

JANUARY – APRIL 2026

Dear students...

What an amazing term it's been! Throughout Nord Anglia, students have embraced new experiences, developed impressive new skills, and continually amazed us with their energy and imagination. Join us as we revisit some of the standout highlights from Term 1 on Global Campus and take a peek at what exciting opportunities are on the horizon...



Term 1 Highlights:



WELLBEING & SPORT

Global Sports Challenge

The Global Sports Challenge has now come to an exciting finish! This year, 45 schools and 21,924 students across our NAE family took part, exercising together and cheering each other on. You logged an amazing 139,227 hours of activity, which equals 417,681 miles, taking us around the world over four times.

Along the way, we discovered legendary athletes from many different countries and learned how their stories inspire people everywhere. We also saw how each of you stayed active in your own way and how your posts encouraged others to keep moving!

Thank you for being part of this global fitness journey. Your energy, teamwork, and enthusiasm helped make this our strongest challenge yet!



READ, WRITE, TALK

Pen Pals Cohort 1

Pen Pals was created to connect you to others so you can learn about the world and its people by sharing ideas, opinions, and perspectives. Through this, you will develop relationships through asking questions, working together, listening to each other, and discovering what makes each person unique. And what a first cohort it's been!

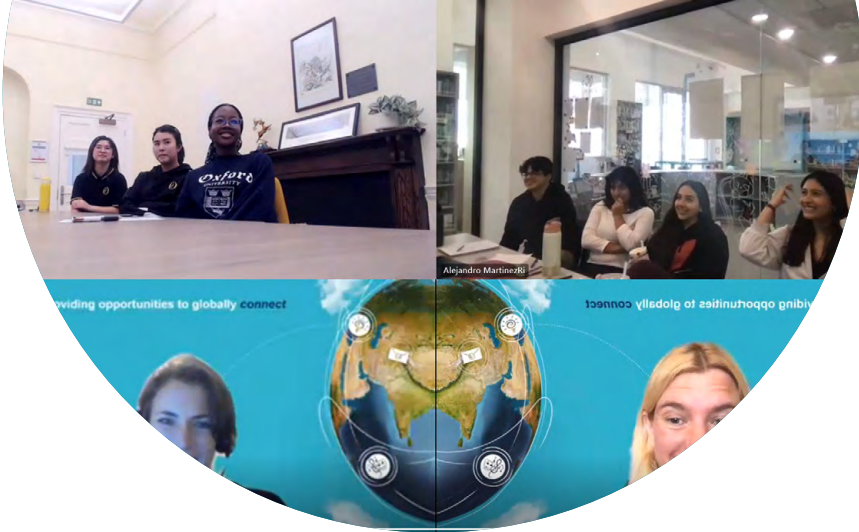
Students have been sending letters, writing emails, meeting on live calls, and learning about each other and the community in which they live. Pen Pals 25/26 has started with happy faces, kind words, thoughtful and interesting communications, and new friends.



ART, DESIGN & MEDIA

Photography Spotlight

You kicked off the year with the theme 'A View from My Window', sharing amazing snapshots of the places you live, learn, and explore. Over 1,000 photos were posted this term! It was incredible to see all the different environments across our global family and the creative ways you captured them. Be sure to explore the resources to improve your photography skills and share your photos for theme 2, which has already launched!



READ, WRITE, TALK

Debate Week 1

What a week! This was our most successful Debate Week ever! 22 schools took part in 26 debates; that's almost 260 students debating over just four days! We discussed big questions like: What's more important, being kind or being right? Is it better to be creative or knowledgeable? And what matters more, effort or confidence?

Every debater used their best persuasive skills to make sure every argument was clear, interesting, and full of passion! We can't wait for Debate Week 2 in February!



SOCIAL IMPACT

World Children's Day

We loved seeing so many of our schools celebrate World Children's Day on and around 20th November!

This year's theme was '*Hope*'; and students and teachers showed their creativity and compassion in amazing ways.

From leading assemblies and student takeovers, to writing campaigns, art projects, and clothing drives, you collaborated to raise awareness about children's rights and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Some of you even raised donations to help others!

Your teamwork and passion made this celebration truly special. Thank you for showing how hope can inspire change!



Coming Up This Term:



READ, WRITE, TALK

Pen Pals Cohort 2

There is still time for you to get involved with Pen Pals, and meet students from all around the world to learn about the people and places that make our planet special. Ask your teacher to sign your class up for Cohort 2 so you can start making new friends and discovering amazing things together.



READ, WRITE, TALK

Book Club

Book Club continues with new and exciting themes! January and February bring 'Learning Legends' for the International Day of Education, followed by 'Wonder Women' in March and April for International Women's Day. March also has a special World Book Day Sharing Wall where you can share how your school celebrates with costumes, decorations, and reading activities!

Each theme follows the same pattern. In the first month you post a book recommendation that fits the theme. In the second month, you read a peer's recommendation and join the discussion by sharing your thoughts. You can still share read-alouds and book reviews at any time!



PERFORMING ARTS

Juilliard Ask the Artist

The first Juilliard Ask the Artist: Molly Carr was launched back in September, and together you asked her over 1000 questions! Her reply video is now live for you to watch and get inspiration for questions to ask to our next artist.

Our second Juilliard Ask the Artist goes live on 7th January, and you will have until 9th February to submit your questions. The final artist of the year will be revealed on 1st April – so check back regularly to discover who the artists are and be in with a chance of having your question answered.

All Ages:



ART, DESIGN & MEDIA

Photography Spotlight

Photography Spotlight continues with another two exciting themes. The December and January theme, 'Looking Back, Moving Forward', is now live. Get out your cameras and think about how the past can help to shape the future. Take time to pause, reflect, and imagine what's next. You can take part by exploring the resources and then posting your photographs on the sharing wall!

From March to May, celebrate the International Day of Mathematics, through the theme of 'Angles and Curves'. Discover the hidden beauty of patterns, forms, and structures all around you. From bold angles to graceful curves, find ways to show the beauty of mathematics in your photography!



STEAM

MIT Challenges

The MIT Challenges are live and happening now! Step inside real labs, team up with others, and tackle hands-on problems that make a real difference. This year, the focus is on teamwork, so collaborate with others, get creative, and solve real-world challenges with guidance from global experts. All three challenges are open – Building Community; Building a Cure; and Building in Space – pick one, jump in any time, and keep going until April 2026!



LIFE, WELLBEING & SPORT

Life Lab

Open year-round, our Life Lab activity is an area for you to explore a range of different topics to help you in everyday life. In February, celebrate Children's Mental Health Week by exploring the Wellbeing Toolkit to find ways to celebrate the theme of belonging, such as 'Being a Friend', or 'Being a Care-taker'. When you feel that you belong, you will feel inspired to make a difference! What difference can you make?



Competitions



READ, WRITE, TALK

Writing Competition

Many students have already been busy sharing their amazing characters and local settings as inspiration for your stories. The next few months are an exciting time for the Writing Competition – your teachers will be busy choosing your school's winners, which will be published on Global Campus in the Longlist Showcase on the 4th February. Throughout February, a group of Nord Anglia teachers will be judging all the entries to choose their shortlist. On the 11th March, log onto Global Campus to discover the top four stories chosen for each age category – our guest judge Sam Sedgman will be choosing the winning stories from this shortlist! Have you entered your school's competition yet to be in with a chance?



ART, DESIGN & MEDIA

Art Competition

Students across our NAE family have been preparing their artwork by sharing ideas on the Art Competition Sharing Wall. Our guest judge, Laura Medcalf, a former Nord Anglia student and professional artist, has been giving expert feedback to help you improve your piece. There is still time to post your work, get advice, and make final changes before your school chooses its top entries!

Schools will submit their best pieces in each age category and you will be able to see them in the Longlist Showcase on 18th March!



PERFORMING ARTS

Virtual Young Musician of the Year Competition

Virtual Young Musician of the Year is back - this time with the opportunity to share your practice videos before submitting your entry into either the Popular Music & Musical Production or Art Music category. There's still time to share and get some tips from your fellow students on how to improve your performance.

Enter your school's competition for a chance to win and qualify for our global competition! The school winners from each category will be published on Global Campus in the Longlist Showcase on 25th February, so check back then to see all our talented Nord Anglia musicians!



**Ages 11
& Under**



OUR WORLD

Explore the World Through...

Explore the World Through... is open all year, so choose any theme and start sharing! Post a story, photo, or video that shows something special about your life, whether it is your school, food you love, or traditions you celebrate. You can also explore posts from other students across our NAE family and leave positive comments to connect with them.

The more you share, the more we learn about each other's cultures and communities and develop cross-cultural empathy!



Ages 7 +

PERFORMING ARTS

Feet First: Juilliard Dance Project

Juilliard Dance students have created videos of movement phrases that show just feet and legs, and your challenge is to create your own dance by making up moves for the rest of your body! You can develop the piece using your arms, head, hands, torso, and more, then revise and refine your movement, and add your own choice of music. After rehearsing and recording your dance, you can upload it to the Performance Sharing Wall to share it with the students on Global Campus.

You can dance on your own, or with others, and Juilliard has provided lots of strategies to help you choreograph your Feet First dance. You'll also be able to reflect with other students who are doing the project, share your ideas and how you developed your dance, and add your thoughts to the Reflection Sharing Wall.



READ, WRITE, TALK

Debate Week 2 & 3

Did you take part in Debate Week 1 and enjoy every second? Do you want to practise your debate skills against other passionate debaters?

Ask your teacher to sign up your Debate team for Debate Week 2 or 3 so you can develop your skills in persuasion, public speaking, and confidence.





READ, WRITE, TALK

Topical Talks

Do you enjoy public speaking? Would you like to learn from leading experts to discover how you can improve? Topical Talks is a place to learn, practise, improve, and support others. In January, learn from Courtney Orange, a former gymnastics champion, about how to use your voice and speak with confidence. Use the month to practise and refine your own talk, and receive feedback from other students. In February, upload your final talk to be in with a chance of receiving personalised feedback from Courtney himself! In March, the theme switches to credibility – making sure you are believed! Learn from adventurer and film-maker, Reza Pakravan and use the month to practise. In April, Reza will be commenting on your final talks – so make sure to upload them to April's sharing wall!

LIFE, WELLBEING & SPORT

Chess Tournament

This year's Global Campus Chess Tournament is shaping up to be one of the most exciting yet, with 82 teams from 55 schools battling it out across two categories: Under 11 and Under 18. After weeks of preparation, training tournaments and qualifying heats have already been completed, bringing out sharp strategies and standout performances from young players around the world.

But the competition isn't over yet! The repechage rounds and grand finals will take place in the New Year, giving teams a final chance to prove their skill and claim the GC Chess Tournament title. Stay tuned and get ready to cheer on your favourites as the ultimate chess showdown approaches!



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11+



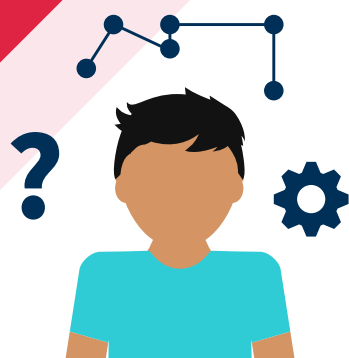
OUR WORLD

Share Your World Through...

Share Your World Through... is open all year, giving you the chance to show what makes your life, culture, and community special! Pick any theme and post a story, photo, or video about your school, favourite foods, local traditions, or anything else that reflects your world. You can also explore posts from other students across our NAE family, leave positive comments, and connect with them. The more you share, the more we learn about each other's lives, cultures, and communities!



Age 14 +



LIFE, WELLBEING & SPORT



IBDP Sharing Walls

IBDP Sharing Walls are open year-round and are a place to share your experiences, ideas, and questions about your IBDP journey – from TOK essays and Extended Essays, to CAS projects and course choices. Post your questions or advice, explore what other students are sharing, leave positive and encouraging comments, and connect with peers across the programme. Your contributions make the IB community stronger and help everyone learn from each other!



Your next GC Student Newsletter will be released in April, showing what's available from May to July.