



Northgate Council Bulletin

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Welcome Back

We are looking forward to seeing all students and staff on our return in a few days time. We welcome a number of new staff to the school including Mr Digby in Science, Mr Stirling in Maths and as Head of Year 8, Ms Hickey in Art and Design and Mr Hester as Head of History.

We also welcome our new Year 7s into Northgate after a very successful three day transition in July.

They experienced a whole range of lessons including those in core subjects as well as Geography, History, Textiles, Economics, Sociology, Law, Drama, PE and much more. They had an exciting CSI activity day with 'Forensic Minds' and also had the chance to meet their tutors and Head of Year, Mrs Graves.

We are sure many new friendships have already formed and any worries or concerns been put to rest. We hope they are all looking forward to being part of the Northgate community.



Upcoming events

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

2nd - 3rd September

Staff INSET days

6th September

Term starts for Years 7 + 11

7th September

Term starts for Years 8, 9 + 10

16th - 17th September

Tempest School Photos Years 7 - 11
(to be confirmed)

23rd September

Year 11 Catering visit

24th September

Past, Present and Future Private View
6pm - 8pm (by invitation only)

25th September

Past, Present and Future Community
Event 11am - 1pm - look out for more
information on our social media pages

29th September

Year 8 Geography Trip to Cambridge

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Facebook page (@northgatedereham)



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Northgate News

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



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Welcome to our new Head Girl and Head Boy Team

We were extremely pleased to announce our new Head Girl and Head Boy Team at the end of last term. The standard of applicants was extremely high so well done to all who applied.

Congratulations to the selected students: Head Girl Freya, Head Boy Lewis, Deputy Head Girls Lacey and Prisha and Deputy Head Boy Fred. We look forward to them all proudly representing Northgate at various school events and their work with the School Council over the coming year.

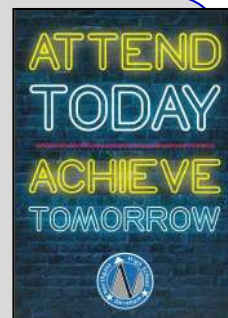


Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who have been awarded attendance certificates and trophies for gaining the top attendance in their Year group over a two week period since our last bulletin: 7CD, 7NA, 8HC, 8JLL, 9SR, 9AS and 10DNI.



Also, congratulations to Elliot S (Year 7), Rita S (Year 8), Arnita M (Year 9) and Madison A (Year 10) who were randomly picked as the attendance raffle winners for the second summer half term. All students receive a virtual raffle ticket for each two week period where they gain 100% attendance. The winners received an Amazon voucher.



We know how important excellent attendance at school is and would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support with students' attendance at Northgate.

Merits Galore in 2020-2021!

Last year was certainly challenging in many ways. However as usual, Northgate students rose to the challenge and were quite rightly rewarded with so many merits, **55,697** to be precise – AMAZING! Here's a rundown in figures for last year:

4 students gained > 250 merits and received a special merit plaque, 13 students gained the star badge for > 200 merits, 58 students gained their star trophy for 150 or more merits whilst 196 students gained their 100 merit badge. Heads of Year have lots of certificates, badges and trophies to hand out on our return to school.

Bonus merits for last half term will be awarded on our return to school. This includes 2,192 for attendance, 1,580 for no negatives and 1,390 for excellent screening.

Congratulations to Hawking who were triumphant in the House merit competition last year, leading from start to finish. Can they be beaten this year?

Remember - if you have not cashed in your merits already from last year the FINAL deadline is Friday 10th September. Please refer to the email sent by Miss Theobald and complete the google form with your order.

<u>Hawking</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Rowling</u>	<u>Attenborough</u>
80.01	78.23	76.99	73.28
1st	2nd	3rd	4th

Northgate Blogs and In the News

Click on the links below to recent blogs on our website and newspaper articles Northgate has featured in:

- [Theatre Success for Clara and Adam](#)
- [Breckland Council gives a huge boost to Northgate's eco efforts](#)
- [Hawking message from Mrs Sutcliffe](#)
- [Dereham Times: Breckland Council Green Grants Scheme](#)
- [Breckland Council launches 100k fund to help groups deliver environmentally friendly schemes](#)
- [Dereham Times: Students across Mid-Norfolk celebrate strong GCSE Results](#)

Recycling Update

We continue our recycling efforts into the new academic year and are pleased with how they are going. We would encourage even more staff, students, parents and the community to get on board with these simple schemes. Every classroom at Northgate and Dereham Sixth Form has pen collection tins for the recycling of pens, felt tips, highlighters and markers.

These can also be dropped off at our collection box at Student Services. Crisp packet recycling boxes are located in some class rooms, the main hall and now in Morrisons in Dereham as well as Nationwide Building Society in the town centre. We thank

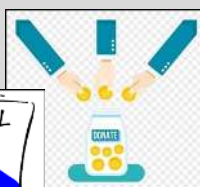
everyone who has contributed to our efforts so far. You have helped us prevent 160Kg of writing instruments and 218Kg of empty crisp packets from going to landfill, in turn raising over £500 for our chosen charity, Cancer Research UK. You can play a part in ensuring this plastic gets recycled into new items, it's one very simple change we can all make.



Your School Council Needs You!

Look out in PART later this month for information from Miss Theobald about how you can get involved in Northgate's Team Councils (Environment, Social, Well-being and News) and the School Council.

We are looking for committed, responsible students who are able to put their opinions and the opinions of others forward in meetings and who are willing to speak and work on behalf of the school population. We are looking forward to getting started!



Northgate is In it to Bin it!

A big thank you to the East of England Co-op. Northgate was one of 100 organisations across Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex to receive one of their litter picking kits containing hoops, litter pickers and gloves, as part of their 'In it to bin it' campaign.

We can't wait to start using them.

