



Mon/Tue 15th-16th April: INSET
Mon 22nd April - Year 5 RE Trip to a Court of Justice
Wen 24th April - Year 8 Parents Evening
Fri 26th April - Cultural Day
Mon 29th April - Student Services wellbeing packs presentation with year 11 team
Thu 2nd May - Whole School Photo Session
Fri 3rd May - Year 11 Study Leave Begins

Message by the Headteacher

Dear Esteemed Parents and Guardians,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we share with you the news of North London Grammar School's latest attempt to maximise its educational potential through our membership with the Independent Schools Association (ISA). This partnership represents a wider opportunity for our school, offering a wealth of benefits particularly crafted to elevate the academic journey of our students to extraordinary heights.

At the core of our ISA membership are valuable resources designed to enhance our academic environment. These resources include expert support in areas like staffing, compliance, and leadership, as well as tailored professional development programmes. With these resources at our disposal, we are well-equipped to maintain and exceed the highest standards of educational excellence.

Furthermore, our membership with the ISA opens up a world of exciting opportunities for both our students and staff alike. From the chance to participate in prestigious competitions, like various sports, arts, photography, drama, public speaking, coding and so forth to gaining access to exclusive networking events, we are dedicated to ensuring that our school community remains at the forefront of educational innovation.

In addition to our collaboration with the ISA, we take

pride in its recognition by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI). The ISI conducts trainings to ensure our school meets rigorous standards of education and welfare, providing valuable feedback for our ongoing development and commitment to excellence.

As we embark on this exciting journey, we extend our sincerest well wishes to our Year 11 students as they are close to having their final stage prior to their upcoming GCSE exams scheduled for May 2024. With their unwavering dedication and our steadfast commitment to nurturing their potential, we are confident that they will achieve remarkable results and make us proud.

Following a recent Home Office inspection, we are thrilled to announce that the inspection went smoothly, and we have successfully met all the requirements. This is particularly significant as we welcome international students into our school community, although their number is currently very few. This successful inspection underscores our commitment to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all our students, regardless of their background. It also reflects our dedication to upholding the highest standards of compliance and welfare.

In closing, we express our gratitude for your continued support and partnership as we strive to provide the best possible educational experience for our students. Together, let us embrace the opportunities that lie ahead and continue to uphold the values of excellence, innovation, and community that define NLGS.

H. Fatih Adak
Headteacher



TERM DATES



Student Academic Year 2024

Spring Term 2024
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

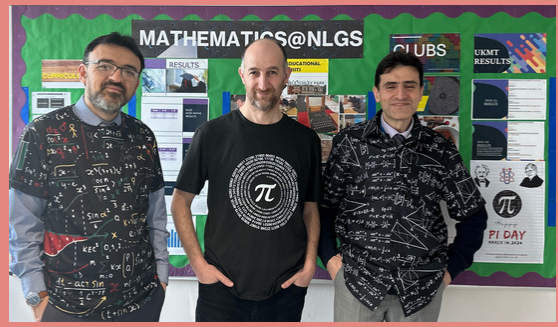
Half-Term
Saturday, 27th May - Friday, 31st May

Summer/2
Monday, 3rd Jun - Wednesday, 10th July

Summer Holiday
Thursday, 11th July onwards

Thought of the Week

"Education is the key to unlocking the golden door of opportunity."
George Washington Carver



In a vibrant display of mathematical fervour, the Maths teachers in Prep and Secondary Schools throughout the school orchestrated a memorable **Pi Day celebration**, igniting their curiosity and appreciation for the mathematical constant.

As a part of the festivities, prep school enthusiastically embraced the spirit of the occasion, arriving adorned in themed "Py-jamas," symbolising their unity and shared passion for learning.

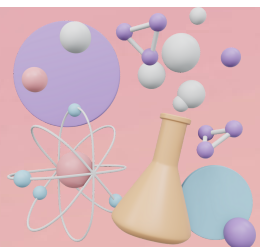
Cambridge-bound: Students Qualify for Prestigious Debate Competition



In the wake of the triumph at the Oxford Global MUN conference in November 2023 and February 2024, we secured admission to another prestigious event, this time in Cambridge, scheduled for the 8th of March.

Unlike the MUN format, this conference adopts a **parliamentary debate style** akin to the renowned **Oxford and Cambridge Union** debates. **The International Competition for Young Debaters (ICYD)**, the world's largest British Parliamentary style debating contest with over two decades of history, alternates between the esteemed **Oxford and Cambridge Union Societies**. Due to the competition's rigorous selection process, only eight students qualified. Selected students received notification of their participation.





EXPLORING SCIENCE: HANDS-ON LEARNING AT NLGS



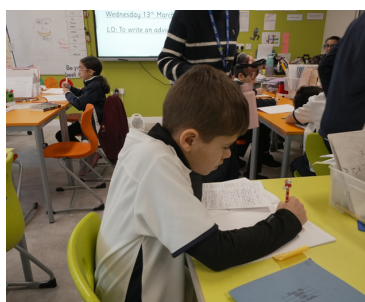
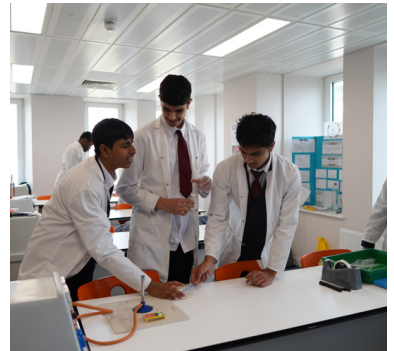
At NLGS, the excitement of scientific discovery reverberates through the corridors as students engage in captivating hands-on experiments. In the biology lab, clad in lab coats and gloves, students eagerly dissect hearts, meticulously exploring the intricate chambers and vessels, gaining invaluable insights into the workings of the human cardiovascular system. Their faces alight with wonder and concentration, they marvel at the complexity of the vital organ that sustains life.

Meanwhile, in the chemistry lab, a buzz of activity fills the air as students embark on the journey of extracting DNA from strawberries. Armed with pipettes and test tubes, they carefully crush strawberries and mix them with various solutions, observing in fascination as the DNA strands materialise before their eyes. It's a moment of revelation as they realize the fundamental building blocks of life are within their grasp, sparking curiosity and igniting a passion for scientific inquiry.

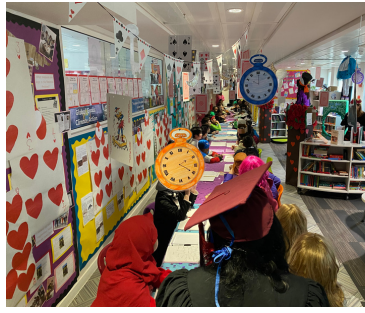
These hands-on experiments not only deepen students' understanding of scientific concepts but also nurture a spirit of inquiry and exploration. At NLGS, science is not merely taught, but experienced, explored, and embraced with enthusiasm, shaping young minds and fostering a lifelong love for the wonders of the natural world.



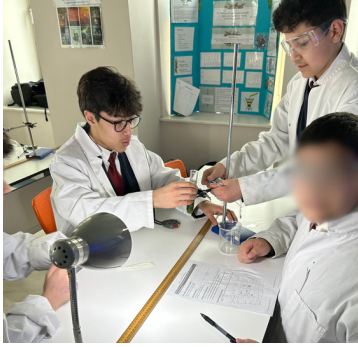
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**ISA
ARTS**

ISA Butterfly ART COMPETITION

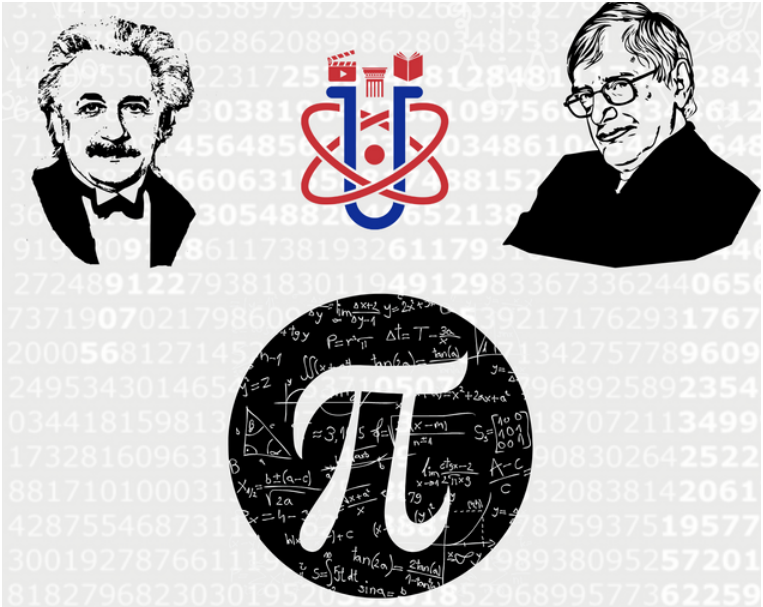
ISA is inviting EYFS and Primary pupils to make an artwork inspired by butterflies! Get creative and discover more about these amazing insects.

Full details and entry form on the ISA website

DEADLINE Thursday 16 May 2024



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**Happy
PI DAY**
14 MARCH 2024

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STUDENT SERVICES TRIP

BALLOON MUSEUM

1 OLD BILLINGSGATE WALK

**THURSDAY 28TH MARCH
12:30PM-5PM**



£15

Emotion Air Art you can feel



KINDNESS & COMMUNITY

RAMADAN Iftar Dinner

ORGANIZED BY
School Council

22 MARCH 2024
Dinner Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

COST - £10/PER PERSON

Part of the funds will go to charity

RAMADAN



Amidst our diverse school community, we stand together to recognise and honour those observing the sacred month of Ramadan. As students, teachers, and staff of various backgrounds, we embrace the spirit of inclusivity and understanding. This period of fasting and reflection serves as a reminder of the values we hold dear: empathy, unity, and respect for one another's beliefs.

Let us use this opportunity to strengthen our bonds, deepen our understanding, and celebrate the rich tapestry of traditions that enrich our school environment. In solidarity, we support and celebrate all those participating in this meaningful observance.

elevate education



North London Grammar School recently hosted a "Time Management" workshop tailored for our Year 9 and 11 students, delivered by experts from Elevate Education. The workshop's primary objective was to furnish students with essential time management skills crucial for both academic triumphs and personal growth.

Dubbed "Finishing Line," the session specifically catered to Year 11 pupils, offering insights into effective study techniques, strategies for maintaining optimal well-being through breaks, establishing beneficial routines, and sustaining concentration in the run-up to their GCSE examinations. It provided invaluable guidance for navigating the final stretch before these crucial assessments. Meanwhile, Year 9 students delved into the realm of Memory Mnemonics, delving into effective methods for learning and memorisation.

Victory for the Year 8 Netball team



The Year 8 netball team played against Mill Hill School. The girls played exceptionally well and demonstrated skills and teamwork of a high standard. They beat Mill Hill 9-2. Senem was chosen as the player of the match. Well done girls for an amazing showcase!

This great match was followed by a Year 8/9 Netball Festival. This festival is aimed at students that don't have the opportunity to play in the league fixtures. Furthermore, the girls had never played together in the same team. Well done girls for your great display of Netball. The team won 2, drew 1 and lost 2.



Student Council Trip

In acknowledgment of the unwavering commitment and dedication demonstrated by our **student council** over the academic year, a bespoke celebratory excursion has been arranged to honour their diligence and foster camaraderie. Set for **Thursday, 21st March 2024**, the chosen destination for this event is Escape Land, situated on **Oxford Street**. This outing is designed not only to afford the council members a much-needed respite but also to facilitate the strengthening of their bonds and collaborative spirit. It stands as a token of gratitude for their indispensable efforts in enhancing the school community.

Important Notice

Please remember, Year 8 Parents evening will be held on Wednesday, April the 24th between 4.30pm and 7.30pm.



Important Notice

Please be mindful that, in accordance with government guidelines, grapes or olives must be halved, and cherries should be pitted when provided as snacks. As we are a nut-free school, ensure that any snacks sent are free from nuts. Additionally, opt for healthy snacks when sending them in.



12th March – U11 and U13 Futsal v Lycee International

U11: Our U11 team faced a tough match against a strong Lycee side, who had the advantage of substitutes to rotate players. Unfortunately, we had no substitutes, resulting in our players having to play the full 30-minute futsal match without rest, except for halftime. Despite their efforts, the U11s ultimately lost the match. However, their unwavering effort and determination throughout the match were evident from start to finish.

Selected players:

Raian Zubir (gk), Omer Pinar, Nate Perbet, Urmi Patel, Selman Allaberdiyev

U13: The match was filled with intense passion and energy, resulting in numerous goals. Although we ultimately lost 10-8, the game was closely contested, with moments where we held the lead. Both teams showed determination with strong challenges throughout. Year 7 player Abraham stood out with an impressive 4 goals, while goalkeeper Utkan amazed with 2 goals from goal kicks. Congratulations to all the players for an exciting match!

Utkan Dondu, Muhammad Umar, Jonah-James Piau, Ador Vehapi Rezniqui, Selim Bilgetecan, Abraham Oyeyebi, Marti Kolezi, Kayden Lai

28th Feb – U14 Football v The King Alfred School

In a closely contested match on a muddy pitch, our boys showed great determination. Despite the challenging conditions, they delivered an impressive performance, maintaining a 1-1 scoreline for much of the game. Omar Miah's scored a superb equalising goal, a long-range curling shot into the top corner. Unfortunately, the win wasn't meant to be on this occasion as King Alfred scored a last kick of the game goal to win the match 2-1.

Selected players:

Yassine Boufenniche, Erkam Bashtug, Manav Dhillon, Rami Abiyat, Adam Haroon Afzal, Ador Vehapi Rezniqui, Irfan Abiyat, Omar Miah, Jonah-James Piau, Yusuf Mirwais, Selim Bilgetecan, Muhammad Umar, Idris Ali, Saleh Ali

6th March – U13 Football v Mount House

Our U13 boys delivered an outstanding performance, adapting brilliantly to the pitch conditions. They showed great judgment by switching between playing smart football on the ground and opting for direct passes when needed. The game ended with a high score of 7-5 in our favour, thanks to goals from Selim, JJ, Irfan, and Muhammad. Congratulations to all our Year 7 and 8 players on this fantastic victory!

Selected players:

Stefan Barbu, Selim Bilgetecan, Utkan Dondu, Max Perbet, Muhammad Umar, Irfan Abiyat, Saleh Ali, Jeremy Hu, Kayden Lai, Jonah-James Piau, Ador Vehapi Rezniqui, Kian Parsa, Abraham Oyeyebi, Marti Kolezi



7th March – U16 Basketball v Wren Academy

Our U16 team faced a strong and organised opponent. Unfortunately, we started the game slowly, leading to Wren scoring 22 points in the first quarter compared to our 2.

However, our U16s improved in the second quarter, showcasing excellent defence and scoring 11 points while limiting Wren to only 2. Despite our efforts, Wren maintained their lead, with the second quarter ending 24-13.

The final score was 40-20, but our U16s showed great determination throughout the game.

Selected players:

Abdallah Nassim, David Barbu, Emin Taganov, Umar Mezzi, Muhammetemin Gurbannazarov, Krishan Appadoo, Zain Abedin, Elisha Fagun



27th Feb – U12 7 a-side Football v The King Alfred School and North Bridge House School

Our U12 played two teams in a triangular 7 a-side tournament. Our boys put in two fantastic performances, drawing 1-1 with North Bridge House and losing 2-0 to a very strong King Alfred side.

Selected players:

Eesa Gaffar, Elias Humayan, Osman Miah, Darrunn Pathmanathan, Yonatan Yakob, Behkam Dosti, Marti Kolezi, Abraham Oyeyebi, Suleiman Hussain (year 6), Raian Heilbron Zubir (year 6)

NEED TO KNOW



NHS

Is my child too ill for school?

Attendance:

'Is my child too unwell for school?'

Determining whether or not to keep your child home from school when they're not feeling well can be a challenging decision.

You can find valuable guidance on this matter in a document provided by the NHS at the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>





Table Tennis Clubs

We run table tennis clubs for Prep and Secondary School students to encourage physical activity and camaraderie. Participants enjoy honing skills and socialising. The school views these clubs as crucial for students' holistic development, balancing academics with leisure.



Red Nose Day

EXCEPTIONAL YEAR 8 TOUR GUIDES SHINE BRIGHT



Our Year 8 students shone as tour guides on March 6th, impressing our school community. Mrs. Erdil, Deputy Head, praised them with congratulations and gifts. Being a guide means more than showing visitors around; it's about embodying our school's spirit and values.



RAF Museum Trip

Our year 7 students have successfully completed their Forces unit with a memorable and enriching trip to the RAF Museum on 7th March. During this science-focused excursion, students had the opportunity to explore firsthand the principles of forces and their applications in aviation. From examining historical aircraft to engaging with interactive exhibits, our students extended their understanding in a dynamic and immersive learning environment. This trip not only deepened their knowledge of forces but also sparked curiosity and excitement for further scientific exploration.

NEED TO KNOW

Important Days To Know

- 29/03 - 16/03 : Half Term
- 24/04/2024: Year 8 Parents Evening @ 4.30pm
- 02/05/2024: Whole School Photo Session
- 03/05/2024: Year 11 Study Leave Begins
- 08/05/2024: Year 9 Parents Evening @ 4.30pm
- 08-15/06/2024: International Greenwich Olympiad
- 22/05/2024: Year 7 Parents Evening @ 4.30pm



ISA DIGITAL ART COMPETITION

An opportunity for students of all ages at ISA Members' schools to showcase their digital image creation skills

DEADLINE Wednesday 27 March 2024

Full details and entry form on the ISA website

ISA INDEPENDENT ASSOCIATION
www.isaschools.org.uk
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Prep Celebration Assemblies



The Prep celebration assembly takes place every Friday. We celebrate the children's achievements throughout the week and each teacher selects their star of the week. Children also **receive certificates** for having the highest number of **merits** in their class over a week or over a fortnight through our **class champion awards**. Children receive **value badges** when they have shown one of our school values consistently. They also find out whether a book they have read and recommended has won **Bookflix**; and how much closer they have got to becoming a **word millionaire!** In addition to this, they find out whether they solved the maths wizard question correctly for the week and have received a **sticker** to get one step closer to becoming an **NLPS Maths Wizard**.

Children also receive certificates for having the highest number of correct answers on **Atom Learning** - on a monthly basis. We also share how many books children have read and completed **quizzes** for on **Accelerated Reader** at the end of every month.

U13 FOOTBALL TEAM TRIUMPHS IN TOURNAMENT

The U13 football team has clinched victory in the prestigious tournament, showcasing exceptional talent and unwavering determination throughout the competition. With skilful manoeuvres and strategic plays, the team navigated through challenging matches, emerging as triumphant champions.

From the outset, the team exhibited remarkable teamwork, synchronising their efforts seamlessly on the field. Each player contributed their unique strengths, creating a formidable force that left opponents trailing in their wake. The coaching staff played a pivotal role in honing the team's skills, instilling discipline and fostering a winning mentality.



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.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



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Mr Karatas
Boarding Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Ms Erdil
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead





WE HAVE ACHIEVED
SILVER LEVEL
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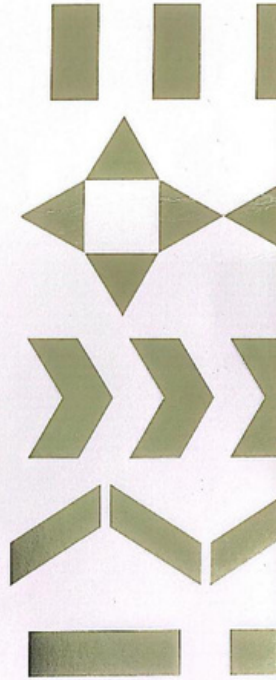
North London Grammar School

has been awarded Silver in recognition of achievement in the TfL Travel for Life programme, supporting the next generation of Londoners to travel towards a brighter, safer and more sustainable future.

Will Norman
Walking and Cycling Commissioner
Transport for London

Expiry Date
31/08/25

MAYOR OF LONDON



PEER MENTOR TRAINING AT NLGS



We conducted an empowering **Peer Mentor Training session**. With a focus on nurturing leadership skills and fostering support networks, students engaged in interactive workshops and role-playing scenarios. Led by experienced educators, the training emphasised active listening, empathy, and confidentiality. Participants explored strategies for building rapport and offering guidance to peers facing challenges. This initiative aims to enhance the school's pastoral care system and promote a culture of empathy and solidarity among students.



INTERNATIONAL Women's Day

North London Grammar School marked International Women's Day with a joyous celebration on March 8th, 2024. Students and staff came together to honour the achievements and contributions of women worldwide. Inspirational speeches, empowering workshops, and engaging activities filled the day, fostering discussions on gender equality and female empowerment. From highlighting historical trailblazers to championing current leaders, the event encapsulated the spirit of progress and solidarity. North London Grammar School reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing future generations of strong, confident women who will continue to shape the world positively.



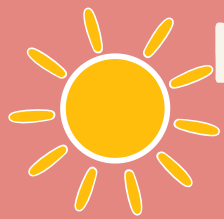


UKMT Intermediate Challenge

Our students have excelled once again, showcasing their dedication and exceptional talent in mathematics. Here are the key achievements:

- 66 students participated in the challenge, highlighting their enthusiasm and mathematical skills.
- Among them, 49 students received medals for their outstanding performances:
 - Gold Medals: 7 students
 - Silver Medals: 21 students
 - Bronze Medals: 20 students

Furthermore, 4 students scoring above 88 marks have been invited to the Pink Kangaroo Competition, while 10 others with scores over 72 have qualified for the Grey Kangaroo Competition.



NLGS OPEN MORNING: DISCOVER EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION!



March 6th Open Morning highlighted its academic excellence and holistic education. Visitors toured facilities, met staff, and learned about NLGS's unique approach. Student ambassadors showcased the dynamic learning environment, while presentations emphasised the rigorous curriculum and extracurriculars. Prospective parents received reassurance of individualised support, and conversations with students and alumni underscored NLGS's impact. Attendees praised the inclusive community, with many considering NLGS for their child's education.



NEED TO KNOW

THE YEAR 10 MID-YEAR EXAM REPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON ISAMS

Year 10 Parents Evening

We meticulously organised a parents' evening exclusively for the parents of our Year 10 students, which took place on the 13th of March 2024. This event served as an invaluable opportunity for



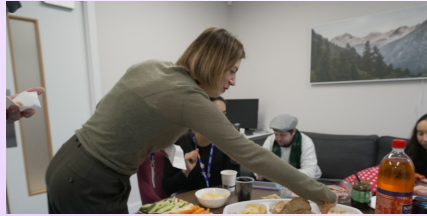
meaningful engagement and productive discussions regarding the academic progress and well-being of our students.



Happy
St. Patrick's
Day



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY: A CULINARY JOURNEY AT NLGS



We recently held lively events to honour staff wellbeing and celebrate cultural diversity. During one occasion, a delightful spread of Irish snacks graced the scene, infusing the school with the spirit of **St. Patrick's Day**. Another event showcased a delectable array of **vegetarian cuisine**, catering to diverse dietary preferences. Amidst the festivities, teachers and staff relished in both traditional delicacies and the vibrant mosaic of cultures woven throughout our school community. This delightful blend of flavours and customs not only promoted unity but also deepened our mutual appreciation for one another. The day was marked by camaraderie and meaningful cultural exchange, further enriching our school's ethos of inclusivity and support.



NLGS STUDENTS EXCEL IN ROCKET COMPETITION

Students from North London Grammar School showcased their scientific prowess in a recent rocket competition, impressing judges with their ingenuity and precision. Led by enthusiastic teachers, teams meticulously designed and built rockets, demonstrating a mastery of physics and engineering principles. Despite stiff competition, NLGS students soared to success, with their rockets achieving remarkable altitudes and accuracy. The event not only honed their STEM skills but also fostered teamwork and innovation. As they continue to push boundaries and reach for the stars, these young minds exemplify the spirit of exploration and excellence instilled at North London Grammar School.



Delicious Delights at NLGS's Bake Sale!



Indulge your sweet tooth and support a good cause at the North London Grammar School's Bake Sale, held on 8th March. Our school's talented bakers have whipped up a delightful array of treats that are sure to tantalize your taste buds.

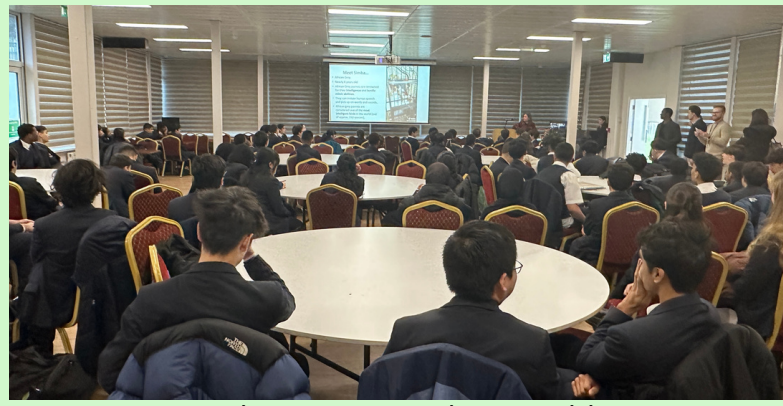
From classic Victoria sponges to gooey chocolate brownies, there's something for everyone at our bake sale. Treat yourself to freshly baked cookies, mouthwatering cupcakes, and irresistible pastries, all lovingly made by our students and their families.

But it's not just about satisfying your cravings - it's also about giving back to the community. Proceeds from the bake sale will go towards [insert cause or initiative], helping to make a positive impact both locally and beyond.





8-17 March
British
Science
Week
2024



British Science Week Assembly



Kahoot Challenge



Simba visited us
for the Assembly



During Prof. Lister`s webinar



Professor Adrian Lister,
Natural History Museum

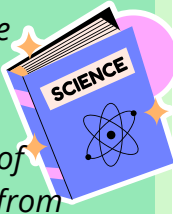
North London Grammar School is abuzz with excitement as British Science Week unfolds from the 8th to the 17th of March. This annual event is eagerly anticipated by both students and faculty alike, as it offers a plethora of engaging activities and opportunities to delve into the captivating world of science.

Throughout the week, students are immersed in a diverse range of interactive workshops, demonstrations, and talks led by experts from various scientific fields. From exploring the wonders of biology through dissections to conducting thrilling physics experiments, there is something to pique the interest of every budding scientist.

One highlight of British Science Week is the school's Science Fair, where students showcase their innovative projects and experiments. This

platform not only fosters creativity and critical thinking but also encourages students to apply their scientific knowledge to real-world problems. Moreover, the week-long celebration extends beyond the confines of the classroom, with field trips to science museums, observatories, and research facilities. These outings provide students with invaluable opportunities to witness science in action and gain insights into the latest advancements in technology and research.

British Science Week also serves as a reminder of the importance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education in today's world. It inspires students to pursue careers in these fields and empowers them to become the next generation of scientists, engineers, and innovators. As the curtains draw to a close on another successful British Science Week at North London Grammar School, the enthusiasm and passion for science continue to flourish. This annual celebration not only ignites curiosity but also fosters a deep appreciation for the wonders of the natural world, leaving a lasting impact on all who participate.



CELEBRATING WORLD BOOK DAY AT NLGS

At North London Grammar School, the annual celebration of World Book Day was a joyous affair, bringing together students and faculty in a shared appreciation for the wonders of literature. The day kicked off with a lively assembly, where the significance of books in shaping minds and hearts was eloquently highlighted. Dressed as their beloved literary characters, students infused the corridors and classrooms with an infectious enthusiasm, embodying the magic of storytelling. Throughout the day, the school buzzed with literary activities. Teachers engaged their classes in captivating workshops and discussions, exploring the vast realms of literature from Tolkien's Middle-earth to Shakespearean tragedies. The school library transformed into a haven for book lovers, offering a treasure trove of literary gems for students to explore and immerse themselves in. Beyond the classroom, the festivities continued with a book swap event, fostering a sense of community as students exchanged stories and recommendations with one another. Amidst the chatter and laughter, the enduring power of stories to connect and inspire was palpable.

As the day drew to a close, reflections on the profound impact of literature echoed throughout the school. World Book Day at North London Grammar School served as a poignant reminder of the transformative power of storytelling and the school's unwavering commitment to nurturing a lifelong love of reading in its students.

