



MESSAGE FROM SENIOR DEPUTY HEAD

Dear Parents,

We are delighted with our excellent GCSE results for 2024 ensuring that almost all of our students have been offered places at their first choice sixth forms and colleges. After months of anticipation, the cohort, characterised by fantastic co-curricular achievements and charitable endeavours, gathered on results day with teachers, friends and family to mark this significant milestone in their academic journey.

It is remarkable to see that over half of grades are at Grade 7 and above. In their GCSE studies, and throughout their examinations, students have shown extraordinary resilience, focus and determination, with superb support from our staff throughout. Their commitment to both academic excellence and personal growth has been truly inspiring, reflected in these outstanding results. There has been a very positive trend year on year, reflecting a steady increase in the standard of our GCSE results, reflecting the continuing hard work of both students and teachers.

Gillian Erdil

Senior Deputy Head

Mr Adak commented "We are thrilled with the excellent GCSE results achieved by our students which demonstrates their outstanding effort over the past two years. The educational experience of this cohort was impacted by the Corona Virus pandemic. However, these results show the commitment of our students towards their studies. This cohort have made a really positive contribution towards the life of the school which has benefited the entire school community."

“ We wish our class of 2024 every success in their studies at sixth form. We look forward to hearing about their future achievements. ”

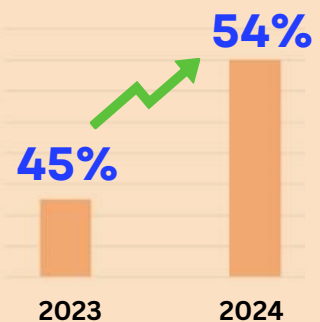
100%

Pass rate in English
and Science

97%

Pass rate in Maths

54% of GCSE results
were Grade 7 or above



Our GCSE performance for 2024 put us amongst the **top 1%** of schools nationally!

IMPORTANT DATES

Library Week 7th - 13th October

Year 11 New Scientist Live Trip 11th October

Ice Skating 11th October

Cultural Day 18th October

Recycling Week 14th - 20th October

Prague Trip 17th - 22nd October

Half Term (no school) 21st Oct - 1st Nov

Young Scholars Programme Launch 14th November

Upcoming Visits by Barnet Immunisation Team



Barnet Immunisation Team will be visiting our school to deliver flu immunisation to our students on the following dates:

First session - Year 7, 8 and 9

Friday, 18th October from 8:30am until 12:00pm

Second session - Year 10 and 11

Monday, 25th November from 8:30am until 12:00pm



Cultural Day - Friday 18th October

Our Cultural Day celebration will take place on **Friday, 18th October!** This promises to be an unforgettable day, filled with vibrant activities and enriching experiences as we celebrate the many cultures and traditions that make our school community so special.

Senior school staff and students will gather in the dining hall at 3:10 pm for a lively carousal event, where they can sample a delicious array of dishes prepared by parents and staff. Students will also have the chance to showcase their cultural attire and share stories about their backgrounds. To join in the food festivities, a small contribution of £2 per plate or £1 for half a plate is requested, allowing everyone to explore and enjoy different flavors from around the world!

All proceeds from the day will go to The Lotus Foundation, which is working towards building a school in France. Let's make this Cultural Day one to remember!



Please refer to an email sent on Wednesday, 9th October for more details.



Celebrating Student Successes

Congratulations to **Zain Year 8**, who competed in the **British Taekwondo Kyorugi National Championships** on 5th - 6th October at the English Institute of Sport (EIS) in Sheffield and brought home a silver medal! We are incredibly proud of his dedication and hard work, exemplifying two of our key pillars - 'Bonitas' and 'Disciplina' and demonstrating what it means to strive for excellence. Well done, Zain! Keep up the amazing work.



Congratulations to **Omar Year 10** for his outstanding performance at the **ISA London North Cross Country Competition** on 9th October at Abbot's Hill School. Tackling a tough 3.5km course full of hills, Omar crossed the finish line in an impressive 14 minutes and 19 seconds, earning him 2nd place out of 25 competitors. His performance has earned him a well-deserved spot at the ISA Cross Country Nationals. A fantastic achievement!" Well done, Omar!



In aid of
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CANCER SUPPORT**

At NLGS, we take pride in teaching our students to be socially responsible citizens, a value that is strongly reflected by our parent community. This commitment was on full display on Friday, 27th September, when we invited our parent community to join us in supporting a cause close to our heart - Macmillan Cancer Support.

We were honoured to welcome special guests, **The Mayor of Barnet, Tony Vourou**, and **Barnet Councillor Nagus Narenthira**, to join our Macmillan Cancer coffee and cake event. Both the Mayor and Councillor are deeply passionate about education and their decision to take time out of their busy schedules to support our shared mission for Macmillan Cancer was a testament to their commitment to both the NLGS community and the charity.

The event showcased the generosity and creativity of our parent community, who contributed and enjoyed an array of beautifully home-baked cakes and treats.

This year
**WE'VE
RAISED
£ 260**





Open Evening

On Wednesday 2nd October we held our Open Evening event welcoming prospective parents and students to explore our school.

Throughout the evening, our visitors had the chance to experience the vibrant and enriching learning environment at NLGS. Student-led tours allowed parents and students to explore our classrooms and take part in demonstrations from subject teachers and current students, which highlighted the wide range of subjects, projects and teaching available to our students.

The evening's presentations were delivered by members of our Senior Leadership Team, who shared our educational philosophy. We were also honored to hear from our Zara Lilly - Y11 Head Girl, Omar - Year 7 student, and Ali - '21 Alumni currently studying English at Oxford University, each offering personal insights into life at NLGS and the opportunities it provides.

We received wonderful feedback on the warmth and enthusiasm displayed by our students, teachers and staff, which reflects the supportive and dynamic community we have cultivated at NLGS.

If you have any questions regarding admissions, please contact admissions@northlondongrammar.com.

Gallery



Years 9, 10 and 11, took part in the UKMT Senior Challenge

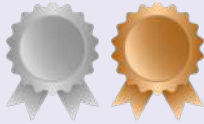


On Tuesday, 1st October twenty NLGS students from Year 9, 10 and 11, took part in the UKMT Senior Challenge. This is primarily a competition for Year 13 and below, so there are topics that our students haven't yet covered. Despite this, our Year 9 and 10 students achieved excellent results with what they've learned during class.

Henry, Year 11 and **Imran, Year 10** both won silver medals, which is very promising! Additionally, two other Year 10 students and ten Year 11 students earned bronze medals in this prestigious competition.

Henry	Year 11	SilverBiS
Imran	Year 10	SilverBiY
Fetin	Year 11	Bronze
Roshni	Year 10	Bronze
Gorkem	Year 10	Bronze
Trishil	Year 11	Bronze
David	Year 11	Bronze
Aayush	Year 11	Bronze
Edward	Year 11	Bronze
Paul	Year 11	Bronze
Dhanvin	Year 11	Bronze
Amelia	Year 11	Bronze
Alaan	Year 11	Bronze
Melek	Year 11	Bronze

Congratulations to all who took part.



Our Year 11 and UFP students got the opportunity to go to No Name College/University Fair.

What is a No Name College/University Fair? It is a fair, where, for the first hour, the 70+ institutions attending do not identify the name or location of their university. All displays are covered and representatives don't wear name tags or institutional clothing, and the tables are not arranged alphabetically.

This is to allow students a chance to evaluate each institution on the merits of their programs, rather than simply a name and rank. Once the hour is up the big reveal happens and the fair proceeds as usual.



Celebrating the Jewish New Year



HAPPY Rosh Hashanah



NLGS extends warm wishes for a joyous Jewish new year! In honor of this special festival, our Senior students delivered a heartfelt assembly, shedding light on the significance of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year with thoughtful student presentations learning about the culture and significance of this special holiday.



Congratulations

Juniors Celebrating Personal Bests!

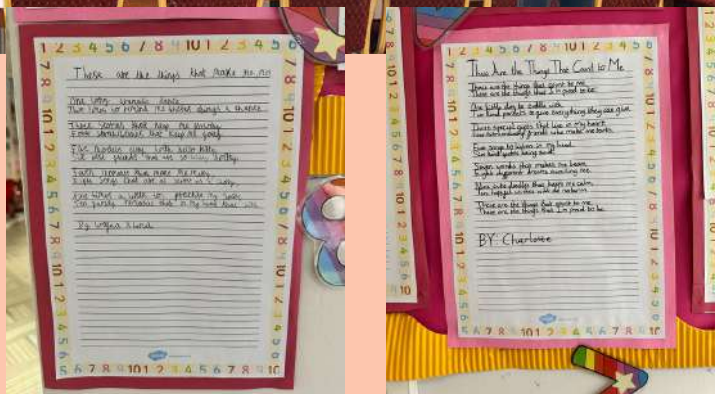
Each week Junior students count up their total merit points on a chart and if they beaten their personal best, they get a special certificate and a prize from Mrs Dhrona. It is a lovely way to encourage self-reflection and perseverance as they consider how to improve and work to achieve that goal!

Year 8 Trip to The Old Operating Theatre and Herb Garret

On Tuesday, 22nd September Year 8 students went on a trip as part of the English curriculum. Students are reading a novel called 'Sawbones' which is set in Georgian London and tells the story of a surgeon's apprentice. To help students to get a better understanding of the narrative, setting and characters we took them to The Old Operating Theatre and Herb Garret – it is the oldest operating theatre in Europe. Students had the chance to talk with one of the historians there, and then explored the museum, looking at the exhibits which included live leeches!



POETRY SLAM



Junior School Poetry Slam 'These Are the Things That Count to Me'

Our Year 3 to Year 6 students took part in an inspiring Poetry Slam, where they presented their original poems titled 'These Are the Things That Count to Me' to an audience of parents and staff.

The students shared their heartfelt, thoughtful, and sometimes humorous reflections on the things that matter most to them. From family and friendship to hobbies and adventures. A huge well done to all our young poets for their courage and confidence in performing their work.

We are so proud of every student who took to the stage!



Behind the Ban: Why Books Are Challenged and Censored

The secondary library created a display which discusses censorship of books for Banned and Challenged Book week. The display has been very popular with students often stopping to look at it and discuss the example books on display often wondering why someone would challenge and try to ban them.



Aidi School in Beijing Visit NLGS

We were honoured to host two distinguished guests from Aidi School, Beijing this week. Sarah, Executive Vice Principal, and Cathy, Vice Principal of the British School Department, visited us as part of their mission to enhance their understanding of school management practices, policies, and resources in the UK.

Discussions centred around key areas such as student support systems, curriculum management, and data-driven decision-making. We also shared insights into our International Greenwich Olympiad initiative



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.



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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.



Mr Karatas
Boarding Designated Safeguarding Lead



Ms Erdil
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Welcome to the new elected Parent Association for 2024-25

Following the Parent Association elections held on Friday, 4th October, we warmly welcome our newly elected members.



Chair:
Sadia Khan



Vice Chair:
Monika Kadiri



Treasurer:
Reshma Gami



Secretary:
Aybolek Jorayeva

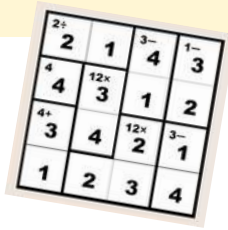


We still have a few openings for Year Group Representatives for Years 3, 4, 6, and 9. We also require volunteers to support us at various events/activities, which you can contribute as much as your availability allows. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved in school activities and offer occasional assistance.



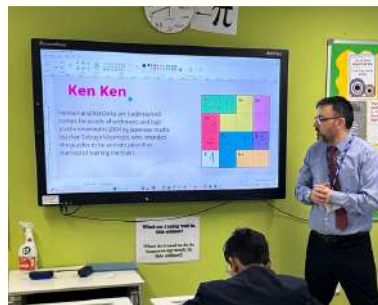
If you are interested to get involved as representative or volunteer, please access the form using this QR code.

Senior School - Having Fun with Maths!



The Maths Department is dedicated to making the learning of mathematics engaging, challenging, and fun for all students. To encourage problem-solving and logical thinking, the department regularly sets challenges.

One such challenge, introduced to senior students, is the KenKen puzzle. This mathematical grid-based puzzle combines logic and arithmetic to enhance students' mental agility. KenKen is not only a fun way to engage with numbers, but it also encourages the development of problem-solving skills, strategic thinking, and perseverance—all essential for success in mathematics.



Top Tips - Hear From Our Experts

Mock Revisions: Study Smart, Succeed Confidently

Tip 1 - Create a study schedule. Planning time for revision is vital in making sure you give enough time to each of your subjects. Make sure you choose a variety of subjects to revise for each day. ex. 1 hr Mathematics, 1 hr English, 1 hr Science, 1 hr History, 1 hr Music - with enough breaks in between.

Tip 2 - As much as you want to get everything done, it is vital to take some breaks in between your work. Your brain and body need a break between intense periods of concentration, don't tire yourself out! Give yourself small rewards like chocolate or sip of juice between each revision session.

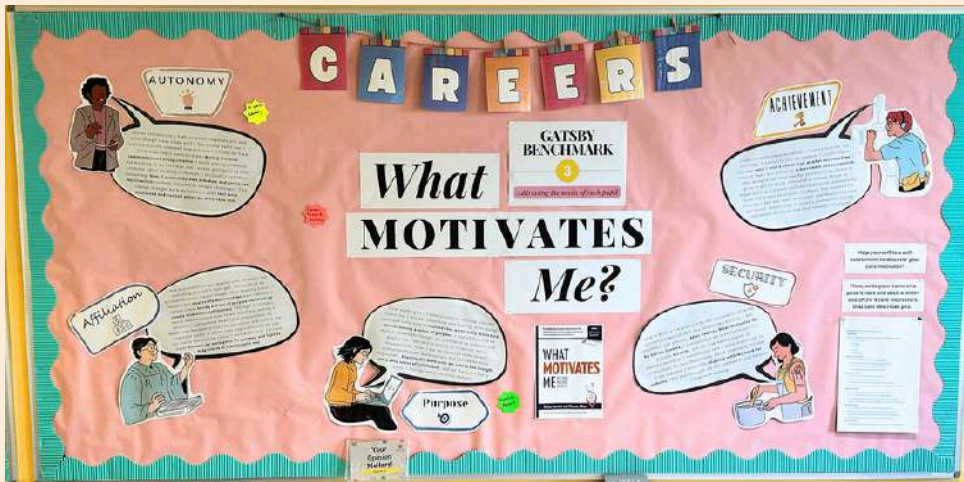
Tip 3 - Seek help if you need it. You are not alone in your revision and studies. Use the resources available to you; class notes, classmates and your teacher. Do not wait until it is crunch time for you to speak to someone, it might be too late by then! Plan joint revision time with your friends, but make sure you don't lose focus!



Mr Gokcel

Discover Your Path: Exploring Motivations

The new careers board display is dedicated to helping students explore their motivations, aligning with Gatsby Benchmark 3 by addressing the unique needs of each individual. Inspired by the book *What Motivates Me* by Adrian Gostick, the display emphasises how understanding core motivators can enhance a sense of fulfillment in one's career. It invites readers to identify their core motivators—achievement, autonomy, security, purpose, and affiliation—and highlights the importance of aligning career choices with what truly inspires them. By doing so, students can pave the way to greater success and happiness in their future endeavors.



Assembly 'Keeping Safe Online' with Barnet Police

This week, we were delighted to welcome officers from Barnet Police, who delivered an informative assembly on Online Safety to our junior and senior students. The sessions provided valuable advice on how to stay safe online, covering topics such as:

- Raising awareness of various online offenses
- Understanding the risks associated with navigating the internet
- Knowing what to do if you become a victim of harassment, including speaking to someone you trust and reporting it immediately.

These sessions offered a valuable opportunity for students to learn essential strategies for staying safe in the digital world.

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NLGS U16s Triumph

Written by David (Year 11)

We started well with good pressure, which led us to win the ball often in the middle. Our wide players did really well to stretch the defenders, allowing space in the middle of the pitch for runs in behind. However, towards the end of the first half, we became complacent after going 3-0 up, so we relaxed a bit. This allowed the opponents to win the ball more often and create more chances, although none were particularly threatening. The defence did an excellent job dealing with over-the-top balls and shots from the edge of the box, where they quickly closed down the opposition, blocking the majority of their shots.

At the start of the second half, we conceded right away, but we didn't let our heads drop and immediately got a goal back. We did really well in the second half, staying focused on scoring goals and winning the game without messing about. One issue we faced was that after the first half, with the lead in hand, many players wanted to score a goal themselves.



This often led to players taking on too many opponents instead of passing, which caused them to lose the ball. Aside from that, there were many occasions where we put together nice combinations in the middle that led to chances for our wingers.



Man of the Match: David

Congratulations to goal scorers:

David - x4

Omar - x1

Yusuf - x1

Rami - x1

Students Embracing the School's Philosophy of Bonitas

On behalf of the Lotus Foundation Charity on Tuesday, 1st October, Senior Students held a waffle, crepe, and hot chocolate sale during break time. The event was well-supported, with many students enjoying the delicious treats while contributing to a great cause



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Year 10 and 11 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Our Year 10 and Year 11 students set off on Friday, 4th October, to embark on their Duke of Edinburgh Expedition in the Chiltern Hills!

To achieve their Bronze Award, the students must complete a challenging, self-sufficient 2-day expedition, carrying all their own kit. They set up their tents, cooked their meals on camp stoves, and participated in a variety of outdoor activities. These included map reading and navigation using a compass, learning first aid and emergency procedures, and walking an average of 14km each day.

“ We are immensely proud of the incredible success of the Duke of Edinburgh expedition. Thank you so much for guiding the students with such care, passion, and expertise, ensuring they not only completed the mission but gained invaluable life lessons along the way”

NLGS Parent

“ Mr. Gokcel, you are a true inspiration & role model for all the kids”

NLGS Parent



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