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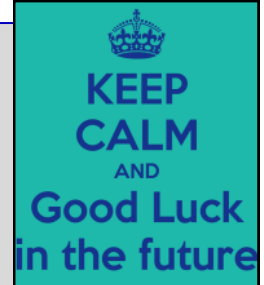
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## Leavers 2021 - Goodbye and Good Luck!

Our Year 11 students in particular have had a tough time during the last year as a result of the pandemic. They have had to become much more independent learners, working remotely, and have really risen to the challenge. After the government cancelled the GCSE exams, they have shown plenty of Northgate resilience to demonstrate what they are capable of in each of their subjects. We are incredibly proud of them all and it was lovely to celebrate their 5 years at Northgate on Leavers Day on 28<sup>th</sup> May. There were smiles and tears, embarrassing photos, memories and laughter with speeches from Mr Guy, tutors and Heads of School, Dr Hone and Mrs Galley.



A big thank you to the pastoral team who have supported Year 11s throughout their time at Northgate, including Mr Guy, Head of Year, and tutors Miss Myhill, Mrs Smith, Mr Carter, Mr Oldfield, Mrs Oates and Miss Theobald.



We wish our Year 11s the very best of luck as they move onto colleges, sixth forms and apprenticeships and hope they look back on their time at Northgate with fond memories.

## Northgate News

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

[April Bulletin](#)

Spaces for the 2023 Ski Trip are filling fast!

Get your deposits in via ParentPay as soon as possible to secure your place. A reserve list will be started for those missing out. Please contact Mrs Holt (aholt@ng6.unity-ed.uk) for further details.



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## Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate. Please note these dates are subject to change.

7th June

New half term begins - we return on Week A

21st June

Year 10 internal exams



## Merit Update

The total number of merits awarded since September now stands at **49,924!**

As we are at the end of another half term it means plenty of bonus merits have been awarded - 1170 for those with 100% attendance this half term, 402 for those with > 95% attendance and 1605 for those with no negatives. Well done all!

Many students have been making the most of the opportunity to cash in some of their merits for rewards. Tennis balls, notebooks, stationery and footballs have proven to be particularly popular over the last half term. Students should keep an eye on their emails for up to date merit totals and when they are able to cash in their merits. In the meantime, you can take a look at the rewards catalogue and see what you might spend your merits on [here](#). Please be aware that some items are currently out of stock.

Well done to 7AB, 8HR, 9AR, 10DNI and 11NO who are currently top of each Year group in the merit competition and to Hawking who continue to maintain their lead in the House merit competition.

Hawking	Holmes	Rowling	Attenborough
71.50	70.82	69.34	65.77

Remember all merits contribute to the overall House competition.

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## Time for Tweets

Here are our twitter highlights from May

- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil - 27 May  
A number of our Year 7 boys have taken part in a 'Game Changers' initiative run by the @uniofeastanglia. You can read about what they got up to in our latest blog along with their thoughts on the programme: [northgate.norfolksch.uk/year-7-game-ch...](http://northgate.norfolksch.uk/year-7-game-ch...) #NorthgateWay #aimhigh
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham - 19 May  
Members of School Council are attending the virtual launch of the 'Take Action' Summit today with schools from the UK, Sweden & USA. We're looking forward to hearing from speakers regarding how to influence others regarding sustainability and why we should take action locally.
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham - 14 May  
Over the past few weeks we have been exploring the history of Northgate & DSFC for an upcoming project we can't wait to share with you soon! As part of this project, we would love to get in touch with previous Head Boys and Head Girls. If this is you, please get in touch!

- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham - 25 May  
STEM Club is relaunching after half term! The club will be after school until 4.30 on Wednesdays in SC3. There will be practical work to complete every week and the topic changes every fortnight. Students can speak to Mrs Simms or Mr Fox if they have any further questions #STEM
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham - 20 May  
Can you help us be in with a chance of winning £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the Learning Hub? By entering this competition and nominating Northgate High School Dereham, you could also be in with a chance of winning £100 of National Book Tokens! [nationalbooktokens.com/schools](http://nationalbooktokens.com/schools)
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham - 26 May  
Our Year 9 students are currently following the Arts Award Bronze scheme & students have been sharing their music skills with staff. Staff have been taught on Ukulele, Guitar & Keyboard. Staff have been very impressed, by the students skills & their teaching style and patience.

## Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who have already won the fortnightly attendance competition recently: 7CD, 7NA, 8HR, 8HC, 9AR, 9AS, 10TF, 10DNI, 11SC and 11JSM.

Trophies and certificates are proudly on display in tutor rooms.

Well done also to our attendance raffle winners for last half term Kalina B (Y7), Ollie C (Y8), Connor W (Y9), Zack L (Y10) and Noah E (Y11). They were all presented with an Amazon voucher.

We all know how important good attendance is and would like to thank all Northgate parents and carers for supporting excellent attendance.



## Recycling Update

We continue our Terracycle recycling efforts with the BIC writing instrument recycling scheme and Walkers crisp packet scheme. All items are sent away to be recycled into new plastic goods. Pens, highlighters, felt tips etc can be put in the dead pen pots in every classroom and bags of empty crisps put in the boxes in the hall (if in Year 8) or handed to Student Services (for other Year groups). We have collected **155Kg** of pens and **192Kg** of empty crisp packets so far so keep up the good work and get your friends involved!



## Northgate attends Earth Summit Virtual Launch!



Towards the end of May a small group of Northgate and Dereham 6<sup>th</sup> Form students attended a virtual launch for the 'Take Action' Earth Summit which is due to take place in Lund, Sweden, in October. Seven schools from the UK, Sweden and the USA joined forces for the launch of this exciting project. There were two guest speakers from the USA and London. One spoke about a youth climate programme they run within their community whilst the other gave an insight into their work with Greenpeace. Both gave valuable advice to students for their work ahead. The aim is for each school to plan projects with an eco-theme to put into action within their school or local community, to learn about what others are doing and look at the progress made over the coming months. It will culminate in all the students meeting in Lund in the Autumn. Our students said they felt inspired, motivated and enthusiastic about the project and along with schemes that are already in place, set up by the School Council and Environment Team, they have a few more plans in the pipe line. So, keep an eye out on our social media over the coming months for more information.

## Food Glorious Food!

Mr Fair was incredibly impressed by the high quality, mouth-watering food created by our Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students last month. The dishes included risotto, spaghetti bolognese and stuffed peppers as well as tempting desserts of panna cotta, fruit crumble and cheesecake. We are sure you'll agree, it looks amazing and good enough to eat!



## Brilliant Club Graduation

Some of our Year 9 students took part in the Brilliant Club scheme from February to April and had their graduation ceremony earlier this month. We are incredibly proud of the students this year. The quality of the work, their commitment to their studies and the resilience that they demonstrated whilst completing the work during lockdown was amazing.

Congratulations to Milo M, Joschka M, Jude S-M, Pip E, Callum C, Emma D, Ayko A, Bonnie C, Corin W, Kaed H and Niall U who all graduated from the programme. You can read more about it in our [blog](#) and [EDP article](#).

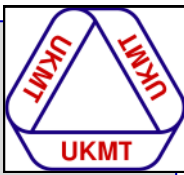




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## Junior Maths Challenge Success



In April a number of our Year 7 and 8 students took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

The problems on the Junior Maths Challenge are designed to really make students think and can be quite demanding. Once again the questions were completed online. Mrs Chalmers, who organised the challenge, was thrilled with those who gained Bronze, Silver or Gold certificates. Congratulations to Ewan T (Y8) who gained a Gold certificate, Amy D (Y8), Samuel D, Dylan M and Kyra T (Y7) who gained Silver certificates and Owen A, Louie C, Aimee P (Y8), Jemima C, Wyn E, Leighton K, Callum R, Mia S, Maisie S, Elliot S, Piotr W, Taylor W and Seren W (Y7) who gained Bronze certificates!



Pictured are some of our Year 10 participants receiving their Intermediate Maths Challenge certificates from earlier in the year.

## Learning Hub and Accelerated Reader Updates

A reminder that the Learning Hub is open for students to use during break time, lunch time and after school (homework club) on the days mentioned on the right.

Students can make use of the computers and borrow some of the many books available. Students who take part in accelerated reader can exchange their books on their particular day as well as during some lessons.

When we returned to school in March we re-launched the Accelerated Reader programme with Year 7 and Year 8.

The programme is designed to improve pupils' reading ability, raise their reading age and encourage and nurture a love of reading. Year 7 and 8 students read within one lesson a day, as research shows clearly that a pupil who reads regularly for 20 minutes per day is far more likely to be successful at GCSE level and beyond.

Accelerated Reader has had a positive impact on our students over the last few years, and we have seen some incredible improvements in their reading. In the last couple of years many of our students who have taken part in the programme have improved their reading age by at least a year, and some have improved by as much as three and a half years.

Since returning from lockdown a staggering **3,684,435** words have been read. Our top classes are currently 7Aspire and 8Tenacity. Top Readers (based on words read and quizzes completed) are Daniel A, Bella B and Sudenaz A in Year 7 and Blake B, Thomas G, Dominic T and Chloe G-N in Year 8 – well done to all of you!

## HOMEWORK CLUB

The Learning Hub will be open everyday after school until 4.30pm for students to drop in, complete homework and use the resources available

Due to Covid regulations, students will only be able to attend on the selected day specified below:

- MONDAY - YEAR 7
- TUESDAY - YEAR 8
- WEDNESDAY - YEAR 9
- THURSDAY - YEAR 10
- FRIDAY - YEAR 11

