



Northgate Council Bulletin

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What have we been up to?

Read some of our recent blogs:

- [Year 10 visit the Victoria & Albert Museum](#)
- [Beauty and the Beast](#)
- [Northgate continues charity tradition](#)
- [Northgate Cross Country Team tackle the Mid-Norfolk Championships](#)
- [Yorkshire Language Workshops](#)
- [A Christmas Carol at the Old Vic](#)
- [Le CiNé Club French Film Review - Paddington](#)

Charity Corner

Today our Year 7s will be taking part in the NSPCC's Number Day. Over the last 10 years we have raised an



amazing £2800 and hope our current Year 7s can add to this to help continue the important work of the NSPCC and Childline. Click [here](#) to see the video shown to students explaining what happens when you contact Childline and [here](#) for the letter handed out.

Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate.

1st February

Year 7 Number Day

5th February

Chinese themed menu in Café North

7th February

Time to Talk Day - Mental Health Awareness

GCSE Music Recording Day

Year 9 + 10 Intermediate Maths Challenge

15th February

Break up for Half Term

25th February

New Half Term begins

Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin? Follow this link to read about all the exciting activities and news from last month.

[January Bulletin](#)

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





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Merit Update

Congratulations to all students who gained bonus merits for receiving all 'goods' or 'excellents' in their Autumn screening - this totalled 3140 merits! Our January sale was a big success with over 1000 merits cashed in and our rewards deals are proving popular. We now have over 600 students who have gained their 20 merit certificate and over 160 students who have gained their 50 merit certificate. The House competition currently stands as follows:

Hawking	Attenborough	Holmes	Rowling
41.22	38.86	38.26	35.86

Books Needed

Northgate has managed to secure the book sale table in Tesco Dereham for the whole of March.

We are in need of any books in good condition that you no longer need or want. Why not have a clear out of your book shelves?

Bring books along to Student Services or the LSC. Pupils will help select special educational needs resources for our Learning Support Centre (LSC) with the money raised.

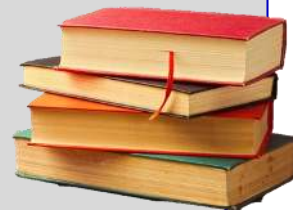


Photo Time!

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



Time for Tweets

Here are our twitter highlights from January

- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 9 Jan
Congratulations to Scott, ClaraBelle and Milo who performed in Dereham Theatre Company's Pantomime – Sleeping Beauty over the Christmas and New Year period. Scott and Milo were part of the ensemble whilst ClaraBelle was principle Princess Aurora.
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 11 Jan
It may have been back in November but the songs of Beauty and the Beast from Northgate + Dereham Sixth Form's production still ring in our ears. Olly, Year 11, gives us his thoughts on the hit show in our latest blog: northgate.norfolksch.uk/beauty-and-the... @NgateDereham @DSFC1
- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport · 23h
Great turnout for after school clubs today. 26 for Friday fitness and 18 for badminton. A great way to finish the week and welcome in the weekend. #healthybodyhealthymind
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 25 Jan
Students and staff, who are on an aspirations visit in Dortmund, arrived safely last night after some flight delays. They were met by their host families and this morning had an early start to attend lessons.

- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 15 Jan
Our Year 9 Options Evening, which is taking place tomorrow, is for students and parents to find out more about the GCSE subjects on offer and how the selection process works. More information and a copy of the options booklet can be found on our website.
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 20h
A group of our Year 7 students travelled to The Old Vic Theatre in London last week to watch 'A Christmas Carol', one of their English texts. It was a spectacular performance, with students and teachers alike being moved to tears. Blog to follow soon. #AChristmasCarol #Theatre
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 2 Jan
Congratulations to students for all the bonus merits awarded last half term. Screening bonuses will be awarded shortly. @NgateDereham #merits #congrats #attendancematters
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 24 Jan
Yesterday over 30 students from Northgate and @DSFC1 were given the opportunity to attend a talk given by Miss Hitti from the Animal Health Trust about the work that is being done in canine genetics. They even got to see some testing in action! #ahtofficial #Science
- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport · 16 Jan
Huge well done to all competitors who ran at the Mid Norfolk XC yesterday. Congratulations to EBunting winning the Y8/9 boys race and all the other qualifiers LEverett, CWebster, BSmith, HWilliams, ECannon, RJoao and reserves CBarrett, RSummerford & OFountain

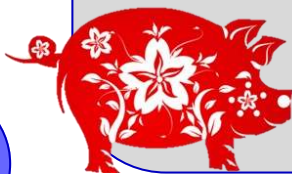


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Chinese Themed Menu

We're looking forward to Café North putting on a themed menu for Chinese New Year on 5th February. We are always excited to try new foods and these themed menus certainly go down well with students!



You can see the menu [here](#).

Getting to Know You ...

In January we featured Miss Burton, Mrs Oates, Mr Stewart and Mrs Agent in our staff profiles. In February we find out more about Mr Malin, Mr Bentley and Mr Darlow. You can view all the profiles [here](#). They also go on our Twitter and our Facebook page.



House Competition

There have been lots more points added in the House Competition, with the form quiz, Year 7 vocab, volleyball and benchball competitions all contributing recently. Hawking have extended their lead further. After half term we look forward to launching a new element of the competition where all students can contribute to their team's totals.

Look out for more competitions coming next half term!

1st - Hawking 5797 pts	2nd - Attenborough 5311 pts
3rd - Holmes 5176 pts	4th - Rowling 5111 pts

Year 9 Options

A big thank you to parents and students who attended our Year 9 Options evening and to teachers for providing important information about the GCSE courses and answering questions, allowing Year 9s to make informed choices.



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

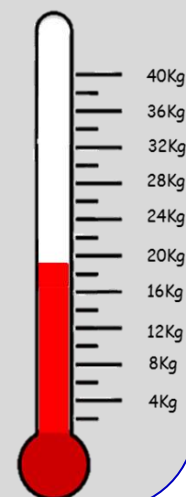
Year 11 Mock Exams

Congratulations to Year 11 for their effort and conduct throughout the January mock exams. The mocks give a real insight into how to use a revision schedule, cope with the pressures of so many exams and should now highlight areas to target for improvement. Don't forget there are already lots of revision sessions available to students at lunch times and after school. Teachers are always on hand to offer extra support so make the most of it!



Pen Recycling Update

We can now reveal the total for our BIC pen recycling so far is 18.85Kg. Thank you to those who have brought in pens so far. Keep them coming, remember this is raising money for Cancer Research UK as well.



Quiz & Chips Evening

We are holding our second annual Quiz & Chips evening on Thursday 21st March to raise funds for school rewards trips. You can find all the information on our letter [here](#). Team places are limited so please get in touch if you would like to enter. If you work for a company that could donate a prize for our raffle, we would be very grateful. It looks set to be a great, competitive evening. We look forward to seeing families and staff take part.



Website of the Month

Our website for this month is [Seneca Learning](#). Their website says, 'Seneca's smart learning algorithm makes you remember topics better. When you get a question wrong, the content will be repeated in different formats a few questions later.' It has resources for various different subjects, for different exam boards across KS3, GCSE and A-Level and even better - it's free!

Take a look and see how it can help you improve your knowledge and recall across your subjects.



Updates from the ELF

It's been a while since we've heard from the ELF but rest assured the hard work and dedication of Mr MacDonald has not stopped. Every day he ensures Ben and Jerry the goats, Snuffle and Truffle the pigs, the ducks, chickens, rabbits and all of the other residents have enough food, water and appropriate shelter and bedding. We have a number of students who have been visiting at lunch times to help out and see what goes on, alongside Mrs Beasley. The ELF has always been an area for wellbeing. It continues to evolve into a sanctuary not only for the animals, but also for the students who use it, and offers a resource to raise their self-esteem. There is clear evidence of this with the recently formed ELF squad, who are amazing, full of ideas and enthusiasm.



Easy Fundraising

A great way to help Northgate's School Council raise funds to aid projects we would like to complete within school. Shop with any of over 3,300 well-known retailers via the [easyfundraising](#) website and a percentage of what you spend is passed to Northgate's School Council at no extra cost to you. Retailers include Amazon, M&S, Vodafone, eBay, Tesco, and more. Please register to support - follow this [link](#) and start shopping!

Northgate App

The Northgate High School app run by Parent Apps is great for both parents and pupils to keep up to date with the school and the events, trips and activities coming up. Full of useful school information such as events, term dates, notifications, letters and more, parents can stay informed and plan ahead. Download now from the [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#)!

