



Northgate Council Bulletin

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Charity Corner

A big thank you to all Year 7s, 8s and staff who donated to the Mid-Norfolk Foodbank before Christmas. A huge selection of food items including some Christmas goodies were handed over to one of the trustees, to be made into Christmas hampers.



Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin?

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

[December Bulletin](#)

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

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Upcoming events

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

5th January

INSET day for staff and onsite Covid testing for students

6th January

School reopens for pupils (Week A)

7th January

Mid Norfolk Cross Country
'Bottle Free Friday' re-launch (see [letter](#))

13th January

Author visit to Northgate Library - Matt Oldfield

17th January

Year 7 South Norfolk 5-a-side Cup

18th January

Year 8 South Norfolk 5-a-side Cup
Virtual Earth Summit follow up meeting

19th January

Year 9 Options Evening – further info to follow
Year 9 South Norfolk 5-a-side Cup

25th January

Year 8 Geography Trip

26th January

Year 9 Parents Evening 4pm - 7.30pm
Norfolk Schools Cross Country Finals

31st January

Year 9 Options deadline



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In the News

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

- [Northgate High School are leading the way to a safer crossing](#)
- [EDP: Calls to help pupils cross 'exceptionally busy road' outside high school](#)
- [Northgate gives generously to Foodbank collection](#)
- [Dereham Times: High School students make generous foodbank donation](#)
- [Northgate News Team - Interview with Mr Mottley](#)
- [The High Sheriff visits Northgate High School](#)
- [Dereham Times: High Sheriff meets High School students for forum](#)
- [Northgate News Team - Interview with Miss Breeze](#)

Bottle Free Friday - Re-launch

Members of our Earth Summit Team and School Council are pleased to be re-launching 'Bottle Free Friday' in January. As a school, we are always looking for ways to reduce plastic and this is something that everyone can play a part in. After meeting with Alan, our Café North Manager, it was agreed that the initiative, first launched in January 2020, would be re-introduced in 2022.

The scheme sees students and staff encouraged to bring their own reusable bottles to school, as many of those sold in Café North end up being thrown away. Over the course of a year, by holding 'Bottle Free Friday', it has been estimated that we could save about 8700 bottles from being sold and thrown in the bin. A [letter](#) has been sent to parents with an update and we will be reminding students and staff in PART lesson and across our social media.

'Bottle Free Friday' will start on our return in January where no bottled drinks or cartons will be sold in Café North on Fridays. Instead, students will need to bring reusable bottles which they can fill with water from the water fountains or they can buy squash for 25p for a 500ml bottle in Café North. Many students and staff already bring their own reusable bottles to school, which is great! 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 also have our own 500ml Northgate water bottles (plain or with the school logo) for sale via parent pay for just £1.40 or available for 30 merits.

We hope parents, students and staff can support this scheme in helping Northgate become even more environmentally friendly, something so many of our students and staff feel passionately about.



THERE IS GOING TO BE A BOTTLE FREE DAY
(ALL BOTTLED DRINKS)
EVERY FRIDAY
THIS WILL REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SINGLE USE BOTTLES BEING USED AT NORTHGATE BY APPROXIMATELY 8700 THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR



Photo Time

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



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High Sheriff visits Northgate

Members of the School Council met with the High Sheriff of Norfolk in December. They had the chance to tell him about school during the pandemic and the facilities available for the youth in Dereham. Read more in our [blog](#).



Christmas Card Competition

Well done to all those who entered the Christmas card competition in December. It was a tough decision with so many amazing entries but congratulations go to Grace N (Year 12) in 3rd, Aimee P (Year 9) in 2nd and Amilie A (Year 8) in 1st.

Christmas Dinner - Thank You!

A big Northgate thank you goes to Alan and the Café North staff for another amazing Christmas dinner. It was so popular this year it had to be spread across 2 days!



Amilie A



Aimee P



Grace N



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Time to reflect and Happy New Year!

It's been a long and busy term at Northgate and it's great to see so much has taken place. We've held a special Past, Present and Future event, our Open Evening for Year 6s, held virtual Parents' Evenings, a Remembrance Service, taken part in Anti-Bullying week, Children in Need fundraising, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner. A number of lunchtime and after-school clubs have returned, sports teams are back, sports fixtures have taken place and our Team Councils and School Council are up and running again. Year 11s have taken their mock exams, there have been trips for GCSE courses, a sustainability conference as part of the Erasmus scheme, a virtual Earth Summit and much more. So many opportunities for our students!

Thank you to students and staff for their fantastic work this term and to all parents and carers for their continued support of the school.

On behalf of Northgate's School Council we would like to wish students, staff, parents, carers and the community a happy and healthy 2022.



Books2Africa

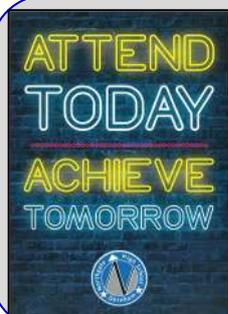
Books2Africa

Last half term, the Head Student Team, along with Mrs Sutcliffe, introduced a project called Books2Africa in assemblies. Books2Africa are a charity that donate books, CDs and stationery to schools and children in Africa. The Head Student Team said, 'We have been inspired to help, as it boosts other children's literacy skills, knowledge and gives them the opportunity to enjoy books in a safe learning environment'. As well as donating, Northgate students can become representatives for their form and year group. These representatives help and organise fundraisers, spread awareness and collect books for their forms/year group. If anyone has any suitable books, CDs or stationery, these can be brought into school and will be passed on.

Merit Update

In December we saw students pass the 30,000 merit mark and during the holidays a huge number of bonus merits were awarded (513 for those with >95% attendance for the second Autumn half term, 1185 for those with 100% attendance and 2180 for those gaining no negatives). Merit certificates have been given out by Heads of Year and we have also seen the first 100 merit badges awarded - well done! Merit cashing in for all year groups takes place every Thursday from 12.30pm - 12.50pm in the main hall. Remember our rewards catalogue can be found [here](#).

<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Hawking</u>	<u>Rowling</u>	<u>Attenborough</u>
45.63	45.14	43.29	42.15



Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who have recently won the fortnightly attendance competition: 7SC, 7NC, 8AH, 8AB, 9AGR, 9HC, 10AR and 11SE. Trophies and certificates are proudly on display in tutor rooms.

The attendance raffle for the second Autumn half term will be drawn when we start back - winners will be awarded an Amazon voucher!

