

## Celebrate World Book Day with us!



At North London Grammar, we believe reading is very important. It not only enhances literacy skills but also fosters creativity, critical thinking, and empathy. So when we saw that World Book Day was coming up, we all knew it would not be an event that merely slipped passed with little effort. Instead, the whole community took it as a chance to inspire and celebrate the magic of books.



Both the Junior and Senior School teams have been planning for weeks, working tremendously hard to transform their corridors, classrooms, and shared spaces into magical literary worlds. The **Junior School transformed into Treasure Island**, while the **Senior School turned into an Enchanted Forest**. The effort and creativity put into transforming their spaces was truly remarkable!

Our whole community embraced the spirit of the event, with students, teachers, and staff dressing to impress in costumes of their favourite character, book or as part of the School themes.





# Enchanted Forest

ENTER, TRAVELLER. IF YOU DARE,  
THROUGH TANGLED, ROOTS AND MISTY AIR,  
THE TREES HAVE EYES, THE WINDS WILL SPEAK,  
STEP OFF THE PATH, THE FUTURE'S BREAK.

FAIRIES DANCE AND, SHADOWS CREEP,  
SECRETS IN THE BRANCHES SLEEP,  
BRAVE OF HEART, OR FULL OF WOE,  
TURN BACK NOW, OR IN YOU GO!

This World Book Day, the Senior School brought the magic of an **Enchanted Forest** theme to life. The English corridor and library were transformed into a forest wonderland, complete with mystical characters, giant toadstools, life size towering trees and lush ivy.



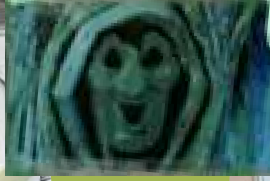




In the Senior Library, students had the opportunity to take part in various activities, including bookmark colouring, playing book title charades, and a challenge to match teachers and staff with their favourite books. During form time there was book quiz for form classes to take part in.



*The forest was dark, silent, and brooding, as if it had a life of its own, its ancient roots tangled in secrets, its leaves whispering tales of old.*  
 - The Name of the Wind  
 by Patrick Rothfuss





# TREASURE ISLAND



Reading their message-in-a-bottle letters



Junior School teachers and staff worked tirelessly to transform the Junior School into an immersive and interactive *Treasure Island*, complete with a life-sized pirate ship, a real sand beach, a pirate's cave, a cascading waterfall, skeleton, treasure chest and a giant treasure map in the middle of the set.

Every detail was thoughtfully designed to bring the theme to life.



The entire day centred around the *Treasure Island* theme, with students working together on a number of activities.

Students designed their own maps, including hidden treasures and mysterious landmarks.







Students took part in a fun treasure hunt, deciphering clues which lead them on an adventure across the Senior School, with stops at Student Services, outside classrooms, the Senior Library, and finally to Mrs. Erdil, where they discovered their treasure.



Storytime came alive in the pirate's cave



A Treasure Island quiz challenged their knowledge, involving teamwork and a penalty of "walking the plank" for any incorrect answers.



Nearing the end of the day parents got to join in with some students to enjoy reading time.





# Fashion Show



A dress-up day in Junior School wouldn't be complete without the iconic fashion walk, where students proudly showcased their fabulous book-themed outfits for everyone to admire!



# 📌 IMPORTANT DATES

<b>10th - 15th March</b>	British Science Week
<b>12th March</b>	Yr 11 Geography Trip to Stratford
<b>13th March</b>	Junior School Workshop - Step into the NHS'
<b>19th March</b>	Year 10 Parents Evening 4.30-6:30pm Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Meningitis ACWY Yr9 Voice in a Million - OVO Arena, Wembley
<b>24th March</b>	Whole School Photograph
<b>1st April</b>	Year 8 Option Choices deadline
<b>2nd - 4th April</b>	Yr 5 and Yr 6 to PGL
<b>3rd April</b>	Half Day
<b>4th - 22nd April</b>	Easter Holiday + Staff PD Day - No School
<b>7th - 11th April</b>	Intervention Week

## Invite to Iftar Dinner: Friday 21st March

We warmly invite all students and parents to come together on **Friday 21st March for an Iftar dinner** in the School's dining hall.

It is a special time for some of our students who would like to celebrate this together with their friends and teachers. Tickets are limited and are on a first come, first served basis.

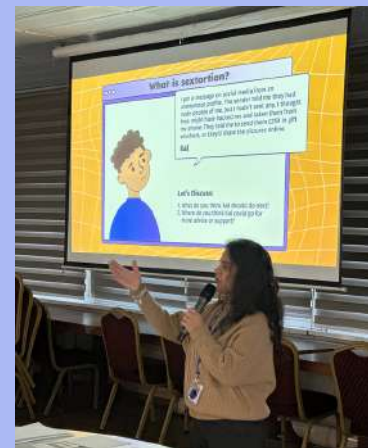
Please see an email sent on 4 March for full information and how to get tickets by Wednesday 19th March. *Thank you.*

## Senior School - Key Lessons on Online Safety



At a Senior School assembly, Mrs. Dhrona delivered an engaging and timely talk, equipping students with the knowledge and tools to navigate the digital world securely.

The assembly was a powerful reminder of the importance of online safety in today's digital age. By staying informed, vigilant, and proactive, students can protect themselves and others from falling victim to online scams.



## Spot & Share Challenge

Your last chance to spot and share our NLGS outdoor advertising campaign. It's almost coming to an end!

Keep an eye out for our adverts around the local area, showcasing our school and inviting families to our **Open Morning on Wednesday 12th March**.

### Join the fun:

1. Take a photo of our advert.
2. Follow us @NLondonGrammar
3. Tag or Mention @NLondonGrammar on Instagram or Facebook Story.
4. Share it!

One lucky winner will receive a **£100 Amazon voucher**. Join us in celebrating why we're all #ProudToBeNLGS!



# Take a Stand against Bullying



A total of £40 in donations, will go towards the charity.

On Friday 28th February, Students in Year 7-9 came to school wearing a pink item of clothing as a symbol of support for Anti - Bullying and taking a stand against bullying, to promote kindness and respect in our school community.



## Walk 2 Water Inspires Action

Representatives from the **Walk 2 Water** charity delivered a thought-provoking assembly on 4th and 5th March, to raise awareness about the water crisis in Africa. Students learned about water scarcity, sanitation, and conservation, and carried heavy water-filled jerry cans to experience the daily challenges faced by children in Africa just to access clean drinking water. The charity encouraged fundraising to build wells, which can transform lives by providing safe, reliable water access.



## Top Tips - Hear From Our Staff Experts

Since we recently celebrated World Book Day, it's the perfect time for **Ms. Riley** Year 3 Teacher to share her top reading tips. Her insights will not only inspire a love of reading in your children but also support their literacy development.

**Tip 1 - Choosing books that spark curiosity is essential**—we all need to be excited about the books we are reading. If you are not sure what to choose, ask for recommendations and be proactive, the right books are there waiting for you!

**Tip 2 - Children need to see reading as a treat from a young age.** When we approach reading with enthusiasm, it creates a positive mindset, making us more eager to read. This looks different for everyone; my reading treat is getting to settle into a cosy chair for a few hours with a blanket and a cup of tea!

**Tip 3 - Read with your child!** Whether you're listening to them read aloud when they are in primary school or starting a family book club when they are in secondary school, your involvement is crucial. Children are keen observers, when adults actively engage with books, children are inspired to do the same. Share your own reading journey with them and watch as they grow to love it too!



**Ms Riley**  
Year 3 Teacher





## English National Opera's production of Mozart's 'Marriage of Figaro' at the London Coliseum.

On Monday 3rd February, the music department took GCSE Music students from Y9, 10 and 11 to see the dress rehearsal of English National Opera's production of Mozart's 'Marriage of Figaro' at the London Coliseum.

Here is what **Rinko, Y9 GCSE Music student** had to say about the experience:

The trip to Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro, brought to the stage by ENO, was fascinating enough to counter almost any previous misconceptions about operas. Three-hour monotonous laments of 300-year-old dramas? Dusty fuel for pretentious music critics? Hardly. Set in a single day of madness centring around the conflicts between clashing and colourful characters, the opera displays a brilliantly chaotic plot grounded by some magnificent music by Mozart at his peak.

Contrasting with the comedic, bubbly tones in the first half were some of the most exceptionally deep arias breaking surface in the second, and the whole procession had the perfect balance for a richly engrossing experience. Intriguingly, the set itself consisted only of a white rectangular room with four doors – far from becoming dull, this created the effect of bringing the spotlight to the characters and their interactions with each other.

These four doors served interesting functions, sometimes windows, sometimes secret hide-outs, sometimes deliberately thrown open to show the audience the chaos inside. It goes to show that there is as much mystery to an open door as to a closed one... and that despite false impressions, there is as much glamour to an opera as there is to other forms of entertainment. There is no doubt that this trip has opened the door into a new dimension of music for me.





# SPORTS FIXTURES



## FOOTBALL FIXTURES

NLGS U13

Vs

Mount House

12th March

NLGS U16

Vs

The King's School

14th March



## NETBALL FIXTURES

NLGS U13

Vs

Mount House

12th March

NLGS Yr 7

Vs

King Alfred

18th March

Year 5/6 Netball Tournament

19th March

Yr 7 Rose Netball Tournament

2nd April



## OTHER FIXTURES

Yr 5 and 6 Hockey Clinic

11th March

# SPORTS



### NLGS Year 7 at Compton School

North London Grammar Schools Year 7 football team put on a fantastic display at the recent football festival held at Compton School in Finchley. The team showcased incredible skill and determination, playing some outstanding football throughout the tournament.

A standout performance came from our goalkeeper, Emir Cholakoglu, who was in exceptional form, making save after save to keep us in contention. His quick reflexes and bravery between the posts were crucial to our success.

Further up the pitch, Haneef Chowdhury and Urmi Patel played key roles in our attacking play, scoring brilliant goals that helped drive the team forward. Their efforts, along with the teamwork and dedication of the entire squad, led us to an impressive second-place finish overall.

A huge congratulations to all the players for their hard work and sportsmanship this was a fantastic achievement, and we look forward to more success in the future!

### NLGS Year 7 v Northbridge House

North London Grammar Schools Year 7 football team put in a determined performance against Northbridge House in a thrilling match that ended in a 4-2 defeat.

The game was tightly contested from the start, with our defenders putting in a solid shift to keep Northbridge House from finding their rhythm. For much of the first half, there was little to separate the two teams, but a few mistakes allowed the opposition to capitalize on easy chances.

Despite being behind, the team showed incredible resilience in the second half. Haneef Chowdhury led the comeback with two fantastic goals, inspiring a dominant spell where we controlled possession and applied relentless pressure. Unfortunately, time was not on our side, and despite our momentum, we fell just short of completing the comeback.

It was a strong and spirited performance, and the team is eager to carry the energy and determination from the second half into the next match. Well played, Year 7!

**NLGS Year 9** lost against Northbridge House 2-1 boys played brilliantly but fell short, a good game of football. Scorer Kayden Lai.







On the 5th March, Year 9 Art and UFP students enjoyed a trip to the Harry Potter Studio Tour. They had the opportunity to see the costumes, props and elaborate sets that brought the literary series to life.

The visit offered valuable inspiration for their own creative projects, as they learned more about the artistry and craftsmanship behind the iconic films.



## 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.



**Mrs 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



**Mrs Erdil**  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



# Vision of Senior School Student Council



Written by Student Council President  
Alaán (Year 11)

As president, I am excited to lead initiatives that enhance our school environment and strengthen our sense of community. One of our current proposals is to make our school a more uplifting space by utilising spaces to showcase student artwork, bringing creativity and inspiration into our surroundings. Additionally, we have discussed expanding afterschool clubs to provide more opportunities for personal growth and connection.



**Our mission statement for Student Council this year is as follows:**

As a motivated and united student council, we amplify every student's voice, ensuring they feel heard and valued. Through empathy and collaboration, we aim to create positive school experiences for all.

## INTERNATIONAL GREENWICH OLYMPIAD

22nd - 28th June 2025

### WHO ARE WE

The International Greenwich Olympiad is a project-based competition where students showcase their talents across Science, Technology, Engineering, and Art.

AGES 10-18



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INFORMATION  
AND HOW TO  
REGISTER

## Value for the Month of March is **Introspection**

Introspection comes from Latin and consists of two parts:

**"Intro"** – meaning within

**"Perfection"** – meaning to see

So, introspection means to see within. To reflect on our thoughts, emotions, and experiences.

This value is introduced to Senior Students in form time and lessons.

The world is loud, yet deep inside,  
A whisper calls, a quiet guide.  
Beyond the noise, beyond the race,  
The heart reflects - a sacred space.  
See the thoughts that come and go,  
Learn the truths you wish to know.  
In stillness grows the strongest mind,  
Through introspection, wisdom shines