



Northgate Council Bulletin

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What have we been up to?

Read some of our recent blogs:

- [Year 7 'Race for the Line' STEM Day](#)
- [Ski Trip 2019](#)
- [Northgate attends Norfolk County Council Reception](#)
- [STEM Competition](#)
- [Year 7 Students visit Sandford House](#)
- [7 Endeavour build bridges in Science](#)
- [French Ciné Club Film Review](#)
- [Mental Health Themed Books](#)

We have now published over 200 blogs on the Northgate website over the past two years. You can read them all [here](#).

Charity Corner



Social Team members recently created a shortlist of charities to support for our summer term fundraiser. Students voted in PART lesson so we can now reveal the chosen charity is Cancer Research UK. We look forward to the fundraising events the Social Team put on and know that our students and staff will get behind this worthwhile cause.

Northgate News

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

Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate.

3rd June

Half Term begins

4th June

Year 10 PE Leadership Visits begin

5th June

Design Department Private Viewing

6th June

Year 10 Parents Evening - 4pm – 7pm

7th June

Music Hub Expo Day

8th June

Norfolk Schools Athletics Final at UEA

13th June

Northgate Spanish Exchange students to Spain (until 19th June)

14th June

GCSE Exams end

18th June

Alex Scarrow Author Visit Year 7 + 5 Year 10 Exams begin

19th June

Norfolk School Games Angling Finals
Year 11 Prom at Barnham Broom

20th June

Sports Awards Evening at 7pm

21st June

Year 5 Numeracy + Literacy Project
Norfolk School Games Athletics Finals
Years 7 - 10

24th + 25th June

Year 10 Geography Trip

26th June

School Band at Norfolk Show



In the News

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

- [Dereham Times - Dereham School receives funding for international exchange](#)

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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 May

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Northgate Council @NgateCouncil · May 16
 Last week Year 7 students visited the residents of Sandford House. It was a really beneficial experience for our students who were able to talk to the residents, find out a bit more about them during the visit. You can read more in our blog: [northgate.norfolk.sch.uk/year-7-student...](#) @NgateDereham
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Northgate @NgateDereham · May 4
 Northgate was invited to a special event celebrating the year in office of Council Margaret Stone, Chair of Norfolk County Council. Head Boy, David and Head Girl, Katy attended alongside Heads of School, Mr MacDonald and Dereham Mayor, @hilary_bushell #proud @Margare98819664
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ELF @NorthgateELF · May 10
 @NgateDereham @loubeasley91 @NgateCouncil We have a real sense of community, sharing and supporting and in particular learning. As we are now into the GCSE season, we are all here to support our amazing Yr11s and to encourage them through their exams.
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Northgate Council @NgateCouncil · May 14
 We've recently awarded 2330 bonus merits to students who gained all 'Excellent's or 'Goods' in their Spring Screening (Years 8, 9 and 10) or Profiles (Year 7). Congratulations! @NgateDereham #NorthgateWay #Attitudetolearning

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Northgate Council @NgateCouncil · May 20
 We launched the crisp packet recycling scheme less than 2 months ago + we've been overwhelmed by the contribution @NgateDereham students have made so far. We're about to send away our first batch weighing almost 4Kg, approximately 1800 packets! @TerraCycleUK #recycle #doyourbit
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Northgate Sport @NorthgateSport · May 17
 Well done to the Y8 boys on winning the DESA schools trophy 2-2 (4-3 on penalties). Perfect end to a successful season. Alfie was awarded MOM but there were a good number of great performances on the day. #WeAreDereham #northgatesport #winners
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ELF @NorthgateELF · May 21
 @NgateDereham @loubeasley91 @KensingtonRoyal @EllenMaryGarden @CultivationSt @The_RHS @SolanaUK An exciting project involving primary schools is about to be launched. @NgateDereham We are encouraging young people to learn outdoors and promote a healthy lifestyle.
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Northgate @NgateDereham · May 17
 Some of our Year 9 students attended a celebration event for the Scholars Programme 'The Brilliant Club', held at the UEA yesterday. The students worked hard to write university style essays in an area of unique research and achieved excellent grades. Blog to follow soon
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Northgate Sport @NorthgateSport · May 15
 A huge well done to all our athletes who competed at the @WNDSSP athletics today. Great spirit showed by all in conditions. Great job by Tyler, Ed, Bailey, Jake and Ash who qualified for the @NorfolkSchGames #athletics



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Northgate House Tokens

Recently Mr Llewellyn launched a new element of the House competition - Northgate House Tokens. This encourages our students to be good 'Northgate Citizens', contributing to our school community and allows everyone to be part of another element of the House competition outside of the classroom.

Mr Logan from our Design Department has built an incredible collection box where tokens will be placed in the appropriate House compartment. Students will be given tokens by staff for a number of reasons, which may include picking up some litter, holding open a door or helping another student. They will be counted and points will be awarded towards the House Competition. We are excited to see students rise to the challenge and become even better Northgate Citizens! Already just a month in the token box is getting filled up with lots of students keen to contribute - well done!



Merit Update

Congratulations to students who gained bonus merits in their Spring Screening or Profiles, showing excellent attitude to learning and effort with homework. 450 merits awarded to Year 7, 710 awarded to Year 8, 530 awarded to Year 9 and 640 awarded to Year 10!

Congratulations also to students for the bonus merits awarded from the second half term - 1745 to those who had 100% attendance, 522 for >95% attendance and 2190 to those with no negatives. Here are the current standings in the House Competition for merits.

Hawking	Attenborough	Holmes	Rowling
78.68	72.92	70.46	66.69

House Competition

Here are the current standings in the House Competition:

1st - Hawking 10 548 pts	2nd - Holmes 9584 pts
3rd - Attenborough 9373 pts	4th - Rowling 9139 pts

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



Water Bottles

As we get into the warmer weather it is important students stay hydrated. The School Council would like to promote the use of reusable water bottles rather than single use bottles through the sale of Northgate water bottles. Bottles with the Northgate logo or plain ones are available to order via the online payment button. The 500ml bottles cost £1.40 each.



Themed Menu

Many thanks to all students who voted for the next themed menu in Café North. We can reveal it will be a 'Taste of Italy' and will take place on Thursday 13th June. We look forward to tasting the delicious food!



A special final engagement as Head Boy and Head Girl

Northgate's Head Boy, David and Head Girl, Katy were invited to a special event on Friday 3rd May at Norwich Castle to celebrate and recognise the year in office of Councillor Margaret Stone, Chair of Norfolk County Council. It was a fantastic opportunity for David and Katy, who were personally invited by Councillor Stone and we are incredibly proud to have been the only school in



Norfolk to have been invited and represented at the evening. It was their final engagement before the new Head Girls and Head Boy were appointed. Everyone they spoke with was very impressed with the way they have represented the school and wished them well with their GCSEs and beyond.

Councillor Stone said: "Katy and David represent all that is good in our High Schools today and rarely articulated. This school has an outstanding ethos of togetherness and pride in each other. An ethos which encourages every pupil to aim high and achieve the absolute best they can, both for their community and for themselves. It is clear that this is an outstanding school with inspirational teachers and aspirational students. Great role model for others to emulate."

Our New Leadership Team

We are delighted to introduce our new leadership team at Northgate made up of Head Girls Reanna and Abby, Deputy Head Girl Alanna, Head Boy Ollie and Deputy Head Boy Harry. We look forward to them being ambassadors for the school and all of the different events and activities they will be involved in.



Congratulations to them all but also well done to all the other applicants.

It was a difficult decision for Heads of School Dr Hone and Mrs Galley.

Recycling Scheme

Thank you to all students and staff who are contributing to the new crisp packet recycling scheme started in April. We have already sent away a large box of crisp packets and have now collected **5.4Kg** (2502 packets)! Packets can be put in the boxes in the hall.



Mental Health Themed Books

We are excited at the arrival of our new selection of fiction and non-fiction books on the theme of mental health. The money raised from our bake sale during Time to Change, Time to Talk week earlier in the year has paid for these books which will be available for students to book out of the Learning Hub after half term. For a brief synopsis of the books, please follow the link [here](#).



GCSE Update

Well done to our Year 11s for their conduct and efforts throughout the GCSE exam period so far (and Year 10s during the English exams). Two weeks down, two to go - you've all worked so hard and we're now onto the final stretch. One last little push and you'll reach the finish line. **GOOD LUCK!**

