



Northgate Council Bulletin

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Charity Corner

Thank you to all those who baked and bought cakes and biscuits at our



MacMillan Coffee Morning, arranged by Mr Lea. A grand total of £250.04 was raised!

Keep a look out on our social media pages in November for information about our Social Team's fundraising plans for Children in Need. There will be all sorts of activities going on.



Upcoming events

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

1st November

New half term starts

2nd November

Year 7 Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.30pm

4th + 5th November

Year 11 Geography Trip to Winterton

8th – 12th November

Erasmus Virtual Conference (based on COP26 Sustainable Development Goals)

15th – 19th November

National Anti-Bullying Week

Children in Need Fundraising Week

17th November

Year 11 Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.30pm

22nd November – 3rd December

Year 11 Mock Exams

29th November

Year 7 RE Trip (Norwich Cathedral and Rose Lane Mosque) TBC

30th November

Year 8 Geography Trip to Cambridge

Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin?

Follow this link to read about all the exciting activities and news from last month.

[October Bulletin](#)

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

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Follow us on Twitter:

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In the News

Here are some recent news items from our website and the local press:

- [Year 7s plant trees to mark High School start](#)
- [Students and Staff come together for celebration of High School's history](#)
- [Dereham Times: Northgate and DSFC host Past, Present and Future celebration](#)
- [Northgate welcomes Year 6s to Open Evening](#)
- [Northgate and DSFC students join forces for virtual Earth Summit](#)

Our Northgate News Team are in the process of putting together blogs about activities and events going on at Northgate. However, if you have some news you want to share with us, please get in contact with Miss Lynn, Communications Manager (slynn@ng6.unity-ed.uk).

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Year 7s make a positive start to life at Northgate

Our Year 7s have continued to impress all staff with the way they have settled into life at High School. They wanted to share with others what their first half term has been like.

Mirren W (7Val) – It's really great, however it's so different from Primary School as you get to move classes. I have joined STEM club and one of the Team Councils. Maths and Art have been really fun so far. There are so many opportunities here!

Billy G (7Val) – I've enjoyed all my subjects so far. I have joined the rugby and football clubs and hope to get on the School team. There are lots of nice people at Northgate including the teachers and support staff.

Enola G (7End) – I've really enjoyed my time at Northgate so far, in particular my RE lessons. Art is also a favourite. The school has a good behaviour policy that the teachers follow.

Melissa H (7Cour) – Attending the summer school helped as I knew my way round a bit more. I have managed with the online homework although it's a bit different to Primary School. My favourite subject is Food Tech – I've made a fruit salad and cheesecake already.

Charlie O'C (7Asp) – The teachers help you round the school and are very approachable. I made some new friends in the first two days and am enjoying my Music lessons. It's nice to mix with different students in my teaching class compared to those in my tutor group.

Chelsea S (7Asp) – I've really enjoyed everything so far. I was a bit nervous at first but when you start to make friends the nerves disappear. I will tell any future pupils – be brave, there's no need to be nervous, you'll do well! The teachers are all really supportive, I've been enjoying English a lot already.

Rhys B (7Ten) – The first couple of weeks have been a bit tiring, getting used to everything as it is a bit different to Primary School. But I've enjoyed it lots! The best thing is PE as you get to try different sports that you don't do at Primary School.

Jake G (7End) – In the first week I got a really warm welcome from all the teachers. They are really helpful and inspiring. I have been loving my Maths, English and Citizenship lessons so far. I am pleased I chose to come to Northgate.

Tristan H (7Asp) – The first two days were nerve wracking, but I just followed the one way system. I didn't really get lost and by the third day I knew where I was going. I'm thinking about joining a music club as I have enjoyed my lessons so far.

Ella E (7Val) – I like Northgate – the teachers are nice. I have made lots of friends and had lessons in subjects that you don't do at Primary School. I have already joined the Drama club and School Council.

Jess F (7Asp) – It was a bit overwhelming to begin with but now it's fine. The teachers are nice and I've made lots of friends already. I've enjoyed Textiles the most so far and the canteen food is delicious!

Chris B (7Val) – It's been good so far – I've enjoyed playing football with my friends at lunch. I like the uniform as it's pretty smart. I am proud to come to Northgate.

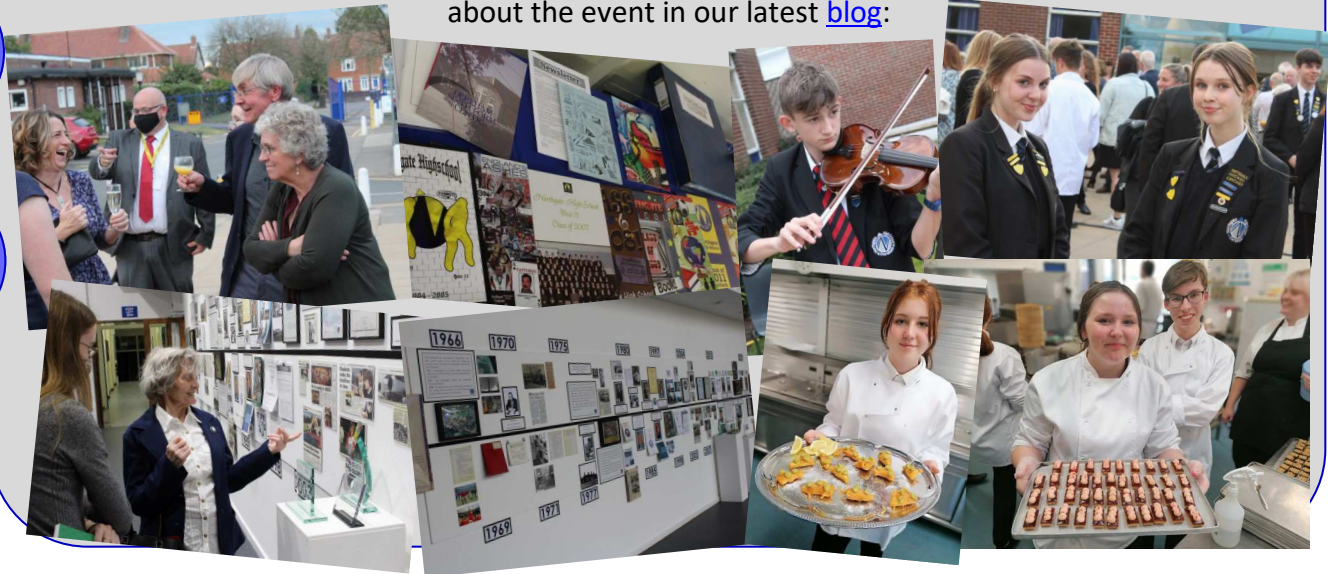


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Northgate, DSFC and DESA celebrate their Past, Present and Future

In our last bulletin we shared with you a small insight into our special Past, Present and Future celebration. This was a lovely evening where students, staff and members of the community came together to celebrate the history of Northgate, Dereham Sixth Form and DESA and look forward to the future. Now you can see some more photos from the evening below and read about the event in our latest [blog](#):



Northgate and Dereham Sixth Form Students attend Virtual Earth Summit

Members of Northgate High School and Dereham Sixth Form College's Earth Summit Team joined forces on 12th October to take part in a much-anticipated Virtual Earth Summit. They were joined by students from four UK schools and two schools in Sweden. Prior to the summit, teams created their own action plans focussing on small goals they wanted to achieve. These goals ranged from educating others on climate change and making better environmental choices, completing litter picks and creating green spaces to planting trees and launching gardening clubs. The aim of part of the day was to present how each team was doing with their project goals but also to inspire each other further moving forward.

Northgate and Dereham Sixth Form's team had a number of goals which included a focus on their recycling schemes and getting the community involved, raising awareness with a social media campaign, planting trees, upcycling filing cabinets into planters and reducing the paper waste at school. They wanted actions that lots of people could get involved in, with everyone feeling they can contribute in some way. They also wanted to educate and influence others through the use of social media as well as changing mind sets – change comes through small actions.

Miss Theobald, School Council Coordinator said, 'attending the virtual earth summit was a great opportunity for our students. They are passionate about doing their bit for the environment and were excited to share their progress with the other schools. It was really inspiring to hear about the projects in the other schools and know that we are part of something bigger. We know it is not just about educating people, but taking action that is important as well. We hope that some of the projects our team have been working on and will work on in the future, will inspire others to do their bit.' You can read more about the Earth Summit in our [blog](#).





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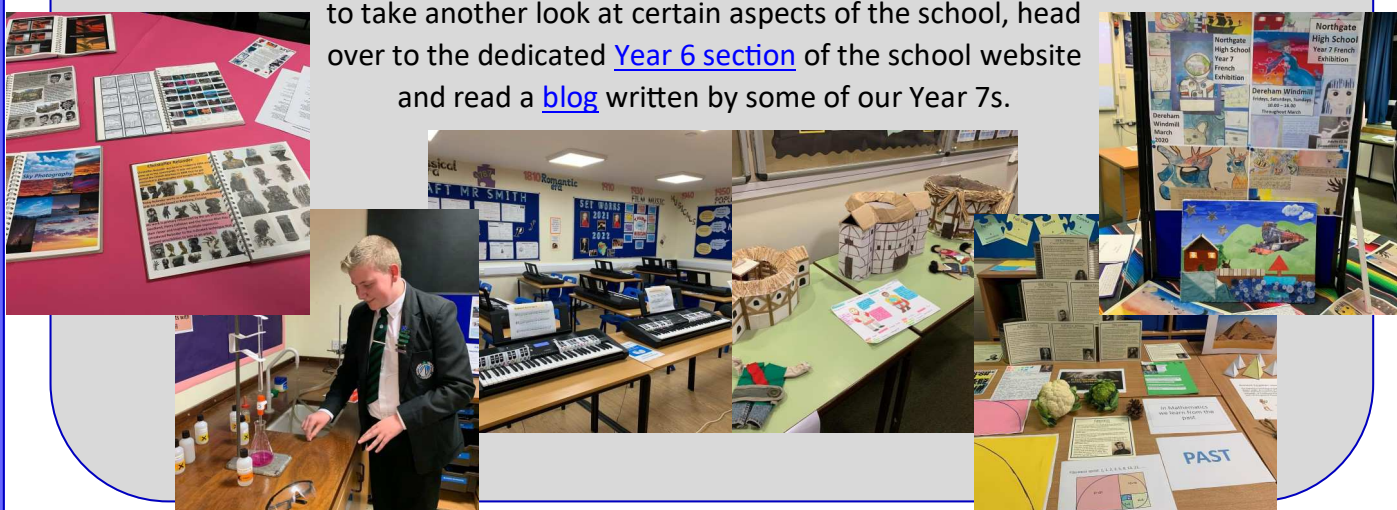
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Open Evening

14th October saw us open the doors to Northgate for our annual Open Evening. After not being able to hold this last year, it was even more special to welcome visitors back into the school. It was great to see so many people looking around and a chance for us to show Year 6s what Northgate has to offer. Many of you attended our Heads of School address and had the chance to hear from Mrs Galley and Dr Hone as well as Mrs Graves, Head of Year 7 and transition. Freya, Head Girl and Lewis, Head Boy, proudly spoke about the school and the opportunities they have had during their time, whilst our Year 7 students spoke with confidence about their first few weeks at Northgate. Parents and Year 6s were treated to a short film, shown at our Past, Present and Future event, giving a glimpse into life at Northgate.

Our Prefect Team did a fantastic job on their guided tours, answering any questions people had. Teachers and students were on hand in subject rooms to show what their subjects are like at High School. A huge thank you to all involved in the open evening – we are incredibly proud of our students, staff and school and hope this came across to everyone. There was a real buzz around the school throughout the evening! If you didn't get a chance to visit or want

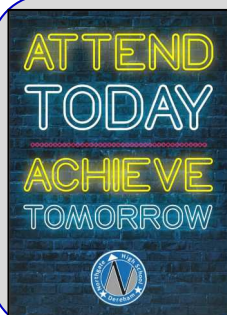
to take another look at certain aspects of the school, head over to the dedicated [Year 6 section](#) of the school website and read a [blog](#) written by some of our Year 7s.



Merit Update

It's been a busy half term with so many merits having been awarded. Congratulations to all students who have earned bonus merits for this half term (1080 awarded for 100% attendance, 408 for > 95% attendance and 2080 for no negatives). It has also been great to be back doing the weekly merit cashing in at lunchtimes on a Thursday in the hall. Miss Theobald has already cashed in 1515 merits with stationery items being the most popular so far. Remember our rewards catalogue can be found [here](#). Well done to Holmes who remain top of the House merit competition.

Holmes	Hawking	Rowling	Attenborough
28.13	27.61	26.73	26.26



Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who have recently won the fortnightly attendance competition: 7TG, 7KPE, 8NA, 8AH, 9HR, 9TLY, 10AR, 11RP and 11SE. 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.

