

# University Foundation Programme

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## Handbook

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# Headteacher's *Welcome*



***I am delighted to welcome you to our bespoke  
and accredited University Foundation Programme.***

Parents choose our programme with confidence, knowing that our meticulous student selection process fosters positive behaviour and cultivates a pursuit of excellence in every child. Our school stands as a beacon of security and support, providing a nurturing environment where students can confidently embark on their academic journey. This secure foundation serves as a catalyst, propelling personal motivation and self-confidence, enabling our students to reach their utmost potential.

Excitingly, North London Grammar School is expanding its horizons, introducing new franchises in several countries. Our mission is to reach students worldwide, embracing diverse cultures and catering to varied needs with understanding. Our global outlook aligns with the aspirations of our students, who aim to study in five English-speaking countries: the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, as well as Germany, Greece, and Spain.

More than just a school, we are a close-knit community where all pupils and staff feel valued, respected and cherished. Our commitment to creating a positive culture resonates in every aspect of the learning and teaching experience. At North London Grammar, we set high expectations for both staff and students, closely monitoring individual progress and receiving wholehearted support from parents. This collaborative effort is integral to our success.

As Headteacher, I am immensely proud of the happiness and success that permeate our school. We warmly invite you to share in this experience and become a valued member of our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'F. Adak'.

Headteacher  
NLGS



# North London Grammar School

At **North London Grammar School (NLGS)**, we are proud to be a well-established independent day and boarding school catering to pupils aged **4-18 years old**.

Our school is built on a strong foundation of **academic excellence**, **personal development**, and a **supportive community**, ensuring that each pupil reaches their **full potential**.

At NLGS, our approach is shaped by our core values, encapsulated in our motto: '**Bonitas, Scientia, Disciplina**' which is Latin for *Goodness, Knowledge, and Instruction*. These principles guide our commitment to providing a high-quality education, fostering curiosity, and instilling a sense of discipline and integrity in our pupils.

Recognised by *The Telegraph* as “**one of the top-performing independent schools offering outstanding education at exceptional value**”, academic achievement is at the heart of everything we do. Our broad and challenging curriculum is designed to nurture a lifelong love of learning. In 2024, an exceptional **54%** of our **GCSE** grades were **7-9**. This outstanding outcome places us within the **top 1%** of schools nationally, reinforcing our commitment for academic excellence.



**Partnering with  
OCN London: Ensuring  
Quality and Recognition**

NLGS is proud to partner with OCN London, a leading national awarding organisation for an extra layer of accreditation.

OCN London's **rigorous** accreditation process guarantees fairness and consistency in our students' assessments, providing them with nationally **recognised** qualifications.

This partnership ensures that our **bespoke** curriculum meets the **highest** standards of quality and relevance.

Through OCN London's additional accreditation, our students benefit from a curriculum that is both academically rigorous and **adaptable** to individual learning styles. Our curriculum is designed to provide our students with the **knowledge, skills**, and recognised qualifications they need to excel in their future endeavours. OCN London's expertise in credit-based units and qualifications allows us to offer **flexible** and **tailored** learning pathways, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to achieve their **full potential**.

# Our Three Pillars: *Bonitas · Scientia · Disciplina*

## *The foundation of everything we do.*

At North London Grammar School, our motto — ***Bonitas, Scientia, Disciplina*** — Latin for **Goodness, Knowledge, and Instruction** — represents the core values that shape our school culture and educational philosophy. These three timeless principles guide us in helping every student grow into a confident, capable, and compassionate individual.

### **Bonitas – Goodness**

We believe that every child possesses unique potential, and it is our responsibility to help them fulfil it. **Bonitas** reflects our commitment to nurturing their academic achievement as well as their personal development. We value fostering kindness, empathy, respect, and compassion; values that strengthen our school community and prepare our students to lead with integrity and contribute positively to society.



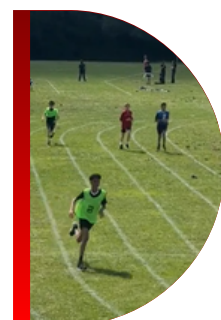
### **Scientia – Knowledge**

Latin for knowledge and the origin of the modern word science – **Scientia** stands for learning that helps students understand and make sense of what they study. We empower our students to think critically and actively engage with the world around them through independent discovery. We foster an environment where they are encouraged to question ideas, challenge assumptions, and develop their own thinking with confidence and purpose.



### **Disciplina – Instruction**

**Disciplina** encompasses both teaching and the development of self-discipline. While we are committed to delivering high-quality instruction, we also recognise the importance of guiding students to take responsibility for their own growth. Discipline at NLGS goes beyond rule-following – it involves cultivating self-motivation, focus, and resilience. Through this, students are equipped not only to succeed academically but to thrive in all areas of life.



## **What is a Grammar School?**

A grammar school is a type of school in the UK that offers academically focused education to **high-achieving students**. Grammar schools can be either public (state-funded) or independent (fee-paying) and they share a commitment to academic rigour and selective entry based on merit or ability.

At North London Grammar School, as an independent grammar school, we blend the **high academic standards**, typical of grammar schools, with the **personalised attention** and **enriched learning environment** of a leading independent institution.





# University Foundation Programme

## UFP: A Direct Bridge to University

**Gateway to over 165 universities across the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Greece, Spain, and Germany — with a 96% university placement rate.**

The University Foundation Programme (UFP) is an academic pathway designed to prepare students for entry into undergraduate degree programmes at UK universities. **Accredited at RQF Level 3** — equivalent to A-Levels — the UFP offers a flexible and effective alternative to traditional qualifications. It provides students, particularly those from international backgrounds, with the academic grounding, subject knowledge, and language skills needed to progress confidently into higher education.

| # | Subjects Offered                                       | Hours/Week |
|---|--|------------|
| 1 | Pathway Course   | 8          |
| 2 | English, including IELTS preparation                   | 8          |
| 3 | Mathematics  | 4          |
| 4 | Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)       | 2          |
| 5 | Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) | 1          |
| 6 | Physical Education and Games                           | 2          |

## Is the UFP Right for You?

The UFP offers a tailored route to university, especially well-suited to international students. It is designed to ease the transition into UK higher education by focusing on both academic and language development. Key advantages include:

- Designed to support international students in adapting and achieving success
- Accredited by OCN London\*
- Offers a flexible alternative to GCSE and A-Level routes\*
- Enables smooth progression to a wide range of UK universities
- Enriched curriculum focused on pathway courses and academic English

# Our UFP Pathways

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Your journey to university starts here!

## What Is a UFP Pathway?

A University Foundation Programme (UFP) pathway is a subject-specific route designed to prepare students for entry into particular university courses. For example, students aiming to study engineering would follow the Engineering and Computing Pathway, which includes subjects such as Engineering, Mathematics, ICT, and Academic English. Similarly, those interested in business would take the Business and Finance Pathway, focusing on relevant skills and knowledge.

Each pathway is carefully tailored to meet the entry requirements of related degree programmes, ensuring students develop the appropriate expertise and confidence to succeed in their chosen field of study.

At North London Grammar School, we offer four distinct **UFP pathways**, providing flexible options that open doors to a wide range of undergraduate programmes:

- Business and Finance
- Humanities, Social Science and Law
- Engineering and Computing
- Art and Design





# Business and Finance ↘

## Course Description:

Our Business and Finance pathway equips students with internationally recognised skills applicable across a wide range of industries. Students also gain a strong foundation in key business and financial principles, preparing them for further study or professional opportunities. The programme covers a core business and finance modules, providing a strong foundation in essential business concepts and practices.

## Course Units:

1. Business Organisations and Structure
2. The Business External Environment
3. Introduction to Marketing
4. Management and Leadership
5. Business Communication and Information Management
6. Business Financing
7. Financial Budgeting and Analysis

## Study Skills:

1. Finding and Reading Information
2. Essay Writing
3. Speaking and Listening Skills

## Course Length:

Full-time course – One Year

## Teaching methods:

Lectures, Seminars, Tutorials, Workshops, Educational trips.

## Assessment Methods:

Essays, Reports, Practical Exercises, Group and Individual Research Projects, Portfolios, Oral Presentations, Seminar Discussions, Class Tests, Problem Solving Exercises, and Activity-Based Assignments.

## University Destinations and Degree Programmes:

This course will lead you to your preferred university where you can choose from a wide range of degree programmes, including; Business Studies, Business Administration, Management, Marketing, Finance, and more.

For a full list of degree programmes, please refer to page 13.





# Humanities, Social Science and Law

## Course Description:

Our Humanities, Social Science and Law pathway offers a broad foundation across three key areas: Humanities, Law, and Social Sciences. The Humanities component explores subjects such as History, Media, and Literature while The Law and Social Sciences element focuses on human behaviour and societal structures, introducing students to Psychology, Law, Government, and Political Science within the context of the UK.

## Course Units:

1. Introduction to the Law
2. Ways of Living, Ways of Seeing.
3. Introduction to Primary and Secondary Sources
4. Introduction to Sociology
5. International Politics
6. Introduction to Psychology
7. Introduction to Anthropology

## Study Skills:

1. Finding and Reading Information
2. Essay Writing
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## Course Length:

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## University Destinations and Degree Programmes:

This course will lead you to your preferred university where you can choose from a wide range of degree programmes, including; International Relations, Media, Politics, Sociology, Anthropology, History, Psychology, Law, and more.

For a full list of degree programmes, please refer to page 13.





# Engineering and Computing

## Course Description:

Our Engineering and Computing pathway provides a comprehensive introduction to engineering principles and computer-aided design, equipping students with the foundational knowledge required for further study or career advancement. It fosters a deeper understanding of physics, exploring its key concepts and interconnections within the field. Students also develop technical and analytical skills, preparing them for higher education or a future career in these dynamic industries.

## Course Units:

1. Sequential Programming Concepts
2. Database Design
3. HTML and CSS Basics
4. Introduction to Computer-Aided Design
5. Introduction to Digital Microelectronics
6. Engineering Materials
7. Basic Electronic Skills and Measurements
8. Computer Networks

## Study Skills:

1. Finding and Reading Information
2. Essay Writing
3. Speaking and Listening Skills

## Course Length:

Full-time course – One Year

## Teaching methods:

Lectures, Seminars, Tutorials, Workshops, Educational trips.

## Assessment Methods:

Essays, Reports, Practical Exercises, Group and Individual Research Projects, Portfolios, Oral Presentations, Seminar Discussions, Class Tests, Problem Solving Exercises, and Activity-Based Assignments.

## University Destinations and Degree Programmes:

This course will lead you to your preferred university where you can choose from a wide range of degree programmes, including; Mechanical, Electronics, Control, Petrol, Software, Civil Engineering, Aviation, Computer Science, and more.

For a full list of degree programmes, please refer to page 13.



# Art and Design



## Course Description:

Our Art and Design pathway provides a dynamic learning experience, fostering discovery and exploration through practical projects, lectures, and study visits. It serves as a crucial transition in art, design, and communication, equipping students with the skills and knowledge required for higher education or professional employment. It aligns with progression opportunities at degree level and enables students to develop a subject-specific portfolio, strengthening their applications.

## Course Units:

1. The Design Process
2. 2D Visual Language
3. Aspects of post War and Contemporary Art, Architecture or Design
4. Painting Techniques and Processes
5. Drawing for Design
6. Drawing – Core Concepts and Materials
7. Sketchbook

## Study Skills:

1. Finding and Reading Information
2. Essay Writing
3. Speaking and Listening Skills

## Course Length:

Full-time course – One Year

## Teaching methods:

Lectures, Seminars, Tutorials, Workshops, Educational trips.

## Assessment Methods:

Essays, Reports, Practical Exercises, Group and Individual Research Projects, Portfolios, Oral Presentations, Seminar Discussions, Class Tests, Problem Solving Exercises, and Activity-Based Assignments.

## University Destinations and Degree Programmes:

This course will lead you to your preferred university where you can choose from a wide range of degree programmes, including; Architecture, Interior Design, Fashion, Fine Art, Product Design, Textile Design, and more.

For a full list of degree programmes, please refer to page 13.



# University Destinations

**UFP Pathways** Leading  
to Degree Programmes

**Proven Success:**  
**96%** University  
Placement Rate

Your Gateway to

**168+**

Universities



## Business and Finance Pathway:



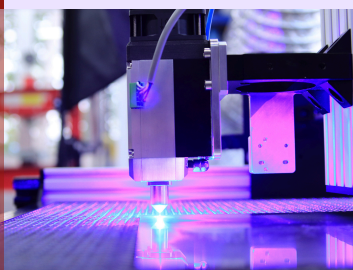
- Accounting
- Accounting & Economics
- Accounting & Finance
- Actuarial Science
- Banking & Finance
- Business Administration
- Business Economics
- Business Management
- Business Finance
- Business IT
- Business Studies
- Business & Marketing Development
- Economics
- Digital Marketing
- E-Commerce
- Economics
- Economics & Accountancy
- Event Management
- Hotel Management
- Investment & Financial Risk Management
- Leisure Marketing
- Management
- Management & Marketing
- Money, Banking & Finance
- Marketing
- Property Valuation & Finance
- Risk Analysis & Insurance

## Humanities, Social Science and Law Pathway:



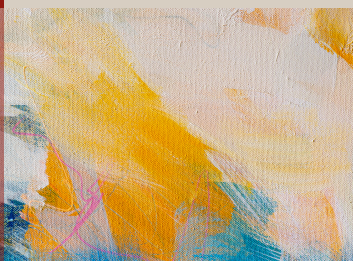
- Advertising
- Anthropology
- Business Law
- Criminology
- Development Economics
- Economics
- Education
- European Studies
- Film & Tv Studies
- Geography
- History
- International Law
- International Relations
- Journalism
- Law
- Law & Economics
- Law & Politics
- Mass Communication
- Media Studies
- Media & Cultural Studies
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Politics & Economics
- Politics & International Relations
- Politics & Social Studies
- Public Relations & Communications
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Theatre Studies

## Engineering and Computing Pathway:



- Aerospace Engineering
- Architectural Engineering
- Automotive Engineering
- Building Engineering
- Building Surveying
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Information Systems Engineering
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Computer Systems Engineering
- Quantity Surveying
- Construction Management
- Cyber Security
- Electrical Engineering
- Electronics Engineering
- Engineering Management
- Industrial Engineering
- Mathematics
- Maths & Computer Science
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechatronics
- Mineral Engineering
- Multimedia Technology
- Networks Engineering
- Petroleum Engineering

## Art and Design Pathway:



- Animation
- Architecture
- Design Technology
- Fashion
- Photography
- Fine Art
- Furniture Design
- Games Design
- Garden Design
- Graphic Design
- History of Art
- Design Photography
- Illustration
- Interactive Media
- Interior Architecture
- Interior Design
- Jewellery Design
- Landscape Architecture
- Model Making
- Multimedia Design
- Painting
- Photojournalism
- Printmaking
- Product Design
- Sculpture
- Set Design
- Special Effects
- Textile Design



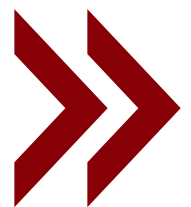
## UFP vs A-Levels

### Which Route is Right for You?

Choosing between the **University Foundation Programme (UFP)** and **A-Levels** is an important decision for students aiming for university study in the UK. While both lead to undergraduate entry, they differ in structure, duration, and entry requirements.

This side-by-side comparison outlines the key differences to help students and families better understand which academic route suits their learning style, future goals, and current qualifications.

It's important to note that **A-Levels** typically require a stronger academic background, including **high GCSE results or equivalent qualifications**, while **UFP** offers a **focused and accelerated** alternative that leads **directly to university-level study**.



*“I now have a clearer understanding of my goals in life and the subjects I need to pursue to achieve them. The teachers at NLGS have been instrumental in helping me make my decisions.”*

— An NLGS Student





## Explore your options with clarity

| Aspect                              | UFP  | A-Levels  |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>UK vs International Students</b> | Foundation programmes are primarily for international students.  | A-Level qualifications originate in the UK; Year 12 and 13 students in the UK mainly take A-Levels for university entry             |
| <b>Entry Requirements</b>           | More flexible entry requirements, accommodating diverse backgrounds.   | Specific subject requirements.  |
| <b>Duration</b>                     | 1 Year   | 2 Years (A-Level is divided into two parts: the Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level, and the A2 Level.                                   |
| <b>Language Support</b>             | Integrated language support for international and EAL students, including IELTS and IGCSE English.                               | Limited integrated language support for any students.   |
| <b>Structure</b>                    | Flexible curriculum, varied assessment methods (exams, coursework, presentations).   | Fixed subject choices, exam-oriented.   |
| <b>Adaptability</b>                 | Greater adaptability, exploration of diverse academic areas.   | Limited adaptability, subject-specific.   |
| <b>Assessment Methods</b>           | Combination of assessments including coursework and presentations. It will assess your overall success during your 1-year study. | The A-Levels programme relies entirely on exams, allowing you to concentrate solely on preparing for a final exam for each subjects |
| <b>Individualised Guidance</b>      | More personalised academic guidance.   | Less personalised academic guidance.  |
| <b>Focus</b>                        | Broader curriculum, exploration of various subjects.   | Specialised subjects, in-depth knowledge  |

# Why Choose the UFP at NLGS?

At North London Grammar School, we are proud to offer a **well-rounded** and academically **rigorous** University Foundation Programme designed to prepare students for the demands of higher education. Our **research-led** teaching, **supportive** learning environment, and **personalised** academic pathways ensure that every student is equipped to succeed at university and beyond.

- **Convenient Location** – easy access to Central London
- **Academic Quality** – consistent standards in teaching and assessment
- **Research-Led Teaching** – encouraging inquiry and critical thinking
- **Personal Development Planning** – tailored support to achieve goals
- **Additional Academic Support** to enhance subject understanding
- **Educational Trips** – real-world experiences linked to academic study
- **Multicultural Environment**
- **Unifrog\* Account** – free access to university and career guidance
- **English for IGCSE and IELTS** – focused language support for academic success
- **Library and Computing Lab** – essential resources for study and research
- **Comprehensive Induction** – smooth introduction to life at NLGS
- **No Uniform** – dress code applies
- **Campus Wi-Fi** – easy access to Wi-Fi
- **No Additional Exam Fees**
- **Free Office 365** – full access to Microsoft tools for learning
- **Airport Pick-Up & Drop-Off** – for international students arriving on an NLGS CAS visa
- **In-Person Instruction** – face-to-face teaching for effective learning



## \*What is Unifrog?



**Unifrog** is an all-in-one platform that supports students in exploring their interests and discovering the best options after school. It guides students through every step of their progression, including:

- Identifying potential career paths
- Recording achievements and activities
- Finding suitable education and training opportunities
- Preparing strong applications for universities, apprenticeships, and jobs

By using Unifrog, students gain **clarity and confidence** as they plan their next steps towards their goals.





# What Is It Like to Study at NLGS?



## Face-to-Face Learning Experience

At NLGS, our University Foundation Programme offers a rich, **face-to-face learning** environment that prepares students for the academic expectations of university life. With a strong focus on research-led teaching and English for Academic Purposes (EAP), students gain the subject knowledge, academic and study skills, and language confidence needed to thrive in higher education.



## Taught by Qualified Academic Staff

Our teaching is delivered by **qualified** and **supportive** academic staff using a range of methods, including lectures, seminars, tutorials, and presentations. These varied approaches reflect the university-style learning environment students will encounter in their degree courses, helping them build confidence, independence, and familiarity with academic expectations.



## Learning Beyond the Classroom

Our University Foundation Programme (UFP) may include inspiring educational field trips to major academic and cultural centres such as London, Cambridge, Oxford, Liverpool, or Manchester. These trips offer a rich blend of cultural immersion and academic enrichment, often featuring seminars, conferences, and opportunities to connect learning with real-world settings.



## A Holistic Approach to Preparation

The UFP at NLGS is more than an academic course — it's a full introduction to the culture and expectations of British higher education. By integrating **academic content, personal development, and cultural understanding**, we prepare students not just to enter university, but to succeed once they're there — and to take confident steps towards their future careers.



“As a parent of an international student, the UFP at NLGS was the perfect choice. It provided my daughter with strong academic support, personalised guidance, and the skills she needed for university. The one-year programme was focused and efficient, and she received offers from top UK universities. We're truly grateful to the dedicated staff who made her journey smooth. I highly recommend the UFP to other international families.”  
— A Former UFP Parent



## Student Services

### Support Beyond the Classroom

At NLGS, we are committed to supporting every aspect of your journey — not just academically, but personally and professionally. Our Student Services team offers a full range of tailored support designed to help you plan your future with clarity and confidence.

Through personalised career guidance, skills workshops, internship opportunities, and alumni mentoring, you'll gain valuable insight into your chosen field and the wider world of work. Whether you're refining your goals or exploring your options, we provide the tools, resources, and encouragement to help you take your next steps.

Our aim is simple: to help you build the confidence, knowledge, and direction you need to thrive — at university, in your career, and beyond.





## Personal Development Support

At NLGS, your growth goes far beyond academic study. As part of the University Foundation Programme, our Student Services team offers dedicated personal development support to help you thrive both at university and in life.

We'll work with you to explore how you learn best, reflect on your progress, and take an active role in shaping your own development. Through guidance, resources, and encouragement, you'll be supported in setting meaningful goals, building independence, and discovering opportunities to grow inside and outside the classroom.

This personal development support will equip you with valuable skills that last a lifetime — helping you succeed in your studies, career, and personal journey.



## Attendance

Consistent attendance is essential to your success on the University Foundation Programme. You are expected to attend all classes, lectures, seminars, and tutorials, and to participate actively in your learning.

Please note that attendance is compulsory and monitored closely. As part of our responsibilities under UK immigration regulations, we are required to maintain accurate attendance records. Regular attendance not only supports your academic progress but also ensures that you remain compliant with visa requirements.





## Personalised Career Support

### *Guiding Your Next Steps with Confidence*

Our dedicated career advisors work closely with each student to provide one-to-one support that reflects individual interests, strengths, and ambitions. Through regular consultations, you'll:

- Explore career pathways and university options
- Understand industry expectations and emerging trends
- Align your studies with long-term academic and career goals

This personalised approach empowers you to take ownership of your future with clarity and purpose.



## Building Skills for Success

Our UFP curriculum features a series skills development workshops designed to sharpen the essential academic and professional skill sets universities and employers value most.

- Sessions focus on core transferable skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, time management, and critical thinking.
- These workshops are tailored to help you succeed in university life and enhance your long-term employability in a competitive global market.



## Industry Insights & Networking

We bring real-world perspectives into the classroom through interactive events and guest speakers.

- Students attend lectures, panels, and Q&A sessions with professionals from a wide range of industries.
- These events offer valuable insight into different career paths and current market trends.
- Educational trips to UK cities including London, Oxford, Cambridge, Manchester, and Liverpool add a cultural dimension to your academic development and work-related experiences.



## Resources to Support Your Next Steps

To support your journey, we provide access to a robust library of tools and career development resources:

- Personal statement and CV writing guides.
- Interview preparation support.
- Career assessment tools to help you identify strengths and match them with degree options.
- Access to online job portals and career planning platforms such as Unifrog, giving you the edge when preparing applications or researching courses.



# » PARENT TESTIMONIALS



*"Having an older child and having experienced several schools, my time with NLGS has been by far the most positive. The school is well-structured, organised, and managed, with a caring and knowledgeable team. There is a strong sense of teamwork that really stands out."*

*"I am very happy with the school, and my daughter speaks so highly of her teachers. I'm extremely grateful that I chose NLGS for her education. I would wholeheartedly recommend this school to all my friends."*

*"My daughter is incredibly happy with her teachers and really values the opportunity to express herself. She's become more confident and now approaches her work with a positive attitude."*

*"My son started Year 7 at NLGS this year, and we are very pleased with our decision to enrol him. The teachers are very supportive, and my son always comes home with a smile on his face. I've already recommended the school to some of my friends, encouraging them to consider it for their children."*

*"Thank you for the support you've provided to my child as she adjusts to both the school and life in the UK. I wish all the best to the staff and students for continued success."*

*"A school where students have a sense of belonging and feel valued, welcomed, and part of a family."*

*"Our son moved to NLGS from another school, and it has truly been the best decision we've made for him. The teaching is of the highest standard, and the staff are professional and genuinely caring and supportive of their students."*

*"NLGS is a fantastic, progressive school that provides a wonderful environment for children to thrive. One of my most memorable experiences was the school dinner with students' families, which was open to the whole school and their loved ones. The food was excellent (as always), and the atmosphere was warm and welcoming. We will truly miss the team after our son finishes this year, and I would be honoured to join the board of governors to contribute to the school's continued success."*





# Learning Beyond the Curriculum

## Educational Trips and Work Experience

### Building Skills for the Future

#### ***Bridging Theory and Real-World Application***

Educational trips and work experience placements are a vital extension of classroom learning, offering real-world contexts, helping students connect their academic studies with professional and cultural environments.

#### ***Building Confidence and Career Readiness***

Through exploring business settings, and participating in a structured work placements, students reinforce classroom learning develop confidence, career awareness, and transferable skills, foster critical thinking, broaden cultural awareness, and equip students with valuable skills for university and future careers.

At **NLGS**, we believe that learning should **extend** beyond textbooks and curriculum.

Our educational trips and work experience placements are carefully planned to **enhance** subject knowledge, **deepen** understanding, and **bridge** theory with practical application.



“As a boarding student at NLGS, I’ve found the atmosphere warm and welcoming. The supervisors are supportive and fun, and there’s always something going on — from reading sessions and movie nights to football. Boarding here is both enjoyable and engaging.”

— An NLGS Boarding Student





## Premium London Experiences

### *Extended Opportunities for Global Perspective*

As part of the University Foundation Programme, students at NLGS have the opportunity to take part in London-based educational tours and work placement experiences, offering access to world-renowned institutions, cultural landmarks, and industry-specific settings.

Designed to enrich subject knowledge and inspire ambition, these experiences give students a broader perspective on global education and career pathways, all while immersing them in the academic and cultural life of one of the world's most dynamic cities.

### **Educational Trips**

Our trips are designed to align with each student's academic focus, offering practical insight into how their subjects function in real-world industries. These are just a few recent examples:

- Business and Finance students visited Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, exploring sports marketing, operations, and brand management, followed by a tour of the Warner Bros. Studios, where they discovered how the entertainment industry integrates finance, production, and merchandising.
- Engineering and Computing students toured the Mini Cooper Factory, observing first-hand how modern manufacturing and design processes are brought together through engineering innovation and technology integration.

### **Work Experience**

Alongside academic development, structured work placements provide students with vital experience in professional settings. These placements help students explore their career options and understand the workplace expectations of their chosen fields:

- Business and Finance Pathway students have undertaken placements with finance firms, marketing agencies, and event companies – developing their understanding of business operations, financial planning, and customer engagement.
- Engineering and Computing Pathway students gained experience at tech companies and engineering firms, working on real projects involving software development, robotics, and product design.





## Accommodation Options

### NLGS Boarding

#### *A Supportive and Comfortable Home Away from Home*

At North London Grammar School, we understand that a student's living environment plays a vital role in their academic success and personal development. That's why we offer two high-quality accommodation options: NLGS **Boarding** and **Homestay**, both designed to provide a safe, comfortable, and enriching experience.

#### *A Structured, Supportive Residential Community*

Our on-site **Boys' Boarding House** provides the ideal setting for students to thrive both academically and personally. It is more than a place to stay – it's a foundation for independence, responsibility, and lifelong friendships. With **well-furnished** bedrooms, a communal lounge, a quiet study library, social spaces, and a TV room, students can enjoy a balanced environment that supports study, rest, and recreation.

#### **Boarders benefit from:**

- Fresh, nutritious meals prepared daily on-site
- A calendar of extracurricular activities and organised trips to destinations across London and beyond
- A warm, inclusive atmosphere that supports emotional well-being and academic focus

*Our **dedicated** boarding team provides round-the-clock **care** and **guidance**, with a live-in staff **ratio of 1:10**, ensuring individual attention and **consistent** pastoral support.*



## Homestay Accommodation

### *Immersive Living with Trusted Host Families*

For students who prefer a more **family-oriented** experience, our homestay programme offers the opportunity to live with carefully selected host families across London.

Through our trusted partner organisation, each home is vetted through a rigorous screening process to ensure a safe, welcoming, and well-matched environment.

Homestay offers:

- Private, furnished rooms
- Daily home-cooked meals
- A chance to practise English in real-life settings
- Insight into British culture and daily life within a family atmosphere

This option is ideal for students seeking a **culturally immersive** experience while maintaining the structure and support essential for academic success.

*At NLGS, we understand that a **nurturing** living environment is just as important as academic **excellence**. Whether you choose the independence of boarding or the family experience of a homestay, our commitment remains the same: to provide every student with a **safe, supportive, and enriching** home in London.*

*We work closely with each student to ensure their accommodation choice aligns with their personal needs, helping them settle in with **confidence** and focus fully on their academic and personal **growth**.*



“ Studying at NLGS was a truly enriching experience. The teachers offered personalised support and took a genuine interest in my progress. The pastoral care and student services were outstanding, providing both academic guidance and personal encouragement. Being based in London meant access to world-class cultural and professional opportunities. Educational field trips brought our learning to life, and the school also supported me with my university placement that gave me valuable real-world experience. ”  
— A UFP Student



## Dress Code for UFP Students



### **Professional Appearance for a Professional Pathway**

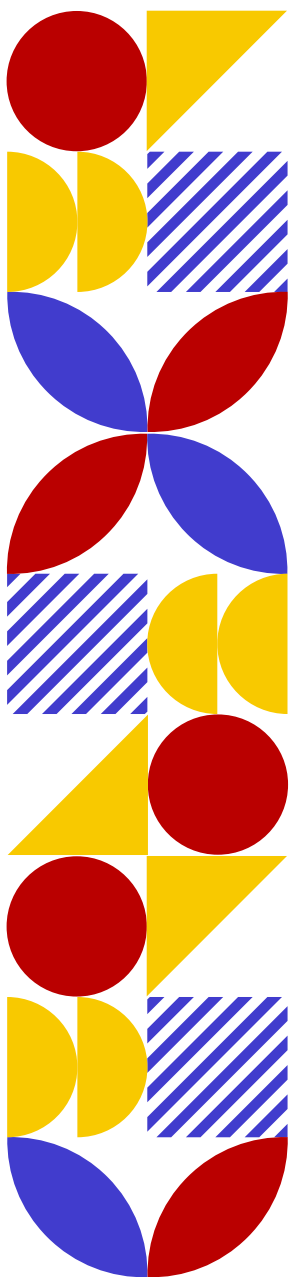
At North London Grammar School, University Foundation Programme students are expected to present themselves in a smart and professional manner each day.

While school uniform is not required, our UFP students are role models within the school community and ambassadors of the academic environment. Their dress and conduct should reflect the maturity and responsibility associated with their senior status.



Our dress code is designed to mirror the standards of professional or academic settings, encouraging students to cultivate habits that will serve them well in university and in their future careers.





## General Expectations:

Students must wear attire that is suitable for a formal learning environment, suitable for formal, day-to-day professional settings.

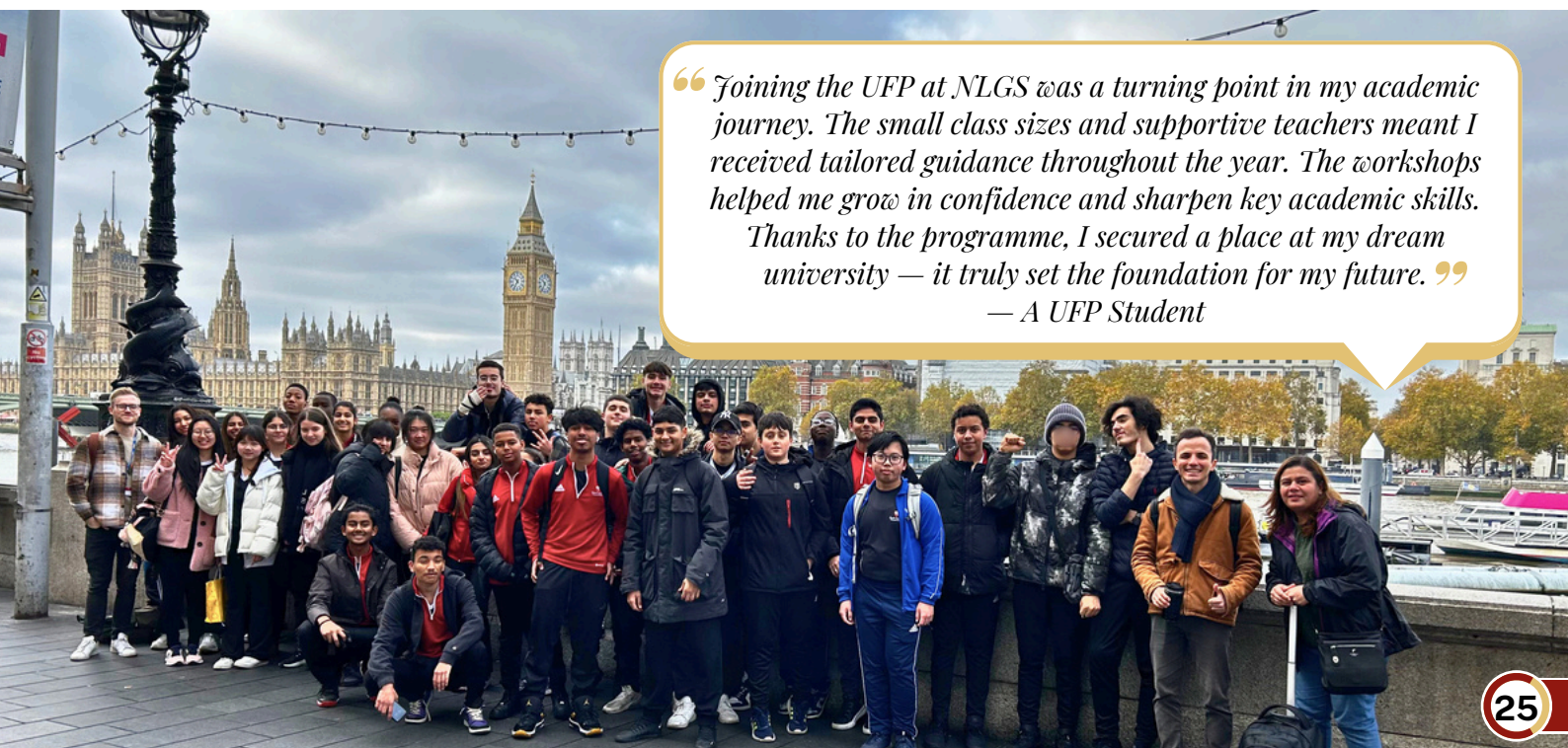
- **Formal wear is encouraged**, such as tailored suits, smart trousers or skirts, and collared shirts.
- **A formal jacket or blazer** must be worn when moving around the building and during assemblies (this can be removed in class).
- **Lanyards** are provided, which must be visible at all times while on school premises.
- **Smart shoes** in dark leather (or equivalent) must be worn — no trainers or casual footwear.
- **Hair** must be kept neat and of a natural colour.

## Clothing Guidelines:

- **Trousers** must be tailored and not tight-fitting.
- **Shirts, blouses, or smart tops** (boys' shirts must have collars).
- **Skirts or dresses** must be at or below knee length.
- **Jumpers** (crew, v-neck, or turtleneck) are acceptable when smart in appearance.

## Jewellery, Makeup, and Accessories:

- Earrings should be **small and lightweight**.
- **One discreet necklace or chain** is permitted.
- Rings and bracelets should be **minimal** and non-distracting.
- Makeup must be **subtle and professional**.
- Nail varnish is permitted — maximum of **two colours** only.
- Acrylic or false nails must not exceed **2cm in length**.
- Synthetic eyelashes must appear **natural**.



“Joining the UFP at NLGS was a turning point in my academic journey. The small class sizes and supportive teachers meant I received tailored guidance throughout the year. The workshops helped me grow in confidence and sharpen key academic skills. Thanks to the programme, I secured a place at my dream university — it truly set the foundation for my future.”  
— A UFP Student





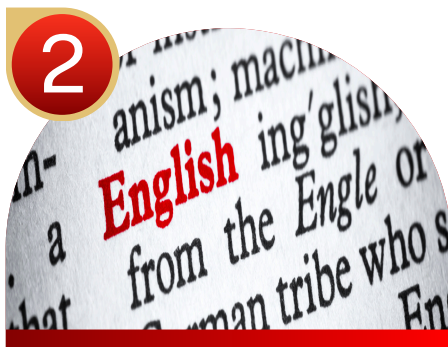
## Application Requirements



### Academic Background

We welcome applications from students aged **16 or 17** who have completed **Year 10 or Year 11** (or equivalent) in a recognised educational institution:

- English-medium schools
- Cambridge schools offering IGCSE qualifications
- IB schools
- Local state schools (*including those delivering education in the national language*)
- Any nationally accredited or private school recognised in the student's home country



### IELTS for UKVI

To study at NLGS as an international student, you are required to demonstrate English proficiency by providing a valid IELTS for UKVI test result:

- A minimum score of 4.5 in each component (*Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking*).
- This is essential for eligibility under the UK student visa system.



### Student Visas

All **international and EU students** (excluding Ireland) require a **Student Visa** to study in the UK.

Once your offer has been accepted and tuition fees paid in full, we will issue a **CAS** (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) **letter** — a vital document required to complete your visa application.

*Our **diverse** and **inclusive** approach ensures that students from a variety of academic backgrounds are **well-positioned** to thrive on our University Foundation Programme.*

# Step-by-Step Application Guide



## 1. Make an Enquiry

Begin your journey by completing the online enquiry form on our website. <http://northlondongrammar.com/international-school/>

Alternatively, email us at [admissions@northlondongrammar.com](mailto:admissions@northlondongrammar.com), or share your contact details and we'll reach out to you directly.



## 2. Submit Academic Transcripts

Provide your most recent school transcript and/or academic report as part of your application.



## 3. Meet the English Requirement

A minimum UKVI IELTS score of 4.5 (B2 level) in each component is required to proceed.



## 4. Attend an Interview

If eligible, you'll be invited to a Zoom interview with a member of our admissions team.



## 5. Receive Your Offer

Successful candidates will receive a formal offer letter outlining the next steps.



## 6. Complete Application Documents

You will be asked to submit a completed application form along with the required admission documents.



## 7. Secure Your Place

Confirm your enrolment by paying the tuition fee and returning your signed documents. Once received, we will issue your CAS letter to support your UK visa application.



## 8. Visa Confirmation

Once your visa is granted, please notify us at [admissions@northlondongrammar.com](mailto:admissions@northlondongrammar.com).



## 9. Arrive in London and Start Your NLGS Journey

Travel to London and start your course on the official programme start date. Welcome to NLGS — your future starts here.

## What is a CAS Letter?

The Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) is an electronic document issued by NLGS once your place is confirmed. It is essential for your UK visa application.

The CAS letter includes:

- Your full name and personal details
- Course title and duration
- Unique CAS number

## Important:



You cannot apply for a student visa without a **CAS letter**.

The CAS accounts for 30 out of 40 points required to apply for a Tier 4 (G) **Student Visa**.



# Getting to NLGS

## Transport Links

At NLGS, we understand the importance of safe, efficient, and accessible transport options for our students. Whether travelling from nearby areas or further afield, students can choose between our dedicated school bus service or excellent public transport connections.

## School Bus Service

Our school bus service offers a safe and convenient transport solution for students.

While not a door-to-door service, the routes are carefully planned to serve a broad catchment area, and may change yearly based on demand and traffic, with updates announced at the start of each academic year.

### Route 1

- Cockfoster
- Southgate
- Enfield Town
- Enfield
- Barnet
- Mill Hill

### Route 2

- Hendon
- Brent Cross
- Palmers Green
- North Finchley
- Finchley

### Route 3

- Wembley
- Harrow
- Kenton
- Stanmore
- Kingsbury

## Public Transport Access

Located within easy reach of key public transport links in North London, NLGS is well connected by bus, train, and underground services. This accessibility makes commuting simple and manageable for students who rely on public transport.

In addition, nearby underground and rail stations ensure easy connections from surrounding areas and central London. Students using public transport are encouraged to plan ahead to ensure timely arrival, as punctuality and full attendance are key to academic success.



Northern Line

Colindale Station /  
Hendon Central Station



Bus **324** stops at  
Colindeep Bridge,  
located right outside  
the school entrance.



Hendon Railway  
Station



Hendon Railway  
Station

# Discover London with Ease

## ***NLGS – Connected to the Heart of the City***

**North London Grammar School** is ideally located with excellent transport links across the capital. With **Colindale Station** and **Hendon Central Station** (Northern Line) just a short walk from the school, and **Bus 113** offering direct routes into **Central London**, getting around couldn't be easier.

Students can enjoy the best of both worlds — studying in a quiet, residential area while having quick and convenient access to **London's vibrant culture, world-class attractions, popular tourist destinations, and rich history.**

Whether it's visiting museums, enjoying the arts, exploring global cuisine, or relaxing in one of the city's iconic parks — **London becomes your extended classroom.**





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