



Northgate Council Bulletin

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What have we been up to?

Read some of our recent blogs:

- [Badminton Success!](#)
- [Year 7 Number Day](#)
- [Year 9 + 10 Maths Challenge](#)
- [Cricket Success for Ebony](#)
- [Swimming Gala 2018](#)
- [Norfolk Youth Parliament Campaign](#)
- [Mayor and Northgate Forge Partnership](#)
- [Berlin Trip](#)
- [Maths Department celebrate Pi Day!](#)
- [Year 11 GCSE Evening](#)
- [Mayor's link with Northgate](#)

Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate.

16th April

Summer Term begins (students can wear Northgate polo shirt, replacing the shirt + tie)
Year 8 begin 'save the rainforest' Geography campaigns

17th April

Year 9 Geography fieldtrip to Sheringham

18th April

Year 9 exams begin

23rd April

Year 10 mock exams begin

24th April

GCSE PE moderation begins

26th April

Year 7 + 8 Maths Challenge

Charity Corner

SPORT RELIEF 2018

Well done to the Social Team for organising another great charity event for Sport Relief!

Thank you to those who contributed in one way or another. The total will be revealed in the next bulletin.



Book Aid International

A big well done to those who dressed up as characters for World Book Day and to those who baked or bought cakes for the 'Bake Expectations' bake sale. A fantastic £365.57 was raised for Book Aid!



Motivating kids to read

Northgate News

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

[March 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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In the News

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

- [Northgate Celebrates British Science Week + Shakespeare Week](#)
- [Northgate takes Science to Toftwood Junior School](#)
- [Dereham Times: Mayor given glimpse into life without sight](#)
- [Shakespeare Week - a look back](#)
- [British Science Week - a look back](#)





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 March

-  **Northgate** @NgateDereham · Mar 9
Thank you @norfolkskills for the Norfolk Skills and Careers Festival, our year 10 students enjoyed their visit on Wednesday.
-  **Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · Mar 16
Lots of bonus merits awarded to students for making good or excellent progress in the Spring Screening - congratulations! Take a look on the board near GG1 to see if you're one of them. #Progress #rewards #starpupil
-  **Northgate** @NgateDereham · Mar 14
On Friday pupils and teachers came together to read books and raise money for Read For Good, a charity that provides books and storyteller visits to children in hospital. Students were tasked with reading as many books as they could within 24 hours and collectively read 34 books!
-  **Northgate** @NgateDereham · Mar 13
Two of our students had the privilege of helping the Mayor on her 'Blind Walk' this morning in Dereham. The walk was to raise awareness of 2Blindwalk and the Guide Dog Association. Keep an eye out for a news story in the Dereham Times and on That's TV Norfolk. #dereham

-  **Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · Mar 13
Some School Council members will be attending the Dereham Town Council meeting this evening after an invitation from Mayor @hilary_bushell. We're looking forward to a great opportunity for our students. @NgateDereham #council #opportunity
-  **Northgate** @NgateDereham · Mar 12
Happy Shakespeare Week everyone - look out for lots of excellent work and video clips from Northgate pupils and staff throughout the week.
-  **Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport · Mar 21
Day 2 of house matches and it was the yr9s turn to take to the pitches. Wins for Rowling in both the rugby and hockey see them dominate the sports results. Great to see so many boys representing their house. #TeamNorthgate
-  **Northgate** @NgateDereham · Mar 21
Well done Maddison for winning the GoGo Hares design competition with a fantastic design. Here's a photo of Maddison with her winning design receiving her prize of an Amazon voucher from Mr Mason. Design updates to follow shortly.
-  **English at Northgate** @EnglishNGate · Mar 9
Year 7 students share their ideas about the malignant motives of murderous Lady Macbeth, in preparation for #ShakespeareWeek next week!
-  **Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport · Mar 9
Great day with @NorfolkCB competing in the Lady Taverners U15s. Two wins out of four games. Great team spirit. Well done girls. #northgategirlsclub



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Year 11 GCSE Evening

21st March saw Northgate hold a Year 11 GCSE information evening.

This gave parents the opportunity to look at how they can support students during the exam period and also for departments to be on hand to answer any questions related to revision and resources to use. There was a talk from Miss Mather, exams officer about procedures and regulations and what to do if you are absent or late on an exam day. Former Northgate students were available throughout the evening to offer advice to students about coping with the exam pressures and revision strategies. Thank you to all those who attended and to staff for providing such valuable information. We wish the Year 11s the best of luck in their exams! Read more [here](#).



House Competition

It's been a very busy month in the House competition with the Swimming Gala, House matches and 'Are you smarter than' French competition. It's meant a lot more points have been added to the totals and there's been changes to the leader board.

Well done to all those who have been involved in the competitions and thank you to the PE department for organising the swimming gala and House matches!

1st - Holmes

5612 pts

2nd - Rowling

5599 pts

3rd - Hawking

5097 pts

4th - Attenborough

5056 pts

Merit Update

Lots of bonus merits awarded in March including to 64 Year 7s, 46 Year 8s + 77 Year 10s who gained all 'goods' and 'excellents' in their Spring Screening and to 453 students who gained no negatives for the 1st Spring half term - well done!

Current average merits:

Hawking	Holmes	Attenborough	Rowling
56.75	55.72	55.64	54.97

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



Website of the Month

SAM Learning is a revision and assessment website where students can revise and test themselves using practice exam papers and test questions across more than 20 subjects. These come in a variety of different formats that are fun, engaging and challenging. Students can log in and complete interactive tests and exam practice questions, while staff can assign homework and monitor students' progress. Students have unique login details and can obtain these from Mr Butcher if they have forgotten them.

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, blogs, newsletters and more, parents can stay informed and plan ahead. Download now!





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A Month of Celebrations

There have been lots of celebrations over March at Northgate, firstly International Women's Day on 8th March. Our PART theme for the week focussed on Women's Rights and a chance to reflect on how the theme links to our British values of democracy, mutual respect and rule of law. We also celebrated on social media the fantastic progress girls make at Northgate - their Progress 8 score in 2017 was 14th highest in Norfolk and in the top 25% of the country!

Then it was time to celebrate Science Week, Shakespeare Week and Pi Day from 12th March. There was the chance to get to know some of the Science department better with profiles on Facebook and Twitter, quotes from Shakespeare were shared every day, along with videos of pupils performing some of Shakespeare's work.

The Maths department hosted a range of Pi activities in their lessons.

See the 'In the News' section for more information.

School Council Business and Team Council Updates

The School Council have had another busy month with events to attend and meetings having taken place (see some of our recent blogs [here](#)). One of our Council members, Hannah, stood in the Norfolk Youth Parliament. She had an excellent campaign, promoted across the school and on social media, however unfortunately on this occasion was unlucky not to be elected. Well done to Hannah for all her efforts! We were fortunate to be invited to a Town Council meeting and funnily enough found similarities in the way it is run to our own Team and School Council system at Northgate!

We had another meeting with Edwards & Blake to put forward ideas for the menu for after May half term. We will be meeting again at the end of April to sample some dishes and finalise the menu.

The Rewards Team have put out voting slips for students to vote on potential rewards events later on in the year. Raising the money from the Quiz & Chips evening will allow more options to be considered and more students to take part.

The Social Team have worked incredibly hard to put together the fundraising events for Sport Relief - thank you to everyone who was involved. They will be working together after Easter to decide which charities to support in the summer term.



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](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) 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, Viking and many more. Please register to support us today - follow this [link](#) and start shopping!

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the winners of our attendance raffle in December - Bianca Chiciudean (Yr 8), James Taylor (Yr 9), Harry Grahame (Yr 10), Caitlin Patrick + Hanna Adams (Yr 11),

They gained raffle tickets for each two-week period of 100% attendance and were drawn out to win the Amazon vouchers!

