



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:

- [Team Maths Challenge](#)
- [Northgate gets Booky for World Book Day](#)
- [24 Hour Read-a-thon](#)
- [Sport Relief 2018](#)
- [Cheerleading Champion!](#)
- [Lauren's West End Experience](#)

We celebrated 1 year of our blogs in April! If you've not checked them out head over to the [website](#).



Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate.

3rd May

Poetry Open Mic - see Miss Ling for details

8th May

U15 Girls Eastern Region Finals Handball competition

14th May

Main GCSEs begin

17th May

House Book Quiz

18th May

Greenaway Reading Café - cluster event

28th May

Half term begins

SPORT RELIEF 2018

Charity Corner

A big thank you once again to all those who supported our Social Team's fundraising efforts for Sport Relief.

A grand total of £340.74 was raised!

We'll update you with the sponsored read-a-thon total for Read for Good next month.

This takes our total raised for charities in this school year 2017-18 to an amazing **£4134.51!**



Northgate News

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

[April 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



Attendance Matters

A big well done to Northgate students for their continued efforts to improve their attendance. Over the Spring term, we have noticed significant improvements in our attendance and want to also thank parents for their support with this. We clearly know that our students are able to make more progress by being in lessons, engaging with the work and in learning outside of school as well, therefore we ask that our students make every effort to be in all lessons. If lessons are missed, don't forget to ask your teacher for work so you can catch up. Remember also that you gain raffle tickets for each two-week period of 100% attendance and winners are drawn in our celebration assemblies to win Amazon vouchers! Bonus merits are also awarded each half term for attendance!



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 April

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Northgate Council @NgateCouncil · Apr 3
 The exam season is approaching with mocks for Yr 10 and Yr 11s starting their GCSEs. Make use of all the resources available, subject specific revision guides, workbooks, websites, revision planners (Yr 11) + @GCSEPod. Here are some top tips from GCSEpod to help @NgateDereham
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ELF @NorthgateELF · Apr 8
 @NgateDereham @NgateCouncil The work continues in the ELF, even during the holidays 🌧️🌧️🌧️
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Northgate Sport @NorthgateSport · Apr 17
 U15 girls handball team are preparing for the @Englandhandball Eastern Region Finals. Game against @ReephamPE Thurs 19th at NGate. #regionalfinals #handball #secondyearrunning
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Northgate LHub @NGateLHub · Apr 24
 Pupils have been busy at break and lunch discovering and sharing new poems for #poeminyourpocketday. A couple of the poems had secret prizes attached- well done to Paris and Alex for finding them! @NgateDereham

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Northgate Council @NgateCouncil · Apr 12
 Congratulations to Northgate students ClaraBelle, Megan, Scott, Dee, Tabitha, Emma and Sixth Former Emily who had their opening night of Cats with DOSYTCo at Dereham Memorial Hall last night! They were joined by Ms Brooks in the band. Good luck for the rest of the performances!
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Northgate @NgateDereham · Apr 4
 Great start to Easter revision by Year 11, we had a fantastic turnout for the science revision day! Please don't forget to relax and have fun in between all the hard work and revision.
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Northgate Council @NgateCouncil · Apr 15
 Café North's menu will remain the same as before Easter, starting at Week 1. School Council members will be meeting with Edwards & Blake shortly to discuss the new menu which will be in place in the second half term. @EdwardsandBlake @NgateDereham #food #menu
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Northgate LHub @NGateLHub · Apr 17
 We are delighted to share the summer edition of the Learning Hub newsletter 'Coming up in the Hub' featuring @CILPCKG shadowing, #poeminyourpocketday and a visit from author Hayley Long. Lots to be excited about this term!!!
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Northgate Sport @NorthgateSport · 11h
 Year 8 hockey team are WINNERS of the Norfolk Schools Emerging Hockey tournament @easport @EnglandHockey #In2Hockey #winners #newteamintheking #goals



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Good Luck Class of 2018!

GCSE exams start this month for our Year 11s. We know they have worked incredibly hard in their time at Northgate and in particular in the two years of studying their chosen subjects, throughout sessions of mock exams, attending lunch time and after school workshops as well as revision sessions during their holidays. We thank staff for the time they have given to support our students, and to parents and carers for their continued support, particularly during what can be a stressful exam period. We wish our Year 11s the best of luck in their exams and hope they can do themselves proud, show off what they've learnt and achieve the grades they deserve to move onto the next chapter of their studies!



House Competition

We have had a whole host of events take place over the last two terms where valuable points have been awarded in the House Competition. There are more events this half term, culminating in the much anticipated Sports Day and Northgate Games. Here are the current standings - it is still all to play for.

Get involved and help contribute to your team's total. Look out for more competitions coming this half term!

1st - Holmes 6294 pts	2nd - Rowling 5974 pts
3rd - Hawking 5658 pts	4th - Attenborough 5516 pts

Merit Update

Congratulations to 385 pupils who gained 5 bonus merits for 100% attendance, to 195 pupils who gained 3 bonus merits for > 95% attendance and to 472 pupils who gained 5 bonus merits for no negatives in the 2nd Spring half term!

Current average merits:

Hawking	Attenborough	Holmes	Rowling
65.27	64.11	63.89	62.36

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

Kahoots are fun learning games! Multiple choice questions can be created with videos, images and diagrams added to the questions to enhance them. Students can play Kahoots on their phones for revision and reinforcement, training their classroom superpowers anytime. With the challenge feature teachers can assign Kahoots as homework challenges. The link or PIN is shared with students so they can access the Kahoot. Some subjects are already making use of this fantastic website. www.kahoot.com.



Getting to know you...

We have a great group of teachers and support staff at Northgate. Each week on our @NgateDereham Twitter and Facebook page we'll be finding out more about some of them. In April it was the turn of Mr Llewellyn.

Find out more [here](#).





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Celebrating Success!

At Northgate we are fortunate to have many talented students, not only academically but also in their own fields of sport, music, drama, dance and more. We love to celebrate the success and achievements of our students and find out what they are up to outside of school. If your son/daughter has achieved something you would like to make the school aware of (whether it be sporting, musical, in the arts, volunteering or something else), please send us a message on the Northgate Facebook page or send our Communications Manager, Miss Alderman, an email at comms@unityeducationtrust.uk. We will then share on our social media and perhaps even write a blog about the achievements! We look forward to hearing what our students have been up to!



Easysearch

School Council Business & Team Council Updates

The School Council have an upcoming meeting with Edwards & Blake to discuss menu options for the 2nd Summer half term - we're excited to sample some new recipes!

The Rewards Team have received votes for the summer rewards event and the overwhelming decision was a shopping trip to Norwich. Organisation is underway and tutors will be given criteria for selection of 2 students per group.

The Social Team are currently discussing which charity Northgate may wish to support in the summer term and will be coming up with fundraising ideas for later on in the term.

A big thank you to all the students and staff involved in the Team Councils and School Council.

Students may be wondering why a different homepage appears when they open a browser now.

Every time they complete a search (ie type in the search box, click search and then click on one of the links suggested) we earn 0.5p. It might not seem much but it soon starts to add up.

The money raised will be going directly into the School Council account to go towards rewards activities and events. Students will be benefitting directly from doing their internet searches via this page. Parents and students can also use the [page](#) at home!



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!

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!

