



Pictured L to R - **Rudolf Eliot Lockhart** CEO, ISA. **Mr. Lafcioglu**, Head of Maths. **Mr. Adak**, Headteacher. **Natasha Dangerfield**, Executive Council Chair, ISA. **Mrs Erdil**, Senior Deputy Head.

## NLGS Shines Bright at the ISA National Awards

NLGS proudly celebrates being a finalist at the ISA Awards Ceremony which took place on 14th-15th November 2024. This prestigious event highlighted the achievements of IGO as a finalist in two categories:

- **Outstanding Engagement in the Community** - creating a positive and lasting impact on students, educators, and communities worldwide. The involvement of VIP guests, professional juries, and global educators further enriches the IGO experience.
- **Innovation in Independent Education** - giving opportunities to participants to showcase their innovative projects and solutions to local and global problems, workshops provided for educators and supervisors on innovative teaching strategies and bridging academic concepts with practical application.



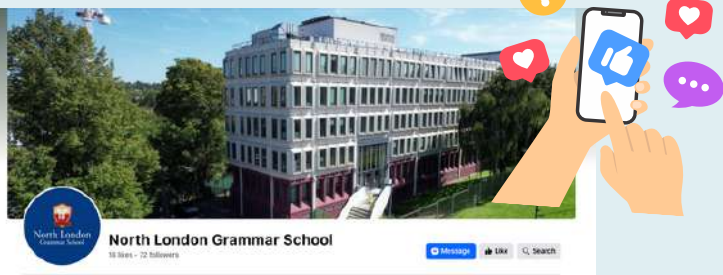
International Greenwich Olympiad 2024, Exhibition

## Our Tribute for Remembrance Day 'Lest we Forget' See page 3

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 4th Dec** Year 11 Parents Evening 4:30-7:30 pm
- 5th Dec** Senior Christmas Concert
- 8th Dec** Winter Fair
- 11th Dec** Christmas Jumper Day (non-uniform day, £2 per child) & Christmas Lunch
- 12th Dec** Junior Christmas Concert
- 13th Dec** Last day of term, half day
- 7th Jan** First day back, Spring term begins

## Follow us on our **NEW** Facebook page!



### @ North London Grammar School

We have a brand new facebook page!! Stay connected and keep informed with all the latest news, events, and achievements from our school community.

Follow us [@NorthLondonGrammarSchool](https://www.facebook.com/NorthLondonGrammarSchool). Don't forget to like and share!

## Open Morning

Our next Open Morning will take place on **Weds 4th December 9-11 am**.

If you know families who are seeking a school for their child, please share this invitation with them. This event offers a wonderful opportunity to explore our facilities, meet our staff and students, and discover the enriching education we offer. Sign-ups are open on our website or via the QR code.



## Inspiring Futures

Our gratitude to **Mr. Mazin Ibrahim**, Orthopaedic Surgeon for visiting the school to deliver an insightful careers talk. Opportunities like this give our students a glimpse into the possibilities that are open to them and encourage them to think ambitiously about their futures.



## Top Tips - Hear From Our Staff Experts

Here are some top tips from **Mr. Fernandes** to improve academic success by encouraging healthy routines:

**Tip 1 - Establish a Homework Routine:** Encourage your child to complete homework at the same time every day in a quiet, distraction-free space. Consistency builds focus and reduces stress.

**Tip 2 - Promote a Balanced Sleep Schedule:** Ensure your child gets enough rest. Research suggests that children aged 11-16 need 8-10 hours of sleep to perform at their best.

**Tip 3 - Encourage Active Breaks:** Physical activity, even for 15 minutes, can boost mood, concentration, and overall academic performance. Activities such as walking, jogging, skipping, or simple stretches can help release tension and improve blood flow to the brain. These active breaks enhance focus, reduce stress, and help students return to their studies feeling more refreshed and productive. For additional variety, encourage your child to try activities like yoga, dancing, or a 15-30 minute HIIT workout on YouTube. Regular exercise has been shown to improve memory and cognitive functions, making it a key ingredient for academic success.



**Mr. Fernandes**  
Head of Sports &  
Head of Year



# OUR TRIBUTE ON

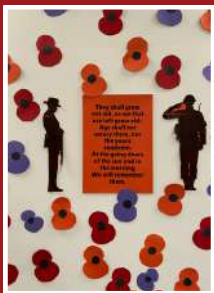


## REMEMBRANCE DAY

NLGS celebrated Remembrance day in several ways on Monday, 11th November. In the Junior school they created displays, including one for their entrance doors, which honoured fallen soldiers and shared information about previous conflicts. They also held an assembly which was a livestream run by the National Literacy Trust and the Royal British Legion which was hosted by famous presenters and military personnel and included 2 minutes of silence.

A special assembly was also held for Senior students where Mrs Ziegler told the story of her grandparents in World War II followed by a 2 minute silence.

The senior library created a beautiful poppy display which spilled out into the school hallways leaving poppies everywhere for people to find in remembrance for British and International soldiers in times of conflict.







## A Day of Heroes and Heart

This year, NLGS came together to support **Children in Need** with creativity. Junior School pupils participated in a special schools live stream with the BBC and Gladiators on appeal morning. The theme, "Heroes," saw children dressing up as their role models, ranging from Pudsey Bear to everyday inspirations. Inspired by the Gladiators, the pupils embraced the challenge of a high-energy burpees session in the afternoon.



In the Senior School, students delved deeper into the message of Children in Need through a thought-provoking assembly, which highlighted the importance of empathy and community support. At Student Services, seniors were invited to reflect on the positives in their own lives, answering the question 'What are some things you are grateful for?'. This exercise encouraged a sense of gratitude and mindfulness among the students.

It was a heartwarming day of action and reflection, as the entire NLGS community worked together to make a difference. A huge thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to this worthy cause!





## Y11 Mocks and Team Building Day

Our Year 11 students displayed exceptional resilience and a positive attitude during their mock exams at the start of this half term. Despite the pressure, they approached each challenge with determination and focus. Their commitment to learning was evident, and they offered strong support to their peers, fostering a collaborative and encouraging environment throughout the exam period.

On Friday, 15th November, Year 11 students balanced academic preparation with team-building fun during an exciting trip to the London Dungeon and the Sea Life Centre. Following a week of intense mock exams, the day provided a well-deserved break and an opportunity to engage in some experiential learning outside the classroom.

Students began the day by visiting the London Dungeon, where they were taken on an interactive journey through Britain's darker historical moments. The immersive experience allowed students to learn about cultural history and engage with the rich tapestry of the past in a unique and memorable way.

Next, the group ventured to the Sea Life Centre, where they explored a variety of marine habitats and encountered fascinating sea creatures. This hands-on learning experience offered students an insight into the natural world, further expanding their cultural capital and encouraging them to appreciate the importance of environmental conservation.

Throughout the day, students' behaviour was exemplary. They engaged positively with all activities, demonstrating maturity and teamwork. The trip not only provided a break from exams but also reinforced valuable lessons in both history and science, enhancing their cultural awareness while fostering a sense of camaraderie.

**Well done Year 11 and good luck with your results!**

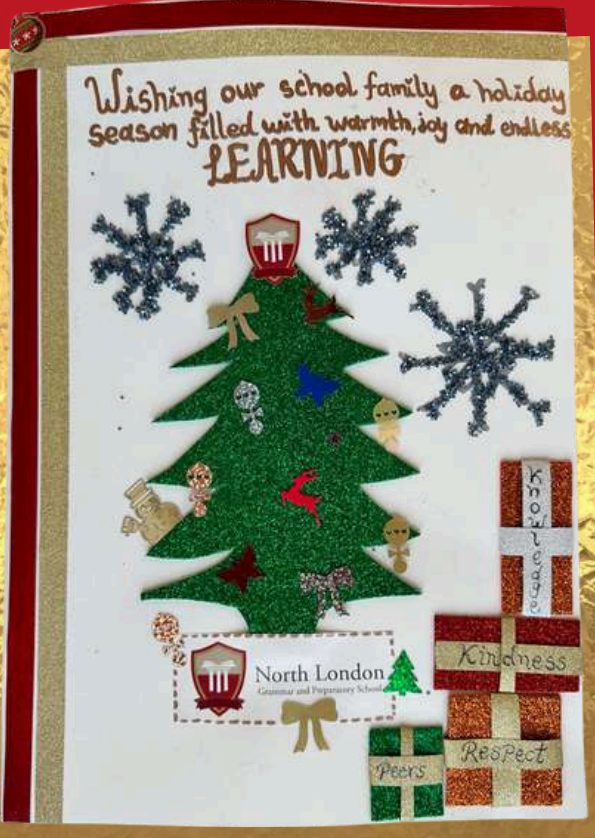
*Thank you!*

**Ms Chaudhri**, Head of Year 11 who organised this fun and memorable day!





# FESTIVE SEASON



## Our Winning Xmas Card

We're thrilled to announce Bianca (Year 6) as the winner of this year's Design a Christmas Card Competition! Her festive artwork, voted the favourite by teachers & staff, will be our official 2024 school Christmas card.

Keep posted - our runners-up designs will feature on our Junior and Senior Christmas Concert programmes. Thank you to all the students who submitted their designs, your creativity amazed us all, and choosing a winner was no easy task!

## Promoting Kindness

Our school community came together to mark Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week. Students and staff donned their brightest, boldest, and most mismatched socks to celebrate individuality and raise awareness about the importance of kindness, respect, and inclusion. Odd Socks Day is a joyful reminder that being different is something to be celebrated. Discussions in assemblies and classrooms explored the importance of standing against bullying and creating a positive environment where everyone can thrive.





# SPORTS

## U12 Football v North Bridge House Canonbury

Article written by student Omar M Y10

We started the match firmly, and within thirty seconds, Aryan had scored a curve from a brilliant assist from Adam, securing a one goal lead. We continued the rest of the game with high hopes, and Aryan's, Urmi's, and Esen's power shots almost broke the net! By halftime, the score was 5-0.

We started the second half of the match with enthusiasm to keep a clean sheet. Adam came out with an amazing tap-in, making it 6-0. Omer popped out with a fantastic two goals, chipping it over the keeper.

To end the match, Haneef curved the ball around the goalkeeper into the net, and the full-time whistle was blown. The final score was a whopping 9-0 to NLGS.

All players shook hands with the other team and celebrated their victory on the way back to school.

**Player of the match** – Urmi Patel.

**Congratulations to the goal scorers:**  
Aryan D x2, Urmi P x2, Esen N, Adam E, Omer P x2, Haneef.



## First Netball games of the season

Well done to the Year 9/10's and Year 7/8's who had their first netball games of the season. While they didn't come away with the win they still played well. We wish them good luck to rest of the season!



## FOOTBALL FIXTURES

NLGS U13	Vs	Mount House School
27th November		
NLGS U14	Vs	North Bridge House Canonbury
2nd December		
NLGS U16	Vs	North Bridge House Senior
11th December		

## NETBALL FIXTURES

NLGS Yr7/8	Vs	King Alfred
4th December		
NLGS Yr9	Vs	North Bridge House
5th December		

## OTHER SPORTS FIXTURES

ISA National Swimming Championships
29th November
U16 ISA London North Table Tennis Tournament
14th January
U13 ISA London North Table Tennis Tournament
15th January
U11 ISA London North Table Tennis Tournament
16th January



# Inspiring Excellence

## Launch of 'Young Scholars Programme'

Last Wednesday, we proudly launched our annual "Young Scholars Programme" during the More Able and Talented (MaT) Evening. This initiative reflects our commitment to stretching and challenging students both inside and outside the classroom, inspiring them to pursue excellence in all areas.

The evening celebrated the exceptional talents of our students across a wide range of disciplines, including STEM, Music, Science, and global topics including sustainability. It also highlighted the core values of the MaT programme, as articulated by our Senior Deputy Head, **Mrs. Erdil**, who emphasised the importance of passion and perseverance in achieving success.

Special thanks to **Ms Cimentepe**, students and staff whose efforts brought this evening to life!

Quests for Excellence

### YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

FOR TALENTED AND ABLE LEARNERS

2024 / 2025



The NLGS team had a fantastic time at Brent Cross Shopping Centre, promoting our school and meeting so many families interested in joining our community!



## BRENT CROSS



## 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.



Ms Dhrona  
Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



Mr Adak  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead

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