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Northgate's School Council and Team Councils are back!

After a year away due to the Covid restrictions in place, we are pleased to have Northgate's School Council and Team Councils are back up and running. There are 4 Team Councils made up of students from across all year groups. The Environment Team, Social Team, Northgate News Team and Well-being Team will be working on different projects throughout the year and we are looking forward to sharing these with you in future bulletins and on social media. Thank you to all those who put themselves forward and to all the teachers who will be supporting their work.



Upcoming events

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

4th October

Year 11 Graphics and RM visit

6th October

Year 10 Textiles trip

Northgate Post-16 Evening

12th October

Virtual Earth Summit

KS3/4 School Photos + Year 11 Group Photo

14th October

KS3/4 School Photos

Northgate Open Evening 5.30pm – 8.30pm

15th October

Year 11 Fine Art visit

20th October

Dereham Sixth Form Open Evening 5.30pm - 8.30pm

22th October

Break up for Half Term

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



Follow us on Instagram: NgateDereham



Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin? Follow this link to read about all the exciting activities and news from last month. [September Bulletin](#)



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In the News

Here are some recent news items from the local press:

- [Dereham Times: 'He Loves it' - Litter picking youngster overjoys town](#)
- [Dereham Times: Dereham Golf Club full of pride after juniors represent Norfolk](#)

Help us get FREE Gardening Equipment

Please help us get some FREE gardening equipment for Northgate! We're taking part in the Morrisons 'It's Good to Grow' campaign, so if you shop at Morrisons, you can collect Grow Tokens for every £10 you spend.

Tokens are earned when you shop online or in store and then you can donate them to our school with a MyMorrisons account. If you haven't got an account, please download the app and get collecting and donating. When searching the schools, please type Northgate High School and click the one that says Dereham, NR19 2EU. Tokens will be available until 24th October so there is still plenty of time to help us.

Please spread the word to family and friends – the more tokens we get, the more equipment we can receive.



Year 7s make a positive start to life at Northgate

It's been almost 4 weeks since our new Year 7s started Northgate – it's gone so quickly! We have been really impressed with how well they have settled into high school life, they are working incredibly hard, approaching lessons with a positive attitude and embracing the Northgate Way. Our 5Rs have been on display in abundance: **Respect – Readiness – Responsibility – Resilience – Reflectiveness.** Here's what they've had to say about their time so far

Jack T (7Int) – 'Starting High School was exhilarating with the chance to meet new people and make friends. I've really enjoyed my RE lessons so far.'

Hermione F (7End) – 'The teachers are all really kind. I am enjoying my lessons so far, in particular English and PART lesson with my tutor.'

Libby G (7Int) – 'I found it tricky to begin with, getting used to homework online, but now everything is working well and it's fine. I'm enjoying my Computing and Science lessons the most!'

Ella R (7Asp) – 'The queues for the canteen can be long sometimes but it is worth it – the food is yummy! The teachers are really welcoming and my English teacher is funny too. I have already earned some merits and I'm looking forward to cashing them in.'

Max B (7Mot) – 'I have enjoyed making new friends at Northgate and have had a brilliant time so far. Even though it's bigger, it's much calmer than Primary School. I've enjoyed History, Geography and Maths lessons the most so far.'

Millie B (7Mot) – 'Everyone has been really welcoming, it's like a big community! I was a little nervous to begin with but have settled in quickly. I like the Design Tech lessons the most so far. There is a warm atmosphere at Northgate and the teachers are there for you if you are worried.'

Isobel P (7End) – 'At first I didn't know many people because I came from a small Primary school, but now I have made some good friends.'

Lily D (7Cour) – 'It was tricky to find my way round at the start but other students were really nice and helpful. I like Tech the most so far as I like making things and I am looking forward to joining Drama club.'

Leo S (7Int) – 'The subject I like the most so far is PE – I really like sport and trying out new sports.'



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Open Evening

We are really looking forward to welcoming prospective Year 6s and their parents/carers to Northgate on 14th October for our annual Open Evening. You will have the opportunity to hear from our Heads of School, Head Girl and Head Boy, as well as some of our current Year 7s. Prefects will be on hand to guide you round the school and answer any questions you may have. Teachers and students will tell you all about the subjects we offer and all of the activities, events, clubs and trips available at Northgate.

If you can't wait until then, why not take a look at our 360° virtual tour of the school in advance of Open Evening, which you can find on our [website](#). You can navigate your way through the school halls, familiarise yourself with the layout of the school and even take a look inside the classrooms.

You can also 'like' our social media pages to keep up to date with all of the news, events and activities going on at Northgate. We are incredibly proud of everything the school has to offer and can't wait to meet you all!



Brand New Recycling Scheme

20th – 26th September was National Recycling Week, a chance to encourage and remind everyone about the importance of recycling. We know environmental concerns are still on the increase, so we need to do more and we need to do it now. Recycling is something everyone can do. It was the perfect opportunity for us to remind students, staff, parents/carers and the community about the recycling schemes we have in place at Northgate and about one new scheme in particular. We are now a collection point for a Terracycle scheme, in partnership with Warburtons, which recycles not just any brand of bread bag, but also other items such as plastic from tea cakes, crumpets, wraps and more.

Bags of items can be dropped off at our reception, or students can put in the boxes in the main hall or pass directly to Miss Theobald in MA6. Alternatively, these can be put in the crisp packet collection box in Morrisons or Nationwide Building Society in Dereham.

We are proud that we can help recycle these items into new plastic items – over 170Kg of writing instruments and 230Kg of crisp packets have been recycled so far, raising almost £500 for Cancer Research UK – AMAZING!





Northgate High School, Dereham Sixth Form and DESA Celebrate the Past, Present and Future

Friday 24th September saw Northgate High School, Dereham Sixth Form and DESA celebrate the past, present and future. Former Head Teachers, staff, students and those with specific connections with the three institutions were invited to the special event. There was music, drama performances, speeches and short films created for the evening.

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A huge amount of work also went into creating stunning displays in the foyer and hall with artefacts, photos and press clippings of events from the history of the school and college.

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We'll share more about the event in our next bulletin, but here are a few photos of the evening. It was a proud occasion for all involved and a wonderful chance to celebrate our achievements of the past and present and look forward to what comes next.



Merit Update

We're now 4 weeks into the Autumn term and plenty of merits have been awarded so far - **10,595** in total (which includes bonuses from last half term). Last year Hawking were overall merit champions but who will be triumphant this year? It's early days and all House Teams have started well, with Holmes taking a slight lead.

Students are also now able to start cashing in their merits in the hall on a Thursday lunch time. Miss Theobald is looking forward to seeing lots of new faces this year and we have a whole host of rewards on offer. Take a look at our new catalogue [here](#). All merits awarded contribute to the overall House competition.

Holmes	Hawking	Attenborough	Rowling
14.20	14.01	13.51	13.50

**ATTEND
TODAY
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TOMORROW**



Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who have recently won the fortnightly attendance competition: 7KPE, 8NA, 9HR, 10AS and 11CSU. Trophies and certificates are proudly on display in tutor rooms.



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