



North London
Grammar School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Staff and Community,

There's a wonderful feeling of Christmas at school! Over the recent days we've been treated to the Senior Carol Concert, the festive Winter Fair, school wide Christmas lunch and just yesterday the delightful Junior Carols performances.

This is our final newsletter of Term 1. I'd like to thank the community for your continued support - its been a busy and rewarding term.

As we head into the holidays, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas to those who celebrate, and to everyone, a happy holiday and joyful New Year.

We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year!

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and restful break.

Mr. Fatih Adak

Headteacher



Winter Fair



Bring Festive Cheer to the Community

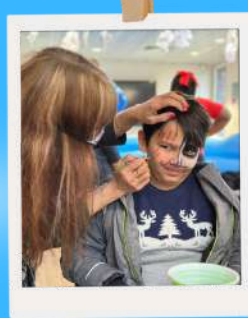
Thank you to our dedicated **Parent Association**, who contributed their time, energy, and festive spirit to bringing together families, friends, children and staff for a fabulous fun holiday gathering! The annual **Winter Fair** took place on Sunday, 8th December. There were so many fun activities to enjoy on the day from indoor games, creative arts & crafts, beautiful henna designs, face painting. There was a variety of delicious food and sweet treats. And of course the raffle with the fantastic prizes was a highlight!





Winter Fair

The whole school gathered for the Winter Fair amidst Storm Darragh outside to enjoy the festivities of the season. Check out these photos of all the great activities, games, musical performances and delicious food from the fun filled day.





**Total
Raised
£585**

All proceeds from the Winter Fair will be used to support the PA chosen charity.

On behalf of the Parent Association

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you: parents, students, teachers, and school admin staff members, for your incredible support during this year's Winter Fair.

To our wonderful parents, your contributions of time, resources, and enthusiasm made all the difference. From setting up stalls and donating items to running activities and cleaning up afterwards, your dedication ensured the fair's success.

To our fantastic students, thank you for your energy, creativity, and participation. Whether you were helping with activities, entertaining attendees, or simply enjoying the fair with your families and friends, your presence brought warmth and joy to the event.

Together, we created a truly memorable Winter Fair that celebrated the spirit of our school community. The funds raised will directly benefit our students as well support our chosen charity.

Thank you once again for being such an integral part of this event. We couldn't have done it without you, and we look forward to your continued support in the future.

Wishing you a wonderful and restful Xmas break.

The Parents Association 🎄



School Choir Performance





IMPORTANT DATES

- 7th Jan** First day back to School, Spring Term
- 17th Jan** Junior School trip to Houses of Parliament
- 29th Jan** Chinese New Year



Sauren Y11 Wins Bronze Swimming Medal

Congratulations to **Sauren** Year 11 for winning the bronze medal in the 50m butterfly at this year's ISA National Swimming Competition. This is a fantastic achievement, made even more impressive as he competed in the Year 11 to 13 age category, racing against athletes one or two years older than him. Well done, Sauren!



Selected as Featured School

We are thrilled to announce that NLGS has been selected to participate in the 2025 VIAM (Voice in A Million) Concert at the iconic OVO Arena Wembley! We will perform alongside just three other schools on stage as part of the mass choir to sing Coldplay's song, Yellow. This is a truly incredible opportunity for our school choir to showcase their talent on such a prestigious platform. Congratulations to **Ms. Morgan** and the NLGS choir for their hard work and dedication in achieving this remarkable honor!



Shaping Futures - Career Assemblies at Senior School

Our gratitude to NLGS parents **Dr Shahid Khan**, Consultant Physician and **Dr. Nasim Rouhani**, Consultant dermatologist for visiting the Senior school to deliver insightful **Careers Talks** at our assemblies. By sharing your knowledge and experiences, you have inspired our young learners to think ambitiously about their career possibilities.





Santa visits NLGS

The school was brimming with holiday spirit as students and staff came together for a whole school Christmas lunch. Dressed in their colourful Christmas jumpers, everyone enjoyed a lunch accompanied by crackers and festive music. A special highlight of the day was a visit from Santa, who handed out chocolates to students who had behaved well and had a great year. Adding to the festive fun, Senior students entertained everyone with a lively karaoke session.

Total
Raised
£275





Visit to Aladdin Panto

.....Oh yes they did!

On 2nd December, Junior students went to see the Aladdin Pantomime at Watford Palace Theatre. **Meryem** Year 5 was chosen to go on stage to participate. It was a fun time out for everyone with loads of good laughs.



A Magical Evening at the Senior Christmas Concert

On 5th December the **Senior Christmas Concert** was a wonderful showcase of talent and festive spirit, attended by parents, staff, and students. The evening featured an array of performances, from the choir to instrumental pieces, capturing the magic of the holiday season.

A special highlight was the piano performance by **Yacob Chan**, a returning alumnus. We are incredibly grateful to Yacob for sharing his music with us.





A festive Celebration at the Junior Christmas Concert

It was wonderful to see our diverse and inclusive school community come together to celebrate the festive spirit with delightful performances from the Junior School. The children sang their hearts out to classics like Ding Dong! Merrily on High, Deck the Hall, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and Jingle Bell Rock. They even learn't sign language to accompany some of the songs. The afternoon concert concluded with a lively and interactive rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas, which had everyone singing and waving song cards in the air. What a way to end the term!



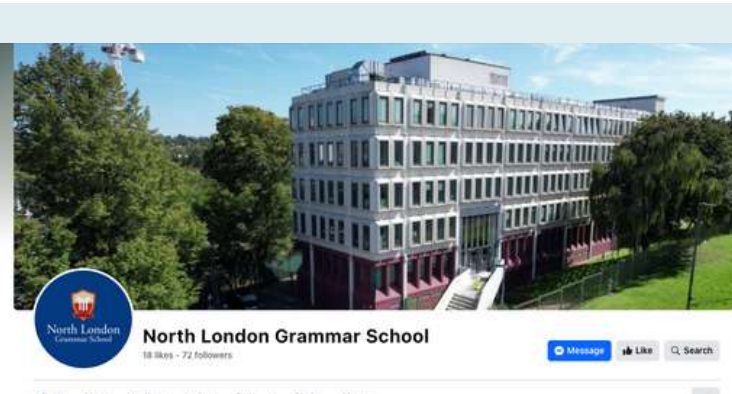
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the support of
our parents
and families.



Online Safety Awareness for Parents

In today's digital age, ensuring children's safety online is more important than ever. To support parents in navigating this complex landscape, we are pleased to offer access to an **Online Safety Awareness Webinar**, designed to provide practical tools and advice for protecting children in the digital world.

We encourage parents to make use of this opportunity to deepen their understanding of online safety. To review the webinar please review the parent mail shared with you on 27 November 2024. Thanks for your support



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Top Tips - Hear From Our Staff Experts

Here are some top tips from Ms Asaria as we end the term and go into the winter break.

As a teacher passionate about family time and creating lasting memories, I wanted to share some thoughtful and fun ways to spend the holiday season together.

1. **Photo Memories Project:** Go through photos on your phones and decide on a few to convert into fridge magnets or a personalised calendar for 2025.
2. **Build Together:** Work on a model kit, LEGO set, or craft project as a family. Collaboration sparks creativity and strengthens bonds.
3. **Culinary Adventures:** Explore three new recipes or foods together. Dive into recipe books or cooking shows for inspiration.
4. **Indoor Camp-Out:** Transform your living room into a cosy campsite. Set up blankets, pillows, and sleeping bags, and enjoy a movie marathon.
5. **Nature Walks:** Bundle up and take winter walks with family and pets. Fresh air and movement are perfect for recharging together.
6. **Digital Detox:** Try putting away phones for 24 hours. Use the time to reflect on how it feels to be unplugged and present.
7. **Time Capsule Journal:** Write a journal entry to your future self about your life at this moment. It's a meaningful way to capture memories and reflect on personal growth.

This holiday season, cherish the gift of time together. Enjoy these simple, cosy activities and create memories that will last well into the new year!

Decide on one thing you want to do this holiday and make it happen!



Ms. Asaria
Head of Year and
Business Studies
Teacher



Measuring Our Love for Reading

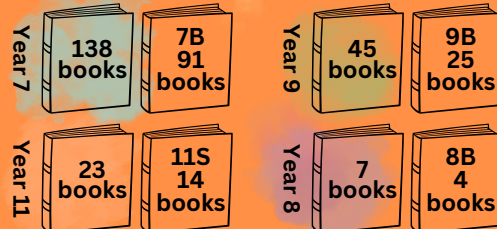
Take a look at our Library Data from Senior and Junior School

Senior Library

The senior library has been collating borrowing statistics for this school year. Year 7 borrowed the most books, while Year 10 borrowed the least, with only 6 books. Sarah Cherifi in 7B is the top borrower, having issued 21 books so far this year! We have also added about 85 new books to the collection, many of which students have already enjoyed. Take a look at the overall borrowing statistics.



216
Total books issued



Junior Library



North London Grammar School Reads!

In November 2024, students have read...

92 Books

1,476,922 Words

for **24 minutes/day!**
(individual student average)

RENAISSANCE
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The 2025 Reading Challenge

Senior students you have been set a challenge for the next term.

Read a book or three each month with fulfil the themes. You can read fiction or non-fiction books, magazines, articles, graphic novels, manga, poetry or blog posts. As long as it fits the theme you can read it!

One book per theme!

Complete a review of what you have read and hand it to **Miss Whitaker**, Librarian for earn extra points.

January

- A book set in winter.
- A book based around mythology that is not Greek or Roman myths.
- A book which is popular on BookTok (TikTok) or Bookstagram (Instagram).

February

- A love story.
- A book set in China or written by a Chinese author.
- A book with a dragon in it.

March

- A book set in Ireland or written by an Irish author.
- A book which takes place in a natural location (forest, ocean etc.).
- A book about books.

April

- A book where the main character has autism or is written by an autistic author.
- A book set in space.
- A book which has been translated into English from another language.

May

- A book about family.
- A book with a bee on the cover or in the title.
- A book set in a country you would like to visit.

June

- A book that has LGBTQIA+ representation.
- A book about friendship.
- A book set at sea.

There will be merits and prizes awarded!

Sign up with Miss Whitaker!

Each thing read earns you a point

HISTORY HISTORY HISTORY WEEK



Monday, 25th November to Friday, 29th November was History Week in the Junior school! Children participated in a range of activities throughout the week to foster an appreciation for History.

On Monday, they were detectives trying to solve a historical murder! They used their inference skills to interpret various sources and work out who the victim was, who the murderer was and the motive behind it.



On Tuesday, they participated in an archaeological dig. They used tools and gently scraped layer by layer away to discover artefacts from Ancient Greece, Egypt and Rome as well as the Stone Age and Viking times.



On Thursday, we travelled through space and time! Children moved around the classrooms solving puzzles from different time periods to earn stamps for their time-travel passports.



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We ended History Week with a fashion show; children dressed up as a historical figure and prepared a presentation to their class about their significance.

Meet our Senior School Prefects



We are delighted to introduce you to our **Senior School Prefects**, a group of dedicated students who play a vital role in shaping the school culture our student community. Serving as role models for their peers, our prefects exemplify the values and standards we strive to uphold at NLGS. Our prefects have shared a little about themselves, their roles, and what being a prefect means to them.



Missing Senem in the group photo

The Senior Prefect Team

Head Girl - **Zara Lilly**
Deputy Head Girl - **Melek**

Head Boy - **Paul**
Deputy Head Boy - **Trishal**

Year 10 Prefects: **Roshni and Zaid**
Year 9 Prefects - **Ador and Senem**

Head Boy - Paul

Hello, my name is Paul, and I have taken on the position of Head Boy at NLGS. Being head boy is a privileged job with many responsibilities which involve invoking and representing the school's values and manners through being a role model for all students at NLGS. I have accomplished this in numerous tasks, such as contributing in public events, such as open evenings or speeches during special programs and events. The privileges of being Head Boy allowed me to enhance the experiences of those who struggle and are intrigued in science, allowing me to run a club where I can enrich and offer students with lessons on science allowing them to reach their academic goal for science.



Head Girl - Zara Lilly

As head girl I have to take on multiple responsibilities and opportunities. This is present where I had to deliver multiple speeches through my time as head girl, such as in parents evening and in the Scholars club evening. Furthermore my efforts have not been limited to only speeches, but also clubs. I am currently the leader of a chess club hosted in lunch breaks where I have to manage my group while setting them up with activities and making sure that students arrive on time. As head girl responsibilities and accountability for your actions is a requirement, however the reward of personal satisfaction is worth the extra work.



Congratulations!

Y5 & 6 Shine in Primary Maths Challenge Final

Students in Years 5 and 6 participated in an exciting Maths Challenge, and on the 28th November, the final contest took place.

The Primary Maths Challenge paper has 25 questions. Twenty of these are multiple choice. The questions are graded, starting with easy ones and graduating to more complex questions. The final five require an answer where no choices are given.

Congratulations to all who took part!

Sultan Y6
Aryan Y5



Mukhsin Y6
Selman Y6
Cila Y6
Maitri Y6



Omer Y6
Kerim Y6
Bianca Y6
Ayman Y5
Esen Y6
Latifa Y6



Junior Fitness

The Junior school enjoy a lively off-site PE session, engaging in different challenging activities at a nearby field. At NLGS we are committed to providing varied and challenging physical education as a key part of the curriculum.



Doughnuts for Charity

Senior students hosted a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale to raise money for the Wings of Hope charity. The doughnuts were a much-needed and delightful treat during break time and sold out quickly.

A total of £52.15 was raised for this worthy cause!



Victory for Year 7 Netball.

On Wednesday, 4th December, the Year 7 Netball team played their very first match against King Alfred's Year 7 team. Despite feeling nervous, they approached the game with enthusiasm and determination. After a great warm-up, they started with a strong 'will to win,' their camaraderie and communication on the court were evident. They emerged victorious with an 11-5 win, which was a huge confidence boost for the girls. We are excited to see their continued success in the future. The goal scorers were Thanvika (9) and Cham (2), with Thanvika earning Player of the Match. Well done, girls!



Year 8 Netball

On Wednesday, 4th December, the Year 8 Netball team competed against King Alfred's Year 8 team. Although they hadn't played together for long and unfortunately lost the match, they displayed impressive determination. The girls are still learning to read the game, improve their movement into space, and enhance their communication as a team. More matches will give them the experience, confidence, and teamwork needed to succeed. The player of the match was Alara.



SPORTS



SPORTS FIXTURES

**U16 ISA London North
Table Tennis Tournament**

14th January

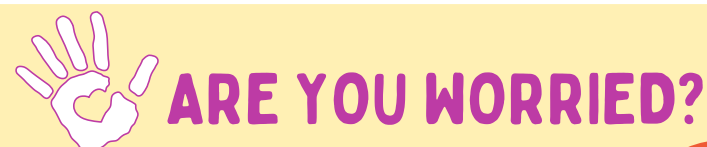
**U13 ISA London North
Table Tennis Tournament**

15th January

**U11 ISA London North
Table Tennis Tournament**

16th January

On Thursday, 5th December, the Year 10 Netball team faced off against King Alfred's Year 10 team. Despite the loss, the girls played well, showcasing some excellent set pieces throughout the game. It was their first match of the season, so they were a bit rusty at the start. However, their communication and ability to move into space for passes significantly improved as the game progressed. The goal scorers were Meryem and Roshni. The player of the match was Roshni.



All adults at North London Grammar care deeply about your health, safety, and well-being. We appreciate all children at our school, and we want to keep you safe and help protect your rights.

All adults at school are trustworthy individuals with whom you can speak at any time; the staff listed have been carefully trained to assist you and your family.



Ms Dhrona
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mr Adak
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mr Karatas
Boarding
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Ms Erdil
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Victory U16 Boys Football NLGS v NBH Canonbury

Match report written by student John-Samuel C. (Year 11)

Well the boys had a very positive approach to the match before it started and when the kick off happened, we were being pressed very heavily but the boys still kept calm and composed. No one was having a go at each other, everyone was just playing like a team, all supporting each other like brothers. The Midfield players were all very good and always supporting the defence and creating a lot of offensive opportunities. I can't forget to mention Yassine's brilliant saves as our goalkeeper, when I had thought that the other team was clearly going to score, Yassine had always surprised me with some excellent saves.

Our flank players were also amazing providing good crosses up top to our striker. Also the players who were on the bench, though they didn't play for long enough to warm up, they still played brilliantly blending in with the rest of the team comfortably. Our defenders were always under heavy pressure but never lacked composure. Overall, it was our mentality as a team for the reason of our 4-0 victory as we all played with much brilliance.



Player of the Match - John-Samuel

**Scorers - Omar M,
John-Samuel C x3.**



U14 Boys Football NLGS v NBH Canonbury

Match report written by student Muhammad.

In the U14 match against NBH Canonbury, played in regents park, we had a tight and rough game. It was a very fair game and both of the schools did very well but NBH Canonbury got 2 goals against us. In the first half, we had a very rough start and we conceded one goal. Near the end of the first half, our team started forming up and did much better. The second half started and we started doing very well, getting many chances and almost scoring. Unfortunately the other school scored a lucky deflection and the match was 2-0. The half ended and we lost. In conclusion it was a very fun and tight game but the other school got a lucky lead and won the game.

**Player of the Match
Muhammad**



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Wednesday 26 march 2025

Gonville and Caius College, University Cambridge

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Online qualification followed
with live final.
Competition open to ISA
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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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