

AUTUMN TERM 2021

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What a year 2021 has been. Students have faced uncertainty, challenge and had their resilience tested. Here at NLA, I have seen students rise to this challenge admirably, commit to their learning, their roles as NLA ambassadors, and embody our values of Aspire, Community and Experience. Below, you will be able to read about the activities that our students have participated in this term. I would personally like to wish every single NLA student, family, staff and community member, a well earned Christmas break and I am looking forward to seeing what new heights we can reach as a school in the New Year.

Aspire, Community, Experience

This year we have redefined what it means to be part of NLA. We want our students to Aspire towards greater academic heights. Community is part of our DNA here at NLA, and we have been faithfully serving the local community since 2006. Experience is fundamental to aspiration, as it provides opportunity and opens students eyes to what is possible.

HERE'S WHAT'S NEW!

OUR VISION & VALUES

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HOUSE COMPETITIONS

At the start of the year, NLA's Inter-House Competition stood as follows:

1ST - MCGOUGH

2ND - LAPLANTE

3RD - RUSSELL

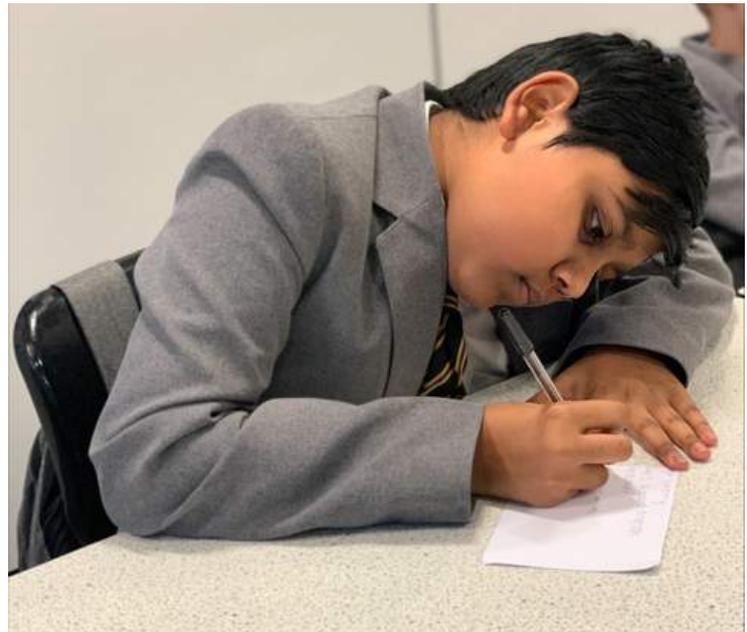
4TH - REDMOND

5TH - PATTEN

This term, Year 7 have travelled back in time to make castles in History, Key Stage 3 have been designing an app in Computing, Maths held a relay competition that would put Isaac Newton to shame and the PE Department held a dodgeball competition. In Technology, NLA's senior engineer is to be decided as is the winner of NLA's Bake Off. The Art Department has held a month long Christmas card competition and Performing Arts have been searching for the best dancer in Year 7's Just Dance.

Patten won Christmas Jumper Day with the most fun choices, while the House Christmas Trees are still to be judged. Forms have been decorating their form doors to reflect the festive season and creating Christmas Hampers to be donated to local families and the L6 Community Association.

**Which House will be on top in the New Year?
Keep your eyes on NLA's social media
platforms for the announcement.**



At the end of every term, we ask students to fill in Reverse Rewards cards to tell their teachers their best moments of the term.

Meet Adi in Year 7. He decided to write a message to his English teacher, Miss Phillips. Adi wrote,

'Thank you for making English really exciting with lots of activities that everyone can take part in'.

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ASPIRE

Year 11 students began the term embodying NLA's core value of Aspire as they attended half-term revision in droves. The cohort have displayed resilience and commitment after experiencing uncertainty and challenge in their GCSE and BTEC studies.

NLA Scholars have applied and been accepted onto the 2021-22 Inspire Programme for Years 9, 10 and 11, with St John's College, Oxford. The programme is entitled "Visions of the Future". Throughout four virtual classes the theme will be addressed from a wide range of different subject perspectives from across Maths, Science, Social Sciences, Humanities and the Arts. The programme will examine some of the key areas in which our world is changing in the 21st century, and the implications this has for our lives and our societies, as well as exploring how people have responded throughout history to periods of great change.

NLA held elections for Head Boy & Girl positions this term, with four Sixth Form candidates winning the ballots. In their roles, they have been leading NLA's School Council this term as they worked hard on an audit for the Eco Schools Award.

Over 700 NLA students have taken part in the national Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge. This involved tackling problem-based challenges that real Computer Scientists would face. This year we have had a record amount of NLA students across all age categories achieving elite status by scoring in the national top 10% in their age category. These elite NLA students will now attend an invitation-only virtual Oxford Computing Challenge in spring.

Selected Year 10 students were trained by Merseyside Youth Association this term to be Mentors in Violence Prevention. These students will aim to tackle issues such as violence, racism and bullying and lead sessions with Year 7 students about these sensitive topics.





COMMUNITY

During Bonfire Night, NLA opened its doors to over 1200 students, families and community members to come together and celebrate amazing firework displays. This was linked to Science lessons where students learned about the chemistry of fireworks and also considered big questions such as how do we see them?

Elf Yourself and Christmas Jumper Day were a huge success this term as students and staff accessorised their school uniforms, enjoyed lovely cakes and donated to the L6 Community Association. In total, over £300 was raised from both events.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we had to cancel NLA's in-person Winter Wonderland and Local Seniors Christmas dinner. However, our students and staff quickly rose to the challenge. Virtual Winter Wonderland was a great success with students and families logging in to celebrate the festive season together. There were quizzes and prizes, with Adi from Year 7, winning himself an Xbox One S.

NLA's Sixth Form Business students responded to the cancellation of the Local Seniors Christmas dinner in great fashion, creating and hand-delivering Christmas hampers to senior residents in the local community.

The NLA Computing department supported several KS2-KS3 outreach transition activities using our LEGO SPIKE prime robot kits. Students from The Beacon Primary School, Broad Square Primary School and Whitefield Primary School have been able to compete in Computing challenges to get a taste of using real-world technology similar to what NLA students experience.





EXPERIENCE

NLA Scholars have started their fencing journey, participating in weekly training sessions and experiencing this once in a lifetime opportunity.

NLA's rowing club have been back on the waters this term, with confidence levels high after completing capsized drills and training scenarios.

Key Stage 5 students have had the opportunity to visit local Universities this term, such as the University of Liverpool, Edge Hill and Hope. Students have been attending taster sessions for various subject pathways and gaining a sense of what the University experience entails.

Family History Club has had multiple successes as Ella in Year 8 received a letter from Windsor Castle after discovering that she is related to the Queen.

The group also visited Liverpool Central Library to search through the vaults of historical documents to research family trees and the local history of Liverpool.

The Walker Art Gallery visited Year 9 to exhibit and discuss their collections. Students also took part in a printmaking workshop exploring identity.

Debate Mate made a return, with Year 7 and 8 students attending events along with local Merseyside schools, experiencing live debates and listening to a guest speaker about the importance of using your voice.

Our Y12 and Y11 E-sports teams have been competing in national 'Valorant' and 'League of Legends' student championships. Our Y11 League of Legends team placed equal 4th out of over 40 teams. Well done! A new tournament starts in the spring.

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