



Northgate Council Bulletin

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What have we been up to?

Read some of our recent blogs:

- [Change starts with us – Northgate supports National Anti-Bullying Week](#)
- [Year 11 Winterton-on-Sea Fieldtrip](#)

Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin? Follow this link to read about all the exciting activities and news from last month. [December Bulletin](#)



Charity Corner

Thank you to those who contributed to the Poppy Appeal. Northgate raised **£18.62** to go towards the work of the Royal British Legion.



Friday 13th December saw staff wear their festive jumpers to support Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day. We raised a total of **£43.45** to go towards their important work with children in the UK and across the world.

Finally, well done to the Movember team at Northgate and Dereham Sixth Form who raised over **£900** between them!



Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate.

6th January
Spring Term begins (Week B)

7th – 22nd January
Year 11 mock exams

13th January
Mid Norfolk cross country

14th January
Modern and Medieval Languages faster day at the University of Cambridge - 10 Year 9 students

16th January
HPV vaccinations Year 9 Girls 2nd dose

20th January
Year 7 South Norfolk Football League Cup at FDC

21st January
Norfolk Schools Cross Country Finals at Langley
Year 9 Options Evening 6pm – 7.30pm

22nd January
Year 9 South Norfolk Football League Cup at FDC

29th January
Year 9 Parents' Evening 4pm – 7pm

Want to keep up to date with all the goings on at Northgate?

'Like' our Northgate High School Facebook page (@northgatedereham)



Follow us on Twitter: @NGateDereham, @NgateCouncil

Follow us on Instagram: NgateDereham





Northgate News

A big thank you to the Northgate News Team, Miss Lynn and Miss Breeze for a fantastic first edition of the Northgate News which you can read [here](#).



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Photo Time!

Here are some recent photos of events from our blogs, Twitter and Facebook page

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Time for Tweets

Here are our twitter highlights from December

- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham · 11 Dec
Both students and staff got into the festive spirit today while enjoying the Christmas lunch. #Festive #Christmas @EdwardsandBlake
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham · 13 Dec
A big thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Showcase yesterday and a huge well done to all the students who were involved. The Showcase included a variety of performances, including dance, drama and music performed by Northgate and Sixth Form students @DSFC1 #Christmas
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 12 Dec
A big well done and thank you to members of the School Council who supported Grove House's Christmas Fair this afternoon. They helped run the cake stall, tombola, sweet jar stall and lucky dip. We had some lovely comments from staff and parents. @NgateDereham #Christmas
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham · 17 Dec
9Aspire spent their English lesson today testing out the board games they have been creating. The games are based on popular board games, such as Monopoly and Twister, and aim to help the students with key components of their 'An Inspector Calls' revision. #AnInspectorCalls

- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 18 Dec
The School Council are excited to tell you about a new initiative starting in January 2020 - 'Bottle Free Friday'. Make sure you're in the know + read our letter [northgate.norfolk.sch.uk/wp-content/upl...](#) Support our campaign to reduce the number of plastic bottles at Northgate. #BottleFreeFriday
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham · 16 Dec
Well done to Mr Malin, Mr Jones, Mr Llewellyn, Mr Darlow, Mr Logan, Dr Barrett, Mr Davidson, Mr Ashfield and Mr Elphick who all took part in November this year. Together, the group managed to raise over £900! #November #fundraise #menshealth
- Edwards and Blake** @EdwardsandBlake · 20 Dec
Northgate High is joining Wymondham High with Bottle Free Fridays from January. This will reduce single-use plastic bottles by 23,700 in total across the 2 sites! @NgateDereham @WyHighAcademy #HeartOfEveryMeal #EliorCSR
- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport · 17 Dec
Well done to all our 7-9 pupils who embraced the new and exciting "tough mudder" style cross country course this year - including cargo nets and tyre runs #resilience #PhysicalChallenge
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham · 13 Dec
A big well done to Aimee, Year 8, who is the winner of our Christmas Card competition. Aimee received a £10 voucher to spend in the school art shop for her fabulous design. Also highly commended for their entries are Maddison F and Madison A, Year 9 #Christmas @DesignNorthgate

Leeway Christmas Appeal

At the end of last year, Year 7 and 8 students collected items for the Leeway Christmas Appeal. This charity supports those affected by domestic violence across Norfolk and Suffolk, including children. Year 7 student Dawson approached local businesses, collecting an amazing amount of donations. Dawson said, 'it is important to me to help people who can't be in their homes at Christmas time.'



Pictured also are Megan, Blake, Welly and Jacob, some of the students who also generously donated. Mrs Graves would like to say a big thank you to all of those parents and carers whose generosity will help make someone's Christmas a little happier.



House Competition

A big thank you to those who have contributed to the House competitions in the Autumn Term. Holmes have the lead into 2020, however we have all sorts of competitions coming up which could change the leader board.

Keep a look out for competitions you can get involved in during 2020: sporting, in specific subject areas, house quiz, the merit competition, and house tokens.

With the merits also included, the standings in the House competition are as follows:

ATTENBOROUGH	HOLMES	ROWLING	ROWLING
1930	1848	1947	1831
2nd	3rd	1st	4th

Merit Update

Congratulations to students for the bonus merits awarded from the second half term - 1115 to those who had 100% attendance, 543 for >95% attendance and 1335 to those with no negatives. This means that Hawking start 2020 in the lead in the merit competition.

Hawking	Attenborough	Holmes	Rowling
33.18	32.68	30.92	30.71

Follow us!

Lots of departments have their own Twitter Pages - why not follow them to keep up to date with what is going on?

@EnglishNGate, @ngate6music, @NGateLHub,
 @DesignNorthgate, @NgateGeography,
 @NothgateELF, @Ngatehistory, NorthgateSport

Attendance Matters



Congratulations to 7HR, 8AS, 9DNI, 10JSM and 11AR who have all won the attendance trophies for a two-week period during December.

Also well done to Nathan H and Maria K (Yr 7), Kyle E (Yr 8), Josh R (Yr 9), Lauren T (Yr 10) and Tilly S (Yr 11) who won the Amazon vouchers in the attendance raffle.

Thank you to parents/carers for supporting excellent attendance at Northgate.

Water Bottles

We have plenty of our plain or Northgate logo water bottles available to purchase via Parent Pay. They cost just £1.40 each so please help us reduce the number of single-use bottles at Northgate by ordering yours now. Remember students will need a bottle on 'Bottle free Fridays' (see page 4).





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What a busy term at Northgate!



What a busy term we've had at Northgate and a great start to the academic year. There has been all sorts of events, activities and trips our students have been involved in, including:

MacMillan Coffee Morning, 'Make your Mark' campaign, Matilda musical, Solana potato competition, Post 16 Options evening, Year 6 Open Evening, Art trips, Rugby festivals and sports matches, Iceland trip, House competitions, Anti-Bullying week, Year 11 Geography fieldtrip, Year 7 RE trips, GCSE Presentation Evening, MIND fundraising week, STEM challenge, tree planting, Christmas Showcase and more!

Thank you to students and staff for their amazing work this year, we look forward to what 2020 has in store for Northgate.

On behalf of Northgate's School Council we would like to wish students, staff, parents, carers and the community a happy and healthy 2020.

'Bottle Free Friday' - a School Council Initiative

Our Environment Team and School Council members are always looking at how the school can be more environmentally friendly and have worked closely with Edwards & Blake in recent months to reduce the amount of plastic in Café North. They have introduced plastic-free alternatives to cutlery and packaging however in a recent meeting with Mrs Galley and Dr Hone, students expressed an interest to go a step further.



A meeting was arranged with Edwards & Blake to look at the possibility of reducing the number of plastic bottles sold in Café North. Bonnie, Jimmy and Abby completed a number of tasks set by the team at Edwards & Blake to look at average sales of the various drink options and how much Café North would lose in earnings if they went bottle-free once a week. As a result of their calculations, we can reveal that over the course of a year over 8700 fewer bottles would be sold, many of which are used just once and thrown away.

To compensate for loss of earnings, they calculated the small cost increase of some of the food items sold in Café North. The team wrote a [letter](#) to explain their plan to parents/carers and staff, as well as creating posters and posts for our social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).

'Bottle Free Friday' will start on our return in January when no bottled drinks, cartons or cans will be sold in Café North on Fridays. Instead, students will need to bring in reusable bottles which they can fill up water from the water fountains or squash for 25p for a 500ml bottle in Café North. We believe that in time this will also make students think about buying bottled drinks, whether this be in school or out and about, and being more environmentally aware of their actions. We are also aiming to sell more of our plain

or Northgate logo reusable water bottles - available on Parent Pay for just £1.40.

We hope parents, students and staff can support this scheme in helping Northgate become more environmentally friendly, something our students feel passionately about and have worked so hard on.

