



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you all to the 2024-25 academic year at NLGS. A warm welcome to those new students, staff and parents who have joined our community this September. For those returning families and staff, I hope you have had a fun and restful Summer.

I would like to extend my congratulations to all those who received their GCSE examination results in August. I'm delighted with yet another set of strong results, with **54% of GCSE results at grade 7 or above, which is more than double that of the national average in England**. When compared to other UK schools, this ranks NLGS amongst those at 193rd position. I'm extremely grateful to our teachers and staff, these outstanding results would not have been possible without their commitment and dedication to our students.

It was wonderful to meet with primary and Year 7 & 8 parents at the recent information sessions, where they had the opportunity to hear from the Senior Leadership Team and connect with class teachers.

On **Friday, 27th September at 8:30 am** I'm delighted to be welcoming **Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Tony Vourou** and **Barnet Councillor Nagus Narenthira** to our first coffee morning. You are invited to join the Student Leadership Team for coffee and baked goods, and to support a great cause, with all donations going to Macmillan Cancer Support!

Head Teacher

Meet Our New Staff

Our staff have got off to a great start in this new academic term. We are delighted to welcome the arrival of our newest recruits to our staff community.



Mr Smith
UFP Teacher



Ms Riley
PrimaryTeacher



Ms Grovas
Spanish Teacher



Mr Burton
Art Teacher



Miss Whitaker
Librarian



Ms Standing
Science Technician



Ms Lam
Marketing Manager

GCSE Results 2024

Our Students Achieving Grades between 4-9 **93%** National Average **67%**

Our Students Achieving Grades between 7-9 **54%** National Average **22%**

Congratulations to our Top Performing Students:

Yacob Chen
9 GCSEs at Grade 9

Aly Abouleid
8 GCSEs at Grade 9

School Calendar 2024 - 25

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **Y9 GCSE Information Meeting** 25th Sep, 5:30 pm
- **Macmillan Coffee Morning** 27th Sep, 8:30 am
- **Open Evening** 2nd Oct, 5 - 8 pm
- **National Poetry Day** Prep Poetry Slam 3rd Oct
- **Library Week** 7th - 13th Oct
- **Young Scholars Programme Launch** 11th Oct
- **Half Term (no school)** 21st October - 1st Nov
- **End of Autumn Term** 13th Dec

OPEN EVENING

2ND OCTOBER 2024
5 - 8 PM



[Sign up here](#)



We're excited to announce our upcoming Open Day at NLGS. If you know any family or friends who would be interested, please encourage them to register on our website. We look forward to welcoming them!

PARENT COFFEE MORNING

For our Macmillian Coffee Morning. We are honoured to be joined by our guests;

**Barnet Mayor, Councillor Tony Vourou and
Barnet Councillor Nagus Narenthira.**

We welcome parents to bring and share your home bakes on Friday 27th September, at 8:30 am.

All donations raised will be in support for Macmillan Cancer! It's the perfect opportunity to meet our Senior Leadership Team and support a great cause. Parents please check your email for details and how to sign up.



Top Tips - Hear From Our Experts

We bring you a new feature where NLGS experts provide you with tips to help your family excel. In this issue we hear from Miss Whitaker, Librarian and book lover about why reading is so important:

1. **Mental Health** – it is one of the best things you can do for your mental health. It helps to reduce stress, helps us to sleep, builds brain strength and so much more.
2. Did you know people who read have **greater empathy** and understanding towards other people? While you read a book you 'walk' in the character's shoes. It means you learn what someone else's perspective of the world is and understand different life experiences.
3. **Stimulates the brain** – it's a workout for our minds!



Miss Whitaker



Girls' Netball Club Off to a Strong Start

We are excited to announce that the newly formed Girls' Netball Club is up and running, and the team's practices are going exceptionally well. The girls have shown great enthusiasm and teamwork during their sessions, building solid foundations for what promises to be a successful season ahead.

Alumni Amaru Kaunda Signs with Cambridge United

Former student, Amaru Kaunda, has signed his first professional contract with Cambridge United! The 18-year-old striker, who joined the club's Academy as an Under 15, has earned a one-year development contract after excelling as a Scholar *"It's what I have been working towards since I was a young boy and it is a really proud moment for me and my family. I'm happy to continue my journey here and will keep working hard to show my worth as a professional."* Amaru.



We wish Amaru continued success in his football career.

WINGS of Hope Assembly

We welcome back Wings of Hope who visited the secondary school to discuss new fundraising initiatives for this year. We look forward to seeing what creative projects our students will embark on this year.



Welcome Back Assembly

After a well-deserved summer break, our students were excited to return, reconnect with friends and dive into another year of learning.

Welcome back!



Welcoming Prep Parents



Thank you to all the parents who joined us on Friday, 13th September, to meet our Senior Leadership Team and class teachers. It was a great opportunity to visit classrooms and connect with staff.

WELCOME!

CELEBRATING THE WORLD OF ROALD DAHL



Our Prep students had a splendiferous time celebrating Roald Dahl Day in the library on Friday 13th September! From the magical world of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to the adventures of Matilda, they shared and read their favorite Dahl books.

Miss Whitaker, Librarian set up a lovely Roald Dahl corner in the library for our senior students, showcasing some of his most iconic quotes to inspire a love for reading.

"My dear young fellow,' the Old-Green-Grasshopper said gently, 'there are a whole lot of things in this world of ours you haven't started wondering about yet."

"A little nonsense now and then, Is relished by the wisest men."

"Those who don't believe in magic will never find it"

"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books."



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 have been carefully trained to assist you and your family.



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Mr Karatas
Boarding Designated Safeguarding Lead



Ms Erdil
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

STUDENT SERVICES



Year 7 had the chance to meet with Ms Kansal and Mrs Dhrona, who introduced Student Services.

Student Services is open during school hours and operates under an open-door policy, allowing students to seek support at any time. A dedicated pastoral team is responsible for the well-being and care of all students.

Value of the Month: Empathy

A Chain of Empathy in Our School

Students took part in an activity called **Building Bridges of Empathy**. Each student wrote on a strip of colourful paper, a thought or reflection about empathy using prompts like, "I can show empathy by..." or "One act of kindness I can do this week is...". Their paper strips were linked together to form a chain, symbolising connection and understanding.

These empathy chains, create a visual reminder of the importance of kindness and support in our school community.



Year 3 & 4 Prep students had a great time meeting Ms. Kansal and playing a game of bingo designed to help them identify different types of emotions. This activity provided a creative way for students to explore their feelings and learn how to express their emotions.



Teachers Induction & Team Building

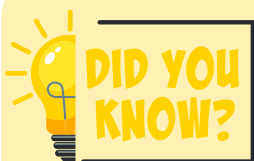
At the start of the academic term, NLGS teachers took part in a comprehensive three-day INSET (In-Service Training) program aimed at enhancing their skills and ensuring a high standard of professionalism for the new school year. The training covered essential topics such as safeguarding, the school's code of conduct, and best practices in education.

In addition to the formal training sessions, there were also team-building activities designed to help staff bond, especially with new colleagues.



Staff Meeting Policy Updates

Staff attended a meeting on Wednesday, 18th September to review policies. The updates included; Keeping children safe in education (KCSIE) 2024, Attendance, Mobile Phones and Behaviour.



No Mobile Policy at School

We kindly remind all parents and students that the use of mobile phones during school hours is not permitted. This applies throughout the school day, including lessons, the time between classes, break times, and lunchtimes on school grounds.

If a student is found using their mobile phone, we will follow the guidelines set out in our Mobile Phone Policy, which can be reviewed on our website. We also encourage students to be mindful that bringing mobile phones to school is at their own risk. The school is unable to take responsibility for any loss, damage, or theft that may occur, whether on school premises, school transport, during trips, or while travelling to and from school. We appreciate your support.



Year 11 Theatre Trip to Alexandra Palace

Our Year 11 English students have been studying 'An Inspector Calls' as part of their curriculum. Last week they took a trip to see the **National Theatre** production at Alexandra Palace bringing the textbook to life.



'Jeans for Genes' at NLGS

We're proudly supporting 'Jeans for Genes Day'! On Friday, 20th September students and staff swapped their uniforms for their favourite jeans to help raise awareness for children with genetic disorders. We raised a total of **£220 in donations**, which will fund vital research and support services, making a positive impact on families affected by genetic conditions.

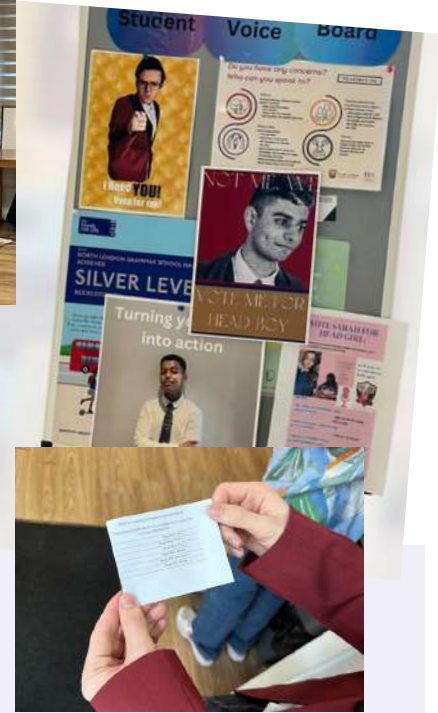


Year 7 - 8 Parents Information Evening

We extend our thanks to the Year 7 - 8 parents who joined us on Thursday, 19th September. It was a pleasure to share introductions from our Senior Leadership Team and class teachers.

The Road to Head Boy and Head Girl 2024

NLGS held its Head Boy and Head Girl elections and a total of six candidates were shortlisted. For Head Boy we had **Paul, Edward and Trishil** and for Head Girl, the finalists were **Cassie, Melek and Zara Lily**.



On Friday, 20th September the candidates took to the stage at assembly to present their visions for the year ahead, showcasing their leadership qualities and passion for the school community. Following the speeches, students and staff cast their votes. We are pleased to announce and congratulate the newly appointed:



Head Boy - Paul. Deputy Head Boy - Trishil.
Head Girl - Zara Lily. Deputy Head Girl - Melek.
Students awarded other position of responsibility - Edward and Cassie.

Thank you to everyone for their support in the process and a huge congratulations to the Year 11 candidates! We can't wait to see what the year ahead holds under their leadership!



Extra Curricular

We have a number of exciting school clubs which offer an opportunity for our students to take dive deeper into areas of interest, enhance their skills and learning, and build friendships. These clubs are elected by students and take place with the school timetable and also after school. Take a look at some of the options on offer this term.

Prep Board Games

This club is perfect for students who enjoy a friendly challenge, working together, and improving their problem-solving skills. With a variety of classic and modern board games, you'll develop social skills, learn to take turns, and have a great time



Prep Drama Club

Step into the spotlight in Drama Club! This is a space where you can let your imagination run wild, explore acting and storytelling, and build your confidence

Prep Lego Club

A fantastic club 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. Lego Club is also the perfect place to let your creative sparks



Prep Arts & Crafts Club

A fantastic opportunity to explore a variety of artistic techniques and media throughout the year. Each term will focus on a different theme, allowing students to experiment and develop new creative skills.



Prep Chess Club

Chess Club is the place to sharpen your skills. In this club, you'll get to practise your moves, challenge your peers, and learn how to think ahead. Good sportsmanship and critical thinking are key as you compete with friends in a friendly and focused atmosphere.



Year 7-9 Art Club

Art Club offers students the chance to explore their creativity through various mediums, including drawing, painting, and sculpture. It's a fun and supportive environment where students can develop their artistic skills and express their unique ideas

Year 7-9 Creative Writing

Students are explore different genres, styles and forms of creative writing and delivering presentations to their peers



Year 9-11 Maths Club

A space for students who are passionate about mathematics. Offering opportunities to explore advanced concepts, solve challenging problems, and participate in collaborative mathematical activities. Through puzzles, games, competitions, and guest speakers, we strive to create an enriching environment where students can develop their mathematical skills, boost their confidence, and connect with like-minded peers



Year 9-11 STEM Olympiad and Projects Club

Our aims are to change students' perspective on life and their Science learning with the wider world. We strive to eliminate the question "What use has 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.



Year 9-11 Wellbeing Club

Through engaging activities, discussions, and mindfulness practices, the club aims to create an environment where students can explore strategies for managing stress, building resilience, and fostering a positive mindset.



Finalists for two ISA Awards 2024

North London Grammar School has been selected as a finalist for two ISA awards, celebrating the success of our 3rd International Greenwich Olympiad 2024 where 449 students from 48 countries participated with a total of 310 incredible projects!

ISA Awards 2024 Finalist in the following categories:

- **Outstanding Engagement in the Community**
- **Innovation in Independent Education**

These nominations reflect our dedication to making an impact beyond the classroom. We couldn't be prouder! Winners will be announced in November 2024.



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www.igolondon.co.uk



ISA Regional Art Competition

Visit ISA website for full details including entry form and handbook

East area:

Friday 18 October, Saint Nicholas School, CM17 0NJ
Deadline Friday 4 October.

London North area:

Thursday 10 October, Marriott Hotel, Waltham Abbey, EN9 3LX
Deadline Friday 27 September.

London West area:

Tuesday 8 October, Norden Farm, Altwood Road
Maidenhead, SL6 4PF
Deadline Thursday 3 October.

