

We've also arranged a fantastic deal with EasyHotel. The overall trip cost is £250, covering all essentials for 2 nights and 3 days.

This is a great opportunity for our MUN club students to engage with high-level academia at St Anne's College surrounded by Oxbridge students who will host the debates.

Hip-Hop Literacy workshop

In the midst of using music as a way to communicate ideas and stories, hip hop has become one of the most popular genres that resonates on a diverse scale.

Recently, BREIS, a music artist based in South London, presented a workshop that learns more about the origins of Hip Hop culture and the history of rap.



It was also a moment where students got to brush up their writing skills creatively. It was also a moment where students would get a hold of BREIS self-titled book. Brilliant Rappers Educate Intelligent Students. The book details the inspirations for his music and the lyrics incorporated.

Brilliant

Rappers

Educate

Students

Intelligent

This program effectively promotes music and highlights storytelling in all genres, be it spoken or instrumental.

More Able and Talented Program



We're introducing a new program at our school for our More Able and Talented students. Ms. Chimentepe, our senior school Science teacher, is now the coordinator for this program.

The More Able and Talented Program aims to recognize, support, inspire, and challenge students in both the Prep School and Senior School. She will be actively working on developing our approach, ensuring all our students can achieve their maximum potential.

We aim to create strategies to enrich the learning experience beyond the classroom, empowering students to excel and become well-rounded individuals.

We kindly request you to complete the parent survey by Friday 26/01/2024.

Parental Insights: Survey for Children's Unique Talents and Abilities



Your insights will contribute to our efforts in recognizing and nurturing the unique talents and abilities of our students.

Click here for the link: https://forms.office.com/e/zz0sHLj137

