



Northgate Council Bulletin

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What have we been up to?

Read some of our recent blogs:

- [Robyn's donation to The Little Princess Trust](#)
- [Celebrating the Class of 2019](#)
- [Fine Art students visit the Sainsbury Centre for the Visual Arts](#)
- [Michaelmas Mathematics Symposium 2019](#)
- [Northgate triumphs in STEM Challenge!](#)

Charity Corner

Thank you to all involved in our fundraising efforts for Norfolk and Waveney MIND -

£685.81
was raised in total!



Northgate News

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



Follow us on Instagram: NgateDereham

Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate.

2nd December

Year 7 RE Cathedral/Mosque Trip

2nd - 6th December

Hairspray auditions every lunch time in the Dance studio - see Miss Breeze or Miss Brooks for details

11th December

Christmas Lunch in Café North

12th December

Christmas Showcase – 7pm
(tickets £3 adults/£2 concessions – see Miss Breeze)

17th December

Year 11 GCSE RM NEA Day

18th December

Break up for Christmas Holiday



Year 8 Parent Survey

Year 8 Parents - please check your emails or the Northgate app for a link to a parent survey. Thank you to those who have already completed it but if you haven't, we'd be grateful if you could spare a few minutes answering the questions.





Northgate Successes

We love to celebrate the achievements and successes of our students so please let us know either by speaking to Miss Lynn or Miss Theobald, messaging via the Northgate Facebook page or emailing communications@ng6.unity-ed.uk.



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Photo Time!

Here are some recent photos of events from our blogs, Twitter and Facebook page

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Time for Tweets

Here are our twitter highlights from November

- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 13 Nov
A small act of kindness can make a big difference to someones day. We are very proud of the Northgate students who spread kindness everyday to each other, our community and the world around them. #WorldKindnessDay
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 8 Nov
November is upon us, which means it is that time of year when a group of teachers at Northgate & @DSFC1 shave down for the charity Movember. They will be growing furry lip ticklers, baking goodies, hosting quizzes and exercising in aid of the foundation tackling men's health.
- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport · 4 Nov
A successful trip over to Downham Market for Yr9 rugby boys. Great carries from Blyth and Gibbons, top tackling by Jermy, Bunting and Goodwin, top rucking by Bond and Hazell and tries all across the board. A good afternoon's work. #runhard #TeamNorthgate
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 12 Nov
Wow – we have now hit the 25000 crisp packet mark since April! A big thank you to everyone who is collecting – @NgateDereham + @DSFC1 students, primary schools, @BreckCouncil, businesses + the Dereham Community. @TerraCycleUK #NorthgatesWarOnPlastic #doyourbit #savetheplanet
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 12 Nov
A big thank you to @samharveyuk for joining us this morning to spread an important message to our students about cyber-bullying, mental health and the importance of online safety. #AntiBullyingWeek @ABAonline #NorthgateSupports #ChangeStartsWithUs

- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 10 Nov
Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week. We're supporting the campaign through assemblies, activities in PART + a special visitor. We'll be posting videos, posters + inspirational quotes during the week. We're proud supporters of #AntiBullyingWeek we believe #ChangeStartsWithUs
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 17 Nov
This week is our fundraising and awareness week, for Norfolk and Waveney MIND. There will be activities in PART lesson on the theme of mental health and well-being as well as some activities to raise money for MIND. @NorfolkMind @NgateCouncil #mentalhealthmatters #wellbeing
- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport · 14 Nov
The u16 hockey team finish strong beating both @NeatherdSport & @ASHS_PE in their final league games. Every league game had a different line up, with girls from yr 7 to yr 11 playing. Special thanks to those girls committing every week #teamnorthgate #girlshockey #letskeepplaying
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 7 Nov
Our Year 7 students attended a special assembly today which launched the new academic coaching programme. John Baumber, from the Kungskapskolan schools in Sweden, who we've collaborated with, spoke to students about achieving their goals and what this programme can do for them
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 25 Nov
A huge well done to Northgate's Team of Year 9s who competed in the Subsea UK Stem Challenge at the UTCN today. They had to design and engineer a Lego remote operated vehicle which could follow lines, stop with sensors, and could be used to scan the sea bed for plastic.
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 7 Nov
It may be wet and windy but that hasn't stopped our Year 11 Geographers who have headed to Winterton-on-Sea today to complete some fieldwork. @NgateGeography #wetandwindy #Britishweather #fieldwork
- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport · 21 Nov
Great effort from the Y8 boys in their first competitive handball experience. Lots of positives and enthusiasm from the boys @WNDSSP. Finished 3rd overall. @englandhandball #NewSports



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Northgate Supports National Anti-Bullying Week

From 11th – 15th November, Northgate supported National Anti-Bullying Week. The campaign's theme this year was 'Change starts with ...' Mrs Holt and the Well-Being Team produced some resources which were used in PART lesson to highlight what bullying is, how to support someone who is being bullied, steps to prevent situations escalating and also making pledges as tutor groups regarding what we can do to support the campaign. Year 7 – 10 students were treated to a performance by singer Samantha Harvey. Not only did she perform some songs, but she also spoke about her own experiences of bullying and mental health problems. There was a chance for audience questions and getting signed pictures, which went down well. On our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages throughout the week we posted videos offering advice regarding online bullying as well as inspirational quotes on the theme of well-being, building self-esteem and anti-bullying. Thanks to the Well-Being Team for the promotion of Anti-Bullying week.



House Competition

The first set of House matches have taken place in football and netball and plenty more House tokens have been given over the last month. Attenborough have maintained their lead in the House competition however all this could change in the coming months. Keep a lookout for how you can get involved and contribute to your team.

1494	1412	1435	1318
1st	3rd	2nd	4th

Merit Update

In November we held a 'Black Friday' sale with 10% off all stationery items. Lots of students made the most of this deal. Look out for another sale in January!

Since September over 18000 merits have been awarded - amazing!

We look forward to awarding lots of bonus merits over the Christmas holidays. The house merit competition is below:

Hawking	Attenborough	Rowling	Holmes
25.32	24.95	23.39	23.20

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to 7KM, 7JLL, 8AS, 8SR, 9VE, 9DNI, 9CY, 10NO, 10SC, 10LM, 11SE, 11SJ and 11CB who have all won the attendance trophies for the last three 2-week periods.

We will also be drawing our attendance raffle winners in the upcoming celebration assemblies at the end of term. Students earn a raffle ticket for each two week period with 100% attendance and have a chance to win an Amazon voucher!



Christmas Lunch

We are looking forward to the Christmas lunch in Café North on Wednesday 11th December. Please let your tutor know if you would like a meal (before 3rd December) and make sure you have £3.30 on your account, unless you are entitled to free school meals.





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Norfolk & Waveney MIND Week

Northgate's Social Team held a fundraising and awareness week for Norfolk and Waveney MIND during November. Whilst the fundraising element was important, the primary goal of the week was to promote awareness of mental health and well-being through the activities and events we put on. The PART lesson activities provided the chance to discuss what good mental well-being looks like, signs to look out for in those that may be struggling with their mental health, videos of people talking about how they are dealing with their mental health issues and much more. This is such an important topic and making our students realise that there is help available and that they can talk and should talk about these issues was a key focus. Throughout the week there was a football competition, well-being café with biscuits and cakes for sale, a chill out games room, blue themed clothes day and a mental health themed quiz created by one of our Year 10 students. A big thank you to all who were involved in organising events or took part in them. Special thanks to Miss Moore and Mr Malin who now bow out as Social Team Leaders – they have done an amazing job with the Team in recent years. We can reveal a total of **£685.81** was raised for Norfolk and Waveney MIND.



School Council Business & Team Council Updates

Environment Team: Members of the Environment Team planted a tree at the front of school as part of the Woodland Trust's 'Big Climate Fightback' campaign. Trending on social media with #everytreecounts, they joined thousands across the country who will be planting trees by planting an English Heritage plum tree.



Well-Being Team: Thank you for the Team's work during the Anti-bullying week campaign. They are now looking at feedback given to see how students can be better supported in school with regards to bullying and mental health.

Northgate News Team: Members are busy writing and putting together the first edition of the Northgate News which should be published before we break up for Christmas.

Social Team: We are excited to reveal the two new Social Team Leaders are Mr Carter and Miss Titchen. A big thank you to them for taking on this role - we look forward to the Team's next fundraising week in the Spring term!

Northgate's War on Plastic

With the help of the Dereham Community we have now collected over 91Kg of writing instruments and over 76Kg of crisp packets for our two recycling schemes. We are raising awareness of recycling and making students think more about their impact on the environment. Northgate has also put in an application for the Norwich and Norfolk eco-awards. After being awarded highly commended last year we are determined to go one better in 2020 and are proud of the projects already on the go and ideas we have for future ways Northgate can be more eco-friendly.

