



Northgate Council Bulletin

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Northgate in the News

Here are some recent news items from our website and local press:

- [Dereham High School nominated for National Eco Award](#)
- [Winter well being pack](#)

Upcoming events

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

4th January
INSET Day

5th January
Spring Term begins

27th January
Year 9 Parents' Evening (further information to follow)

Northgate News

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

Charity Corner



A big thank you to all staff and students who took part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. It is always great to see the vast array of festive knitwear and bring a smile to people's faces whilst raising money for such a worthy cause. This year we shared some of the ways the money raised can help those that Save the Children are working with:

£2 could pay for hand sanitizer to help fight coronavirus in one of Save the Children's medical clinics

£6 could buy a face shield for a superhero health worker in Yemen

£10 could buy antibiotics to help five children beat malnutrition

£20 could buy a back-to-school kit for a child in Indonesia

£60 could buy toys and books to support children from struggling families in the UK

£100 could buy a first aid kit for a health worker in Somalia

We are delighted to share that Northgate raised a fantastic **£214.10!**



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



Year 7 Microclimate Fieldwork

Hailey and Seren from 7 Integrity told us about their recent Geography fieldwork. 'One Friday we went outside to four different places to take some temperature and wind speed measurements to collect microclimate data. We started at a covered area. We were in groups of up to four. Clipboards and anemometers were taken to collect and record the data. Once we had all the data we needed, we moved to another location.'

'The next place was the tennis courts and, in our groups, we took more measurements. The third location was the middle of the field. We went here because it is completely out in the open. The final location was the trees on the field. Measurements were taken again and we went back to class.'

'In class, we collected all of the data and found the averages. We recorded our data in tables and graphs and finally the class concluded and evaluated the results.'



Miss Breeze wishes to say, congratulations to all the Year 11 Drama students who have completed their first exam - Devising Drama worth 30% of their overall GCSE!

Congratulations to Miss Brooks and Northgate students who took part in a secret project 'Sing a Little Joy' by Norfolk Schools Choir. You can watch it [here](#).

Photo Time!

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



Time for Tweets

Here are our twitter highlights from December

Northgate High School @NgateDereham · 7 Dec
A big well done to Kyra and Seren, Year 7, who are our first students this year to receive 100 merits. They were presented with their certificates and badges on Friday.
[#NorthgateWay #Merits](#)

Northgate Council @NgateCouncil · 19 Dec
You did it – over 25000 merits earned throughout the term! Here are the standings in the House merit competition at the end of 2020. Further merits will be awarded during the holidays for attendance + no negatives. Well done to everyone for all your hard work. [#NorthgateWay](#)

Northgate High School @NgateDereham · 18 Dec
A big THANK YOU to the Café North team for a fantastic Christmas dinner served to staff and students on Tuesday and Thursday. So many people enjoyed the delicious food!
[@EdwardsandBlake](#) [#Christmasdinner](#) [#festive](#) [#yummy](#) [#NorthgateWay](#) [#Christmasspirit](#)

Northgate High School @NgateDereham · 16 Dec
Congratulations to the following students who have won our attendance raffle for the second Autumn half term. A draw took place earlier in the week where the winners were picked at random. Each winner receives an Amazon voucher – well done! [#NorthgateWay](#) [#AttendanceMatters](#) [#winner](#)

Northgate High School @NgateDereham · 11 Dec
Yesterday we received a lovely letter from Cllr Sam Chapman-Allen, Leader of [@BreckCouncil](#), recognising our achievement in being shortlisted for a Business Education Award. We appreciate the support of Breckland Council and look forward to future talks and visits. [#NorthgateWay](#)

Northgate High School @NgateDereham · 17 Dec
A big THANK YOU to all those who support Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day last Friday – there were certainly some amazing festive jumpers! We raised a total of £214.10. Pictured are some members from 7Motivation. [@savechildrenuk](#) [#ChristmasJumperDay](#) [#NorthgateWay](#)

Northgate High School @NgateDereham · 14 Dec
We were delighted to have 'virtual visitors' in school last week, with [@OutreachUEA](#) + [@TakeYourPlaceHE](#) delivering careers education in Citizenship lessons across Key Stage 3 [#takeyourplace](#). We're looking forward to more virtual visitors across the school in 2021. [#careers](#) [#future](#)

Northgate High School @NgateDereham · 4 Dec
Northgate is getting into the Christmas spirit! Our tree is up and we have some winter reads on offer in the Learning Hub to help get you into the festive spirit.



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Northgate Computing Ambassadors

Earlier in the term, Mrs Woods, Head of Computer Science, announced the new Year 7 Computing Ambassadors. These students have committed to representing the subject for the next five years. Once we are Covid safe, they will be the first students to join the lunchtime Code Club, visit the Computer museum and be Computing Buddies for primary school students. Congratulations to all of the new ambassadors – we hope you enjoy taking on this new role.

Computing Ambassadors are: Erin S, Evelyn W, Daniel A, Amilie A, Ted W, Teale N, Sam D, Max L, Oscar J, Archie S, Nathan H, Oscar W, Alfie B W, Dylan M, Wyn E, Seren W, Emily B, Euan L, Archie C, Elliot S, Cody HD, Brooklyn O, Dylan C, Seong G, Hayley S, Blake W, Tallulah G, Ben B, Chloe B, Hayley P, Freddie D, Taylor R.

Merit Update

Congratulations to students for the bonus merits awarded from the second half term - 1455 to those who had 100% attendance, 525 for >95% attendance and 1605 to those with no negatives. Last half term we also awarded our first certificates and badges to students who have already gained 100 merits - amazing! With over 25000 merits awarded last term, it sees Hawking maintain their lead in the merit competition as we start 2021.

Hawking	Holmes	Rowling	Attenborough
36.78	36.02	35.04	32.49



Attendance Matters

Congratulations to 7AB, 7CB, 8HR, 9AR, 10DNI, 10SE, 11JSM and 11SO who have all won the attendance trophies for a two-week period during December.

Also well done to Felicity W (Yr 7), Jacob D (Yr 8), Logan E (Yr 9), Ella-Louise H (Yr 10) and Paul C (Yr 11) who were randomly picked as the attendance raffle winners. All students received a virtual raffle ticket for each two week period where they gained 100% attendance. The above winners received an Amazon voucher as their prize.

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



Year 10 Computing Competition

Year 10 Computing students have been getting competitive over the last term in lessons. Mr Nicholson has been designing Wordwall competitions whereby students have to compete against one another (these are usually match terminology/definitions, parts of a Computer/CPU, fill in the blanks or drag and drop type activities). The top ten students between the two classes who complete the task (i.e. all correct answers in the shortest time possible) have gone onto an electronic leader board for each task. Students are able to have multiple goes. Mrs Woods said, 'We use it as a revision tool and the groups have become quite competitive. Hence, we decided to present the winning student with a prize of a BBC micro:bit.' Congratulations to Rhys T who was crowned the winner!





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What a busy term at Northgate!

It's not quite been the term we have expected at Northgate this year. However, despite not being able to run some of our usual activities, trips and events, there has still been plenty going on.

This includes: a virtual Open Evening for Year 6s, online Post 16 Options Evening and virtual Dereham 6th Form Open Evening, and our first virtual parents' evening, We held the 'Make your Mark' campaign, Anti-Bullying week, Remembrance service, Children in Need fundraising, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch and more!

Thank you to students and staff for their amazing work this term and to all parents and carers for their support, particularly under the circumstances we find ourselves in. We look forward to what 2021 has in store for Northgate.

On behalf of Northgate's School Council we would like to wish students, staff, parents, carers and the community a happy and healthy 2021.



Mathematicians take on the Parallelogram Challenge

Some of our top Mathematicians in Years 8 to 10 have been competing in a weekly Maths challenge online – called the Parallelogram Challenge, created by Simon Singh (author of *The Simpsons and their Mathematical Secrets*). The challenges contain interesting, fun and challenging material that goes beyond school maths: mystery and history, activities and oddities, puzzles and problems.

The challenges have so far included paradoxes, history, videos, songs, online articles, online lectures, deep maths, weird maths, funny maths and maths in the headlines. Students complete the challenges in their own time and earn points depending on their percentage score on each Parallelogram, which in turn earns them mathematical badges. Each week in school we create a leader board and merits are assigned. We have been impressed by the commitment, determination and progress shown by all of those taking part (too many to mention altogether). Particular mention though goes to Nathan H, Aleksandra C, Poppi S, Cameron M (Year 8), Milo M, Alyssa H, Jude S-M, Joschka M, Zach T (Year 9), Fred T, Lacey C, Prisha B, Ryan D-S and Shane H (Year 10) who have shown excellent commitment each week.

parallel
by Simon Singh



Year 7 Geography Ambassadors Opportunity

AMBASSADOR

After Christmas the Geography department is going to officially launch its ambassador scheme. They are looking for a core of 10-20 pupils who will be enthusiastic about representing the subject. This will involve tasks such as: writing up your experiences of fieldwork and special events for the school blog and newspaper; representing the department at future open evenings; helping to maintain displays; helping out (once Covid restrictions are lifted) with preparing equipment for fieldtrips.

We want this to be fair to everyone so, if you are interested, please apply in writing to Dr Barrett (abarrett@ng6.unity-ed.uk), in the form of a letter, by the 8th January. If numbers applying exceed 20 there will be a selection process based on what you have written and how well your approach to lessons suggests you can complete one or more of the tasks above. Everyone who applies will receive a certificate. Successful applicants will get a Geography badge which they can keep so long as they continue to help out.