



Northgate Council Bulletin

Improving Northgate by giving pupils a voice ...

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What have we been up to?

Read some of our recent blogs:

- [Northgate's Drive on Road Safety](#)
- [Year 8 Salvation Army Food Collection](#)
- [RHS Green Plan It Competition](#)
- [Kids Lit Quiz 2017](#)
- [School Council members support UET Christmas Fairs](#)

Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate.

8th January

Year 11 Mock Exams
Launch of Year 8 Duo lingo House competition and continuation of Year 7 vocab competition

9th January

Mid Norfolk Area Cross Country Championships

15th January

Year 9 Brilliant Club launch at Cambridge University

17th January

Year 9 Options Evening

23rd January

Year 9 Parents Evening
Norfolk Schools Cross Country Championships

Charity Corner

An amazing £951 was raised at the Dereham Christmas Lights switch on for Dementia Friends. Thank you to those who came and supported the event!



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Staff and pupils got into the festive spirit donning their best Christmas jumpers, raising £177.33 for Save the Children!

At our Christmas Showcase, £106.26 was raised for MIND from the home made cake sale



and food donations were collected for the Mid-Norfolk Foodbank.

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?

'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 the local press:

- [Dereham Lights Switch On](#)
- [EDP - Year 8 Salvation Army Tins & Toys Collection](#)
- [Wonder - #choosekind Campaign](#)
- [Café North Spring 2018 Menu](#)

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 December

Northgate Council @NgateCouncil · Dec 3
A fantastic turnout at the Dereham lights switch on. A great range of goodies on the Northgate stall raising money for dementia friends and there was even a reindeer! #Christmas 🎄

Northgate @NgateDereham · Dec 4
If you missed the BBC Radio Norfolk interview with three of our students about raising money for 'Dementia Friends' and how they're involved, you can listen here: ow.ly/fjE530gZHAB

Northgate Council @NgateCouncil · Dec 1
School Council members did a great job helping out at Grove House's Christmas Fair on Friday - lots of fun and children enjoying themselves! #Christmas 🎄 #SantasGrotto

Northgate Council @NgateCouncil · Dec 9
The School Council are committed to ensuring students can safely cross Quebec Road at the back of school and are supporting Northgate's efforts. #RoadSafety @horatioharry @hilary_bushell

ghambling @GhamblingHead · Dec 3
So very proud of all students and staff of Unity Education Trust schools who did stalls and music at the Dereham light switch on - 🎄 🎵

Northgate @NgateDereham · Dec 4
Our Christmas Showcase is taking place next week! The evening will be a mix of dance, drama and music, and will include some special performances from other Unity Education Trust schools.

Northgate LHub @NGateLHub · Dec 4
Thank you to @LauraMSteven who has donated a copy of The Hate You Give by @angiechomas to the Learning Hub. Undoubtedly the best book I've read this year - I can't wait to hear our students' thoughts on it.

ELF @NorthgateELF · Dec 10
@NgateCouncil @NgateDereham The winter was certainly here today ❄️ however we were still cared for with clean water and food 🍎 🍌 😊

Northgate Sport @NorthgateSport · Dec 5
An outstanding result for our Yr11 rugby team beating @ReephampE 12-7 in an extremely close game to reach the county plate final. Tries for Pascoal & Tait. #FinalsRugby



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School Council Business

This month members of the School Council were invited to help out at Grove House and King's Park's Christmas fairs. It was great to see the children having so much fun and supporting UET schools on the cake stall, sweet raffle and in Santa's grotto! School Council members have also been involved in completing road traffic surveys on Quebec Road. They met the Mayor Hilary Bushell, local councillor Harry Clarke and UET trustee Michael Rose to highlight the volume of traffic and difficulties our students face in crossing that road. We have plans to deliver an assembly highlighting the importance of road safety and being aware of dangers on the road.

House Competition

It's all change in the House Competition this month with Holmes now taking a narrow lead over Rowling. Make sure you get involved in competitions next year, whether it's Year 7 Number Day, house matches or earning lots of merits. Everyone is able to contribute in some way and as you've seen, the lead is constantly changing!

Look out for more competitions coming next half term!

1st - Holmes 1422 pts	2nd - Rowling 1417 pts
3rd - Attenborough 1315 pts	4th - Hawking 1190 pts

Merit Update

Well done to 78 Year 9s and 99 Year 10s who gained bonus merits for excellent screening. Also congratulations to 283 pupils who gained 100% attendance and 210 pupils who gained >95% attendance this half term!

Current average merits:

Hawking	Holmes	Rowling	Attenborough
35.53	35.38	35.37	35.24

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, @Ngatehistory, @NgateGeography, @DesignNorthgate, @NGateLHub, @NothgateELF, @NorthgateSport

Website of the Month

What is Duo Lingo? You can sign up on a computer or phone, and it takes you through daily activities to learn the basics of different languages. Starting with the basics, with important words such as *I, the, in, a, my, some...* Duo Lingo will increase your fluency and accuracy with 5 to 10 minutes' work a day. It develops vocabulary and grammar as well as reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. If you don't keep up, it will send you a reminder! Here is a [link](#) to an article by a journalist who used the app before travelling abroad, setting out his successes and experiences. In January, Year 8 will be starting a House Point Competition based on Duo Lingo scores. So whether you are in Year 8 or any other year, please do sign up for Duo Lingo.





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Northgate Comes together for the Community

We are so proud of our students at Northgate and everything they do for the local community, whether it's collecting for the Salvation Army Tins and Toys Appeal, playing music to the Cameo group, putting on the fantastic Christmas showcase (there was such a great turnout to this and some amazing talent on display), performing at the Christmas lights switch on, supporting schools with their Christmas Fairs, visiting Primary schools to put on events or visiting residents at Eckling Grange as part of the work with Dementia Friends.

At this time of year it really highlights the theme of giving, generosity and friendship and shows that Northgate is a valued part of the Dereham Community. We will aim to continue our work in the community and give back however we can.

Team Council Updates

School Council members were involved in an interview panel for the new cover supervisor position. Feedback from SLT was very positive - they were probing the candidates and there almost wasn't the need for a formal interview - well done to those involved!

The Environment Team have been completing litter picks in PART lesson each week and will be doing an audit of where bins are placed around the school site. They are looking at how to encourage more to use the bins and build in a House Competition too.

The Social Team were pleased the school went ahead with the proposal to Mr Mason regarding Save the Children Christmas Jumper day. It was great to see lots in their festive jumpers. They are now starting to make plans for Sports Relief later in the year.

The Rewards Team have been given the go ahead for a special evening to raise funds for rewards trips and events. They are in the early stages of planning, so watch this space. Information about how you can get involved will be coming out shortly.

Soon after our Christmas break, a new student suggestions box will be going up in the main hall. This will give students more of an opportunity to put their ideas and thoughts forward to the three Team Councils and School Council and be able to have their say. We hope students come up with some positive ideas to help us move forward and improve the school further.



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 - Ella Grahame (Yr 7), Kian Hunt (Yr 8), Safina Dent (Yr 9), Hayden Quinn (Yr 10). They gained raffle tickets for each two-week period of 100% attendance and were drawn out to win the Amazon vouchers!

