



Northgate Council Bulletin

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What have we been up to?

Read some of our recent blogs:

- [Ruby's Road to Wimbledon](#)
- [Year 7s make a 'Flying Start' to life at Northgate](#)

In the News

Here are some recent news items from the local press:

- [Dereham Times - Dereham Meeting Point magic table](#)
- [Dereham Times - 'Hard work pays off' - Todd Cantwell's NCFE success](#)
- [EDP - 'It was amazing to be part of the winning team' says Dani Nimmock](#)

Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate.

2nd October

Post 16 Options Evening

4th October

Camps International Information Evening 6pm

8th October

Year 11 Drama DNA Performance

9th October

SEND Coffee Morning 9.30am – 10.30am

10th October

Year 6 Open Evening 5pm – 9pm

11th October

Year 10 Textiles Trip – Knitting & Stitching Show

17th October

Dereham 6th Form Open Evening 5pm – 8pm

18th October

Break up for half term

28th October

New half term begins

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss Breeze and the cast of Matilda who put on two fantastic shows on Saturday 28th September. Many hours went into rehearsals and it was such a confident and polished performance from all involved. We're already looking forward to the next big show!



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



Follow us on Instagram:
NgateDereham



Northgate News

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



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Attendance Matters

We all know the importance of good attendance at school and we like to recognise this at Northgate. Not only do students gain bonus merits each half term for good attendance (which they can cash in for rewards), they also receive a raffle ticket for every two weeks where they gain 100% attendance, with a chance to win an Amazon voucher in the half termly celebration assemblies.

Last term we also introduced an attendance competition with tutor groups competing against each other to be awarded a special trophy and certificate. Congratulations to 7JLL, 7AGR, 8SR, 9VE, 9MM, 10JSM and 11AH who have all won so far. Each fortnight we celebrate the winners on our social media pages.



Photo Time!

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



Time for Tweets

Here are our twitter highlights from September

- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport · 16 Sep
Monday's after school clubs had a great attendance today. 20 for hockey and 30 for lower school rugby. There are sports clubs on every day at Northgate. Come along and try something new. #TeamNorthgate 🏏🏒
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 16 Sep
Congratulations to the winners of our tutor group attendance competition for the two weeks from 4th - 13th September. Tutor groups were presented with their trophies and certificates this morning - well done! #NorthgateWay #Attencematters #winners
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 25 Sep
As a school, we are very excited to announce that we have chosen to once again partner with Camps International for our second expedition to offer students in Years 9, 10 and 11 the opportunity to go on a life-changing 4-week expedition to Cambodia during the summer of 2021.
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 27 Sep
This morning we are welcoming pupils from some of our local Primary Schools to take part in Northgate's annual Primary Team Maths Challenge. We wish them all the best and hope they enjoy the day! @UKMathsTrust #MathsChallenge #teamwork

- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 13 Sep
Wow - a big THANK YOU to all those who have contributed to our crisp packet recycling scheme with @Terracycle. Since April we've collected 10,000 crisp packets (22Kg) which will now not end up in landfill but instead will be recycled. Keep them coming in! @NgateDereham #recycle
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 13 Sep
You are warmly invited to our Open Evening on Thursday 10th October, 5-9pm. The Heads of School address will be at 5.15 and 6.30pm. We hope you can join us and we look forward to seeing you there.
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 4 Sep
It has been a brilliant first day here at Northgate! There has been a great atmosphere around the school and Year 7 have all been settling in really well. Don't they all look smart! #BacktoSchool #NorthgateWay
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 24 Sep
It was great to see over 30 students at our first School Council meeting today. Lots of discussions and really looking forward to the year ahead! @NgateDereham #represent #studentvoice #schoolcouncil
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 3 Sep
We are excited to share with you our refurbishment of Cafe North which took place over the summer holidays! #CafeNorth @NgateCouncil @EdwardsandBlake
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 10 Sep
Our STEM Club is starting up again next week - lots of exciting activities to look forward to. Open to all year groups so pop along next Tuesday if you want to get involved! #STEM #discover #learn #getinvolved



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Welcoming Year 6s

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Year 6s and parents/carers to our Open Evening on 10th October. It is a fantastic opportunity to see what Northgate can offer and to get a real feel for what it would be like to be part of the Northgate community. The Heads of School and student presentations will take place at 5.15pm and 6.30pm. Everyone will then have the chance to look around the various subject areas with teachers and students available to answer any questions you may have.

With such an important decision to make, there certainly is a lot of information to take in, so please consider signing up for our morning tours to experience a normal working day. These will take place Monday 7th – Wednesday 9th and Monday 14th – Friday 18th October at 9.15am and 10.15am. Members of the Senior Leadership Team will take you on a guided tour of the school and into some of the lessons, a chance to see our students at work. Please contact the main office on 01362 697033 to book.



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

Merit Update

The merit competition is already well underway with students keen to earn those merits to cash in for rewards. Since the start of the academic year almost 7000 merits have been awarded!

Effort, positive attitudes, excellent classwork, homework and contribution to school are all ways of earning extra merits.

Hawking	Attenborough	Rowling	Holmes
10.11	9.78	8.92	8.87

House Competition

House assemblies have already taken place with each of the Houses keen to be champions this year. Keep an eye out for how you can get involved in competitions and do your bit to contribute to your House Team!

Water Bottles

It's important to keep hydrated so the brain can work to it's maximum capacity in lessons. 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 (picture below). Bottles with the Northgate logo or plain ones are available to order via Parent Pay. They cost £1.40 each.



Northgate Clubs

Interested in joining a club, trying something different, learning a new skill or doing some GCSE revision? Well, now's your chance! There are so many lunch time and after school clubs to choose from - head over to our [website](#) to find out more.





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Celebrating Success

Just a month into the new term and we have already had the chance to celebrate some of the successes of our students. Ruby, Year 8, played in a tennis tournament at Wimbledon, whilst Ebony, Year 10, has been selected for the Norfolk Cricket Trials for the U15 1st team. Mia, Year 10, has qualified for the Horse of the Year Show to be held this month at the NEC in Birmingham. We have also heard from a number of Northgate Alumni who have graduated from universities across the country in a whole host of subjects including Maths, Geography, Sound Engineering and Production, Children's Nursing, Musical Theatre and more. We love to hear what our current and former students are up to and their achievements both academic and extra-curricular. If you have any news you would like to share with us please get in contact via the school's Facebook page or by emailing communications@ng6.unify-ed.uk.



School Council Business & Team Council Updates

Thank you to those who have signed up to be part of one of Northgate's Team Councils this year. We have 4 teams – **Social Team** (Week A Tues 12.45pm HU1) and **Environment Team** (Week A Weds 12.45pm SC3) and new for this year, the **Northgate News Team** (Week A Weds 12.35pm LHub) and **Well-being Team** (Week A Fri 12.45pm HI2). Members from each of the teams go forward to the **School Council** meetings on a Tues Week B at 12.45pm in MA6. We look forward to working with you all this year!

Northgate Recycles

Our two recycling programmes with TerraCycle UK are continuing to run well. In particular, the crisp packet recycling – during the last month we have collected over 11Kg of empty crisp packets and now have a collection point in the Dereham Tesco store and the Breckland Council Offices. It seems the Dereham Community can be relied upon to get involved, recycle items and think about their environmental impact.



Congratulations Class of 2019

Just over a month ago students gathered for GCSE results day. There was an air of nervousness coupled with excitement as envelopes were opened. Parents and members of staff eagerly looked on, joining in the celebrations. There certainly were some fantastic results across all subject areas, with students demonstrating excellent progress. Head's of School, Dr Hone and Mrs Galley said, 'Congratulations to all our Year 11 students who have, once again, made excellent progress from their starting points upon entering Northgate 5 years ago. 63% of pupils gained 9-4 Grades in English and Mathematics. We're incredibly proud of all of you and look forward to teaching many of you at DSFC. Thanks also to all parents and carers for your fantastic support for the school.'



We look forward to celebrating with the Class of 2019 at the annual GCSE Awards Evening later in the year.