



Northgate Council Bulletin

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What have we been up to?

Read some of our recent blogs:

- [Year 9 students attend modern and medieval Languages Day in Cambridge](#)

Northgate News

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

Celebrating Success

We look forward to hearing about the achievements of Northgate students outside of school whether this be in music, sport, drama, volunteering or something else. We have some very talented and community-spirited students at Northgate and would love to share their stories and successes.

If you have some news you would like us to celebrate, get in touch with Miss Lynn on communications@ng6.unity-ed.uk or message us via the Northgate Facebook page. If you have a photo - even better!



Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate.

4th February
Year 9 Options Deadline

6th February
Year 9 + 10 Intermediate Maths Challenge
STEM trip to RAF Honington (LEGO robot challenge)
Harry Potter Book Night – Learning Hub after school

7th February
Number Day

11th February
GCSE Music Set Work Concert/ Workshop Royal Festival Hall

13th February
Northgate Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum Consultation Forum, 6pm-7pm. All parents and carers welcome.

14th - 22nd February
Ski Trip

17th - 23rd February
Half Term

25th February
Drama Trip to see Woman in Black

27th February
HPV Yr8 Boys & Girls 1st dose

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





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Team Council and School Council Business

The new year has begun and we are on the lookout for students who would like to join one of the Team Councils. This is a perfect opportunity for those who want to have their say and get involved in something extra. Team Council meetings take place once a fortnight and we are looking for students who are responsible, reliable, committed, can come up with new ideas, speak on behalf of others and generally want to make Northgate the best it can be for all students. If you are interested in getting involved, please see Miss Theobald to find out more.

Social Team – the team are currently looking at possible charities to support this term and will be getting information out to students to vote on shortly.

Environment Team – they are continuing their work on environmental projects and looking at the possibility of creating a plastic sculpture to highlight the real concern over single use plastic at the moment.

Northgate News Team – after a successful first edition of the revamped Northgate News (which you can read [here](#)), the team are already on the lookout for news stories for the next edition. If you have any ideas for stories, see Miss Lynn or Miss Breeze.

Well-Being Team – the team are looking at the possibility of hosting some well-being activities for students later on in the year.

Photo Time!

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



Hairspray

Huge congratulations to all Northgate and Dereham Sixth Form students who have been successfully cast in our next musical, Hairspray. We are sure it was a tough audition process and decision with so many talented students. Rehearsals have already started and we can't wait for the musical to be performed in the autumn term.





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Time for Tweets

Here are our twitter highlights from January

- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 8 Jan
Wow – we can now reveal we have reached 100Kg of crisp packets collected for the @TerraCycleUK scheme – a massive achievement since starting in April. Thanks to those who have helped – on to the next 100Kg now!
@NgateDereham @DSFC1 @BreckCouncil #recycle
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham · 21 Jan
Last week as part of our Coaching Programme, Yr7 students presented to their tutors and parents on their dream job. They worked hard to research their chosen career and put together a speech on why they had made their choice and steps they would need to take to achieve their goal
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham · 20 Jan
Congratulations to the following who have just received their music exam results: Prisha (Yr 9) - Grade 2 Theory, passed with Merit, Abbie (Yr 9) – Grade 2 Theory, passed with Distinction and Joschka (Yr 7) – Grade 2 Piano, passed with Distinction – amazing results! @ngate6music

- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport · 22 Jan
A huge well done to Year 8 students Thomas and Charlie who competed at the Norfolk Schools XC finals yesterday putting in exceptional performances finishing 38th and 45th out of a large field of Y9's opponents #crosscountry
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham · 17 Jan
Students from Year 7 to 10 attended assemblies today, run by the Norfolk Constabulary, to discuss and learn more about how they can stay safe online and have a better understanding on the risks of sharing information on the internet. #InternetSafety #SaferSchoolsNrk
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 24 Jan
Application submitted to see if @NgateDereham can be recognised as an Eco Champion for the eco projects we have been working on over the last year. Can't wait to find out! @streetspaceUK #NorthgatesWarOnPlastic #recycle #ecochampion #environment
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham · 16 Jan
Some of our Year 9 students attended the launch of this year's Brilliant Club at Emmanuel College in Cambridge today. Blog to follow soon and we look forward to learning more about what they get up to on the programme. #brilliantclub
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 16 Jan
Don't forget that tomorrow is 'Bottle Free Friday'. Make sure you bring along your reusable water bottle which can be filled with squash in Café North for 25p per 500ml or at the water fountains. @NgateDereham @EdwardsandBlake #BottleFreeFriday #Northgate'sWarOnPlastic #Doyourbit

Football Fixtures

It's a busy month for our football teams with a number of fixtures coming up. If you're able to support our teams at the home matches we are sure they would appreciate this:

Matches against Neatherd: Year 7 – 10th Feb (home), Year 8 – 12th Feb (home), Year 9 – 6th Feb (away), Year 10 – 13th Feb (home), Year 11 – 4th Feb (away).

Match against Wymondham High:
Year 9 – 13th Feb (away).

Matches against Wymondham College:
Year 7 – 24th Feb (away), Year 8 – 26th Feb (away), Year 10 – 25th Feb (home).



Merit Update

During the last month we have awarded over 2800 merits to those who gained all 'Excellents/Goods' in their attitude to learning for the Autumn Screening. This truly demonstrates our students are following Northgate's 5Rs!

Here are the House competition results:

Hawking	Attenborough	Holmes	Rowling
39.81	39.48	37.30	36.89

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

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who have won the fortnightly attendance competition recently: 7AGR, 8AS, 8JM, 9TF, 9HM, 10JSM, 10KT, 11AR and 11SJ.

Thank you to parents/carers for supporting excellent attendance at Northgate.



House Competition

Year 7s will shortly be adding to the House competition scores as they take part in Number Day. However there may be more competitions you can get involved in during February: sporting, in specific subject areas, house quiz, the merit competition, and house tokens.

Here are the current standings:

Attenborough	Holmes	Rowling
2818	2881	3093
3rd	2nd	1st



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Northgate's Eco Drive

We are so proud of our students and their passion for the environment. Our recent initiative 'Bottle Free Friday' is one example of this. By not selling any bottle drinks, cans or cartons each Friday we are reducing the number of single use bottles sold each year at Northgate by approximately 8700. Many of these bottles would ultimately have been thrown away. Students are having to think more about their environmental impact and we hope this perhaps makes them question other aspects and how they can do their bit. Northgate's pen recycling scheme and crisp packet recycling scheme continue. We have been amazed by the response of the community including local primary schools and businesses who have helped us recycle over **116Kg** of writing instruments and over **108Kg** of crisp packets. This has helped us to raise over **£260** for Cancer Research UK and prevented this plastic from going to landfill. As we speak, we are currently waiting to find out if Northgate's 'War on plastic' application has been shortlisted for the Norwich and Norfolk Eco Awards.



Year 7 Goals and Aspirations

Back in November our Year 7 pupils attended a special assembly which launched the new academic coaching programme. John Baumber, from the Kunskapsskolan schools (KED) in Sweden, who we have collaborated with on this project, spoke to pupils about taking steps to achieve their goals and what this programme can do for them. Each Year 7 was assigned a 6th Form coach as well as their tutor, who met with them to discuss various educational milestones and begin to target areas for improvement and aim to develop a career pathway.



Tasks were completed in order to build a portfolio of evidence of what they want to achieve, how they are going to achieve it, when they think they can achieve it and why they want to achieve it. In January, Year 7 pupils presented their 'Ultimate Goal' to tutors and parents. We were very pleased to see so many parents attending these special presentations. Following the presentations, the coaching will look at the day to day short term gains pupils can do to move along the pathway they have set out for themselves.



Mr Llewellyn, Year 7 tutor, said, 'The presentations were a wonderful opportunity to see how pupils see themselves in the future and share it with their parents. Career choices ranging from vets to football players, and from teachers to policemen, showed us the level of ambition our pupils have. I was particularly impressed with the time and effort some put into their presentation including one pupil who created a short animation to accompany his words.'



Well done to all in Year 7 for their fantastic work!

