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Eco Special - be part of the solution!

In this bulletin we are celebrating a number of eco-themed projects and successes (see page 2). The Earth Summit team have just launched their social media campaign (on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) to get you all thinking about small actions and changes you can make to be more environmentally conscious. We will also be sharing on our Instagram and Twitter pages some top tips for #PlasticFreeJuly, an initiative to help millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution.



Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate. Please note these dates are subject to change.

6th July

Year 10 Parents Evening 4pm - 7.30pm run virtually via School Cloud (further information to follow)

8th July

Education Business Awards virtual awards ceremony

13th July

Transition Day for new Year 12 into Dereham Sixth Form

14th July

Sports Day

19th - 21st July

New Year 7 Transition Days

21st July

Last day of term - break up for summer

Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin?

Follow this link to read about all the exciting activities and news from last month. [June Bulletin](#)

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

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Follow us on Twitter: @NGateDereham, @NgateCouncil



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Northgate in the News

Take a look at this recent article from the EDP:

[Sir David Attenborough praises Dereham School's eco achievements](#)

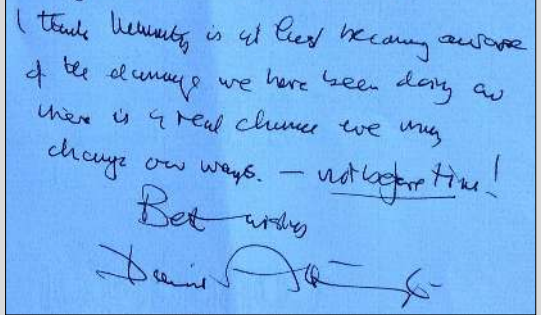


Sir David Attenborough praises Northgate's Eco Initiatives

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Northgate High School and Dereham Sixth Form staff and students have been inspired by a handwritten letter from Sir David Attenborough to do even more for the planet. In his letter he congratulates the school on 'all (they) are doing to help deal with the problems that humanity has created on this planet'. He adds, 'I think humanity is at last becoming aware of the damage we have been doing and there is a real chance we can change our ways'. As one of Northgate's House figureheads, Sir David Attenborough has inspired so many people, along with our students, with his incredible documentaries and work in the environmental field and so it is a privilege to be recognised by him for all the work the school is doing.



Already being proud winners of the Norwich and Norfolk Eco Award for secondary schools in 2020 and receiving Eco Champion Status from Street Space UK, we were delighted to hear recently that Northgate has been shortlisted (for the second year running) for the Environmental Practice Award at the Education Business Awards 2021. We eagerly await the virtual awards ceremony, hosted by TV personality Jeff Brazier, which will be watched by a number of School Council members. Being recognised for educating, raising awareness and being proactive on eco matters is something we are incredibly proud of.

A small group of students from Northgate and Dereham Sixth Form will also be heading to Sweden in the autumn to join students from other schools in the UK, Sweden and USA at an Earth summit. They have already met each other virtually and have started putting together plans for various eco-themed projects. One of these projects will be a social media campaign to raise awareness and make people think about the small changes they can make themselves that will have a positive impact on the environment. A couple of litter picks have already taken place on the school site and at Neatherd Moor as part of the Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean campaign as well as a bake sale at Sixth Form for the WWF Great Nature Picnic event.

Other plans in the pipeline include making planters for various areas of the school, planting more trees, reducing paper use and continuing the two Terracycle recycling schemes already in place. Over 156Kg of writing instruments and 194Kg of crisp packets have now been prevented from going to landfill and have been recycled into new plastic items. The school is really excited that members of the Dereham community can now also get involved and do their bit by taking their crisp packets to Northgate's collection box in Morrisons, Dereham. A big thank you to Morrisons for their support.

Heads of Northgate, Mrs Galley and Dr Hone, said 'We are very proud of the work our school community is doing in the fight for a greener future'.





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Merit Update

Well done to all those who gained bonus merits for attendance and no negatives for last half term. Bonus merits for this half term will be awarded in September and give students a boost to their new merit totals for the new academic year.

Recently students passed the 50,000 merit mark - a huge achievement! Heads of year have been busy visiting classes and handing out numerous certificates, merit badges and trophies to recognise these achievements.

We now have 4 students who have gained in excess of 250 merits, 7 students have gained 200 or more, 36 have gained 150 or more and 158 have gained 100 or more - wow!

There has also been a buzz around the merit cashing in trolley with over 23,000 merits having been cashed in already for some great rewards. Students should keep an eye out on their emails for up to date totals and information about when they can cash in their merits as time is quickly running out. In the meantime, you can take a look at the rewards catalogue and see what you might save your merits for [here](#).

Here are the current standings in the House merit competition with just a few weeks to go.

Hawking	Holmes	Rowling	Attenborough
75.74	74.76	73.03	69.87

Looking into the Archives

Did you know that this year marks 55 years since students were first taught full time at the Northgate High School site? Later in 2021, we will be holding a special anniversary event, celebrating the past and looking forward to the future of the school. Over the coming months, we will be sharing some sneak peeks of the archives and some exciting news about future projects, so keep an eye out for those (we'll be using the #PastPresentFuture on our social media).

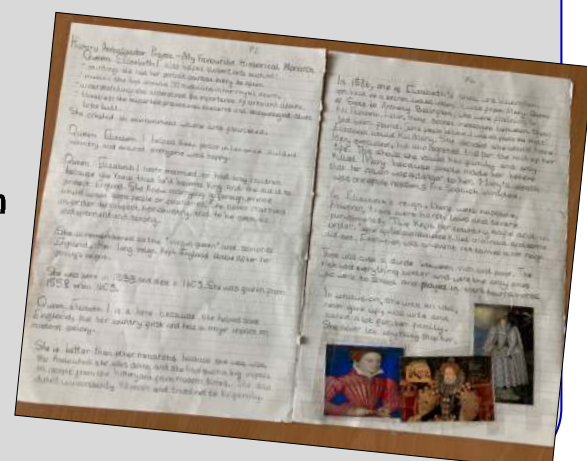


Competition to find History Ambassadors

Mr Lennard recently ran a competition to find History Ambassadors, which was also linked to the house competition. Every student who wanted to enter had to write a piece about their favourite monarch, considering details such as when they reigned, what they did during their reign and whether they were seen as a hero or a villain. Lots of fabulous entries were received and the history department was very impressed! Everyone who submitted a piece of work was given a certificate, and a number of students across Years 7 and 8 were awarded an ambassador badge.

Well done to the following Year 7s and 8s: Marina M, Chloe B, Alfie T, Kyra T, Seren W, Waisea D, Erin H, Owen A, Tabitha D, Poppi S, Jack S and Amelie C who were all awarded a History Ambassador badge in a mini ceremony with chocolate chip muffins!

Overall, in the house competition Holmes were triumphant in Year 7 and Rowling took home the points in Year 8. Well done to all involved! You can see the amazing work in our [blog](#).





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Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who have recently won the fortnightly attendance competition: 7NA, 8TLY, 9AS and 10SE. Trophies and certificates are proudly on display in tutor rooms.

We all know how important good attendance is and would like to thank all Northgate parents and carers for supporting excellent attendance.



Congratulations to Ben B (Year 7), Uiliame K (Year 8), Aimee S (Year 9) and Ryan W (Year 10) who all won the attendance raffle for the first summer half term. They were all awarded with Amazon vouchers. Students receive a virtual raffle ticket for each two week period with 100% attendance.



Photo Time!

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



Recycling Update

We continue our Terracycle recycling efforts with the BIC writing instrument recycling scheme and Walkers crisp packet scheme. All items are sent away to be recycled into new plastic goods. Pens, highlighters, felt tips etc can be put in the dead pen pots in every classroom and empty crisp packets can be put in the boxes in the hall (if in Year 8), handed to Student Services or put in the collection box in Morrisons, Dereham. A big thank you to everyone who is supporting these schemes! We have collected 156Kg of pens and 194Kg of empty crisp packets so far – keep up the good work!



Water Bottles

It's important to keep hydrated so the brain can work to it's maximum capacity in lessons, particularly as we move into the warmer weather. The School Council would like to promote the use of reusable bottles rather than single use bottles through the sale of Northgate water bottles (picture below). 500ml bottles with the Northgate logo or plain ones are available to order for £1.40 each via Parent Pay.

