

NEWSLETTER

23 MAY 2025 | SUMMER TERM

















UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge





On Thursday 1st May thirty Year 7 and 8 students took part in the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge. The challenge featured a variety of maths problems for the students to solve. And they came away with fantastic results with 3 golds, 8 silvers and 6 bronzes. Additionally, the top five scorers have been invited to represent our school in the Junior Kangaroo round on the 10th June.

In **KS4 Henry, Gorkem and Fetin** have made it through to the Pink Kangaroo and **Neo** to the Grey Kangaroo of the Intermediate UKMT Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who took part and for all of their hard work and dedication. It's inspiring to see such enthusiasm for problem-solving and analytical thinking across different year groups.

Year	Student	Certificate
7	Haneef	GoldBiS
8	Qianqian	GoldBiS
7	Kaoru	Gold

Year	Student	Certificate
7	Urmi	Silver
8	Alara	Silver
7	Maryam	Silver
7	Ethan	Silver
8	Siham	Silver
7	Leen	Silver
7	Omer	Silver
8	Priya	Silver

On the 9th May 2025, students from our STEM Club and KS4 enthusiastically took part in the Junior Physics Challenge, a national competition designed to inspire and stretch young minds. The challenge presented a variety of thought-provoking problems, most of which were rooted in the current GCSE curriculum. However, students who brought a broader interest in physics and a hands-on curiosity from practical lessons were able to shine even more.

The event not only tested their problem-solving skills but also aimed to deepen their enjoyment and engagement with the subject. We are incredibly proud of all the students who took part and showcased their passion for physics.

We look forward to receiving their results around half term, and hope to share their successes with you shortly afterwards.

A special thank you goes to Ms. Cimentepe for her organisation and support in making this opportunity possible.

Students Rise to the Junior Physics Challenge









STEM Club and KS4 Students Take on the Biology Challenge

Our Key Stage 4 students took part in the annual Biology Challenge - a national competition designed to inspire and stretch young minds in the life sciences. Organised through our vibrant STEM Club, students tackled a variety of thought-provoking questions that tested their knowledge beyond the classroom and encouraged deeper scientific thinking.



Results of the UK Biology Challenge!

We have achieved outstanding success with:

5 Gold

9 Silver

9 Bronze

11 Highly Commended

5 Commended

This is a remarkable achievement, especially considering the competition is designed for Year 10 students, and many of our winners are from younger year groups. They will receive their certificates next half term.

MPORTANT DATES

21st - 25th May Year 9/10 MUN to Poland

21st May Year 7 Parents Evening - 4:30pm

 ${\bf 26}^{\rm th}$ ${\bf May \cdot 1}^{\rm st}$ ${\bf June}$ Summer Half Term - No School

2nd - 10th June Years 7-10 Examinations

6th June Eid

13th **June** Whole School Trip; Junior to

Chessington; Senior to Thorpe Park

14th **June** Alumni Event - BBQ

26th June Junior School - Forever Treasure

Island Performance

Welcome!

We would like to issue a correction to the last newsletter, where an incorrect name was published. We apologise for the error.



Mr. Jackson ZhangScience Teacher



Open Morning Success

We had a good turnout at our latest **Open Morning on Wednesday 14th May**. It was fantastic to meet so many prospective parents interested in our new Reception, Year 1 & 2 provision. Many families commented on how confident, articulate and warm our pupils were.

Special thanks to our staff and student ambassadors who gave such confident and enthusiastic tours of the school. We're also very grateful to the parents who kindly helped serve refreshments - your smiles and support helped create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.









Inspiring Action Through Conservation

On Monday 18th May, **Mr Edward Mayer** from Swift Conservation presented at the Senior assembly. This inspiring assembly was brought to us by **Year 9 student Kian** and encouraged students to think about wildlife conservation and the role they can play in protecting our natural environment.

Kian is part of our Scholars Programme (More Able and Talented provision). Students in this programme are identified for their advanced thinking skills and a strong capacity for independent learning. To nurture their development, they are provided with additional challenge activities beyond the curriculum (known as quests), ensuring they remain engaged and continue to make exceptional progress.



"During my first quest for the Scholars Programme, I was fascinated by the geography option—to research and create a slideshow about sustainability. After some in-depth research, I reached out to Mr Mayer via email for a quick interview and learned some interesting facts about swifts and how they work. I was truly inspired by Mr Mayer—his passion for the environment and the depth of his knowledge made me even more enthusiastic about the topic. His insights helped me understand how something as small as a swift can play a big role in our ecosystems, and it motivated me to think more critically about the importance of sustainability."













Assembly on Kindness

This week we had a Senior Assembly on one of our pillars - Kindness.

99 in a world where you can be anything, be kind **99**Jennifer Dukes Lee

Let's be the reason someone smiles today \circ



Junior School 'Forever Treasure Island' Rehearsals Underway!

The Junior students have been busy rehearsing for this year's performance, Forever Treasure Island, which will take place on Wednesday 26th June. We have a special and exclusive glimpse of their exciting preparations and rehearsals from this week!

Students are working to perfect their lines, songs, and choreography. We can't wait for you to see all their hard work!

Some of our young actors will also have the opportunity to perform a segment of the play at the IGO Opening Ceremony at Oxford Town Hall on the 23rd June — a fantastic opportunity for them to perform at this prestigious location and in front of an audience of students from all over the world!

We'll share more details soon about performance timings and how you can attend.



Top Tips - Hear From Our Staff Experts

With exam season underway, it's important for students to take care of both their minds and bodies. **Ms Kansal from Student Services** provide some 'Top Tips' to help your child stay balanced, focused and kind to yourself during exam time.

- **Get Set, Go!** Start your revision with a clear plan. Make a timetable that works for you, breaking subjects into smaller, manageable chunks. Remember to include breaks and fun too it's all about balance.
- Take Proper Breaks Don't underestimate the power of a short break. Your brain needs time to rest and reset in between revision. Go for a quick walk, stretch, grab a snack or step outside for fresh air. Work for 45-60 mins, then break for 5-10 mins. Your focus will thank you later!
- Breathe First Feeling overwhelmed? Pause for a moment. Take three slow breaths, in through your nose and out through your mouth. It helps to calm your mind and body, even in the middle of revision chaos.
- Sleep Is Your Superpower Late-night cramming might feel productive, but quality sleep is what really helps your brain store what you've learned. Aim for 7–9 hours if you can, and wind down without screens before bed.
- Fuel to Focus The right food can make a big difference. Snack on things that give you steady energy fruit, nuts, toast, smoothies. And don't forget water! A hydrated brain works better.
- You're Doing Your Best Whatever the outcome, be proud of the effort you're putting in. You are so
 much more than a grade. Keep showing up, keep taking care of yourself that's success in itself.
 Your value isn't measured by a mark on a paper.



Ms. Kansal (Student Services)



SCIENCE MUSEUM

Year 9 Science Museum Visit

In order to bring the different sciences to life, Year 9s visited the Science Museum where at the Wonderlab they explored scientific concepts through immersive exhibits, live experiments and hands-on demos.

This visit gave the students the opportunity to connect their classroom learning with real world application.











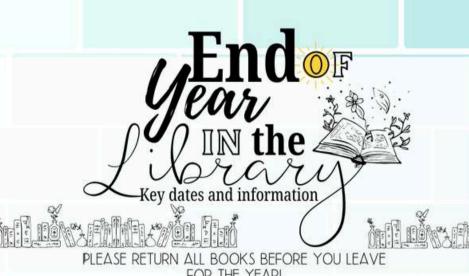






The Library Corner





FOR THE YEAR! Especially if you aren't returning next year

Year 10s and 11s:

- Can borrow books until the 4th of April
- All School Library books MUST be returned by the 1st of May.

Year 7s, 8s and 9s:

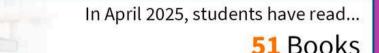
- Can borrow books until the 9th of June
- All School Library books MUST be returned by the 1st of July.



FOR THOSE RETURNING NEXT YEAR KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE SUMMER READING CLUB!



NLGS Junior School Reading



1,444,830 Words

for 32 minutes/day!

(individual student average)

Accelerated Reader*

Mental Health Week 2025



In the library, we created a display for Mental Health Awareness Week (12th-18th May). The display highlighted the importance of reading for mental health and the benefits it can bring.

We also shared a collection of fiction books that feature a range of mental health representations. To add an interactive element, we asked: "What book got you through?"-inviting students and staff to share the books that supported them during significant moments in their lives, whether positive or challenging.

Finally, to reflect this year's theme of 'Community', our student librarians created people paper chains to symbolise the strength and connection within our school community.



Celebrating Student Accomplishments

This week at Senior Assembly, we celebrated students for their outstanding achievements and commendable behaviour, which have earned them well-deserved Merit Certificates.

BON VOYAGE TO OUR MUN DELEGATES!



Bon voyage to our Model United Nations team! Our Year 9 and Year 10 students set off on Wednesday, 21st May for a 4-day MUN conference in Warsaw, Poland.

This exciting opportunity will allow them to develop their public speaking, diplomacy, and critical thinking skills as they represent different countries and debate global issues alongside students from other schools.

See the next issue for more photos and a student account of the event.







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.

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.



Mrs Dhrona
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mr Karatas Boarding Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr Adak
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Keeping

children safe



Mrs Erdil
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead