



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:

- [Summer School 2018](#)
- [Year 6 Transition Week](#)
- [World Peace Day Commemoration](#)
- [STEM Faraday Challenge](#)

You can check out all our blogs on the Northgate website [here](#).

Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate.

4th October

Year 6 Open Evening 5pm - 9pm

10th October

Sign of Four Performance

11th October

Post 16 Options Evening

12th October

GCSE Textiles visit - Knitting + Stitching Show

16th October

Sixth Form Open Evening 5pm - 8pm

18th October

Half term begins

30th October

GCSE Presentation Evening

Congratulations!

In September Northgate was announced as runners up in a National School Garden competition run by Cultivation Street. On their website they said of our dementia friendly garden, 'The judges were impressed by the purpose behind this garden, which attempts to raise awareness of dementia in association with a local care home. The school has also held plant sales in support of the Alzheimer's Society. As a result, the children have learnt about dementia and been able to connect with people in the local care home that live with the illness and their families.'



Northgate News

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

[September 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 Times - Dereham Students celebrate GCSE results](#)
- [Dereham Times - 'It's so inspiring', Todd Cantwell's Norwich City debut](#)

BIC Recycling Scheme

Thank you to those who have brought in old pens, felt tips, highlighters and markers so far for our recycling scheme. Don't forget they can be dropped off in the box in the main foyer. Not only are we recycling the plastic but also raising money for Cancer Research UK, so keep them coming in.



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 September

- Northgate** @NgateDereham · Aug 23
A huge, heartfelt Northgate 'Well Done' to all pupils collecting their GCSE results today. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you. 70% of pupils achieved a Grade 9-4 in English and mathematics, putting our school amongst the highest achieving in Norfolk.
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · Sep 14
Wednesday 19th Sept 6- 7.30pm is our GCSE support evening for parents and pupils of Year 11. There will be a short presentation on the grading system, course overviews from the Heads of English, Maths & Science and tips on how to manage stress and optimise revision.
- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport · Sep 13
Great to see so many girls at netball club last night. #teamnorthgate
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · Sep 17
Yesterday we were announced as runners up in the @CultivationSt School Garden Competition! Congratulations to Mr MacDonal and all those involved in putting the dementia friendly garden together. See what the judges had to say here: cultivationstreet.com/school-winners... @NorthgateELF #proud

- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · Aug 13
Introducing the trigonome-tree! A huge tree right outside the Maths Department, perfect as a learning tool. Lots of formulae to be able to use and learn in Maths and Science so here's a way to get started. @NgateDereham @NorthgateELF #Maths #Formulae #Outdoorlearning
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 19h
1/2: In July we welcomed our new Year 7s for their transition week. Any fears or worries they had at the beginning soon disappeared, friendships started to form, they were able to start finding their way around the site and were supported by our team of peer mentors and buddies.
- ELF** @NorthgateELF · Sep 14
@NgateDereham @NorfolkPolice @NgateCouncil @UETNorfolk A massive well done to all our students crossing on Quebec Rd. Our students are polite and considerate to the public. It's a pleasure welcoming them to school.
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · Sep 12
At @NgateDereham we're taking part in the #MakeYourMark campaign this year. Looking forward to giving students a voice. Here are 4 of the 10 issues pupils can vote on. @UKYP @UKYPNorfolk The other 6 issues will follow. #studentvoice
- ELF** @NorthgateELF · Sep 15
@NgateDereham @NgateCouncil @CultivationSt @SolanaUK @davidmoney I am pleased with the weekends harvest, ahead of the Solana Challenge Final on Wednesday 19th. So fingers crossed for results, today has gone well. 🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌



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Welcoming Year 6s

It's that time of year when we welcome Year 6s and families to take a look around Northgate. We are always proud to showcase what our school has to offer and the experiences you can have by choosing our school. There will be teachers, prefects and students on hand throughout the evening to guide you to various parts of the school and answer any questions you may have. It is a lot to take in during one evening and such an important decision to make so don't forget if you would like to experience a normal school day, please sign up for our morning tours where a member of our Senior Leadership Team will take you on a guided tour of the school and into some of the lessons. We hope you all enjoy the open evening and get a taster of 'The Northgate Way'.

House Competition

After a fantastic House Competition last year with Holmes ultimately taking home the trophy, it's time to wipe the slate clean and see who can be crowned winners this year.

Get involved and help contribute to your team's total, whether this be with merits, taking part in the House quiz, sporting competitions or subject competitions. Support others in your house when they are competing too. Let's see the fantastic community spirit that Northgate always demonstrates so well. Look out for more competitions coming this half term!

House totals will be updated in the November bulletin.

Merit Update

Already students across all year groups have been working hard to earn merits through positive attitudes, excellent work, homework and contributions to school.

Here are the current average merits:

Holmes	Hawking	Rowling	Attenborough
9.28	8.99	8.91	8.79

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

GCSE Results Day

Our ex - Year 11s and students all over the country eagerly awaited their GCSE results on 23rd August. They were apprehensive, nervous, excited, a whole host of emotions were felt. Teachers and parents were there in support as the results envelopes were opened. Overall 72% of pupils achieved a Grade 9 - 4 in English and Maths. There were some fantastic results across all subjects, testament that hard work pays off. Mr Mason said, 'As Head of School, I am extremely proud of our GCSE results and of the teamwork with our hardworking and dedicated staff, which has secured such great outcomes with students. 13% of our students achieved at least one Grade 9 across a wide range of subjects. We are proud of our students and wish them every success for the future.' Thank you to all Northgate parents for their amazing support to enable the Class of 2018 to achieve so highly. And to all pupils - your future's looking very bright - take every opportunity to work hard and follow your dreams!





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Welcome to new staff and Staff Profiles

We've been back at school for just over 3 weeks now so it's only right that we say a big Northgate welcome to new members of staff: Miss Lynn, Learning Hub Coordinator and Communications manager, Mrs Wright, Art Technician, Miss Mitchell, Admissions and Attendance Officer, Miss Titchen, Mrs Chapling and Miss Burton, Teaching Assistants, and finally Miss Wicks and Mr Scott, Cover Supervisors. We also find out about more of our current staff in our weekly teacher profiles that go out on Twitter and Facebook as well as our website. In September we featured Dr Gollop, Mrs Tonkin and Mr Stevenson and in October we profile Mrs Holt, Mrs Graves and Mrs Sutcliffe. You can view all the profiles [here](#).



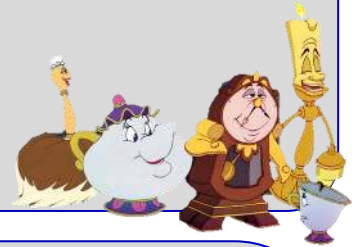
School Council Business & Team Council Updates

We have already held nominations for Team Council representatives in each tutor group and assigned students to their Team Councils. The first meetings take place this week for all teams (Social - Thurs A 12.45pm HU1, Environment - Thurs A 12.45pm SC7, Rewards - Fri A 12.45pm HI2). Those representatives also on the School Council have meetings on a Tues B 12.45pm MA6.

We look forward to working with everyone and to the ideas and suggestions they come up with this year as well as continuing to work on some of the key themes from last year. If you have any ideas please speak to one of the reps.

Beauty & the Beast

The Drama and Music department are deep into rehearsals for our Beauty & the Beast production. We are looking forward to showcasing the fantastic talent Northgate and Dereham Sixth Form students have from 8th - 10th November. If you haven't bought your tickets already, make sure you do as they are selling fast. Adult tickets are £8, Concessions are £6. You can purchase tickets from Mrs Laurence + Mrs Isbill via the main office.



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 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, Ebay and many more. Please register to support us today - follow this [link](#) and start shopping! Thank you to those who have already signed up.



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 term dates, blogs, newsletters and more, parents can stay informed and plan ahead. You can also sign consent forms and pay for trips and activities using the app. Available from Google Play or Apple - download now!