



Northgate Council Bulletin

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What have we been up to?

Read some of our recent blogs:

- [Northgate earns Eco Champion status!](#)
- [Year 7s take on Number Day 2020](#)
- [The Wizarding World of Harry Potter](#)
- [Teamwork is key during Lego STEM competition at RAF Honington](#)

Northgate News

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

Want to keep up to date with all the goings on at Northgate?

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25th March

Year 10 Wonderfest at UEA
Year 8 Parents' Evening

28th March

GCSE Support Evening

30th March

Primary Easter Maths Day
GCSE PE Moderation week (fbc)
Drama Practical Exam (+31st)

31st March –

2nd April
Sweden Earth
Summit Trip



Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate.

4th March

Norfolk Skills Fair
Year 11 Parents' Evening

5th March

Norwich & Norfolk Eco Awards at The Halls, Norwich
Subsea UK Final in Aberdeen (5th + 6th)

6th –15th March

British Science Week

9th March

Year 8 Geography Trip

10th March

Talk to School Council by Councillor Sam Chapman Allen, Leader of Breckland Council

11th March

Swimming Gala
Year 10 English only Parents' Evening 6pm – 7.30pm

13th March

Big Bang Fair at NEC Birmingham - Year 8 + 9

14th March

Pi Day (activities on 13th March in Maths lessons)

16th – 20th March

Dutch Exchange students here

17th March

Quiz & Chips Evening

18th March

Year 10 Maths Feast Competition
Year 10 'An Inspector Calls' trip



In the News

Here are some recent news items from the local press:

- [Dereham Times: Northgate High School wins award for war on plastics](#)

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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 February

- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham · 7 Feb
Northgate has been shortlisted for an Eco Award at the Norwich & Norfolk Eco Awards – an amazing achievement! Our project has either been judged as highly commended or the winning project in the eco secondary school category. Here's our team from last year @NorfolkCC #NNEcoAwards
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 11 Feb
Congratulations to the Year 7s who were winners in the number day quiz on Friday. Remember, if any Year 7s have collected sponsors for #NumberDay (going to @NSPCC + @childline), please return your money and sponsor form in a sealed envelope to Student Services by Fri 28th Feb.
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham · 11 Feb
Congratulations to the winners of our tutor group attendance competition for the two weeks from 27th January - 7th February. Well done to 7HR, 8AG, 9HM, 10KT and 11AH! #AttendanceMatters #winner
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 22h
During half term over 3500 bonus merits were awarded to students with excellent attendance and no negatives – amazing! The next chance to cash in merits is on Monday from 12.30pm – 1pm in the hall. We have lots of great rewards available [ow.ly/DiRw50ynzSJ](#) #merits #rewards
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham · 14 Feb
Thank you to Alan and the catering team for some amazing Valentine's Day treats in Café North today! @EdwardsandBlake #ValentinesDay #yummy
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham · 18 Feb
We are excited to see our Year 7's work on display in a French exhibition at Dereham Windmill throughout March. More details to follow after half term. #Frenchexhibition #windmill #Northgatelanguages

- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham · 4 Feb
@NgateDereham + @NgateCouncil has been awarded the #EcoChampion mark for its 'war on plastics' initiatives. Read more about the Eco Champions accreditation and what the judges thought in our latest blog: [northgate.norfolk.sch.uk/northgate-earn...](#) Thank you @streetspaceUK for the recognition!
- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport · 16 Feb
We are on the mountains! With our first numpties - Emhal who forgot his ski jacket, and Harry who broke his jacket zip. All before leaving Northgate! 🇮🇹 ❄️ ⚡️ #skitrip2020 #letsski
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 14 Feb
We're holding our third annual Quiz & Chips Evening on Tues 17th March. We've already received some great raffle prizes so make sure you get in contact if you want to put in a team. See the poster + link to letter for further info. [ow.ly/IyCM50yhpFZ](#) @NgateDereham #quiz
- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport · 20 Feb
Ski Trip 2020: Day 5. Northgate all ready for their final day on the slopes, smiles all round! Northgate Numpties for today are Mrs Holt - for leaving her boots in the hotel yesterday; and Mr Robson - just because there's no one else who deserves it today!! #happyskiers #finalday
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham · 5 Feb
This week is Children's Mental Health Week and we have created a display in the Learning Hub of books surrounding the topic. A number of the books displayed are taken from the Reading Well booklist, which aims to help young people 'understand and talk about their mental health'.
- Northgate High School** @NgateDereham · 4 Feb
Congratulations to Ruby. Over the last two weekends she competed at the Norfolk County Swimming Championships. Ruby became Junior Champion in the 50m + 100m butterfly + 50m freestyle. She also won the 50m breaststroke + backstroke in her age group. @NorthgateSport #proud



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Plant to Plate Tokens

We are collecting the 'Plant to Plate' tokens from newspapers such as the EDP, Dereham Times and Norwich Evening News. Please help us collect as many as possible to be in with a chance of winning a gardening kit. Tell your friends, family and neighbours. We have until March 27th to collect the tokens which can be put in the collection box at the main reception.



House Competition

Points for Number Day and merits have recently been included. In March we have the very competitive swimming gala with plenty of points up for grabs!

3015	3188	3339	2962
3rd	2nd	1st	4th

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who were winners of the Number Day PART quiz: 7CL, 8AS, 9VE, 10CMY and 11CB. 25 teachers had been assigned numbers and tutor groups answered questions such as who are factors of Miss Theobald, what is the sum of the Maths teachers and which teacher has the same number of sides as a hendecagon? They were presented with their certificates and prizes in a staff briefing.



Maths Challenge Success

The Maths Challenge results are in and there were a number of students who gained enough marks for certificates. Bronze certificates go to Josh, Rhys, May and Madison (Year 9) and Natasha, Sam, Amelia, Jen and Paris (Year 10). Silver certificates go to Jimmy, Barney, Lauren and Ronni (Year 10). A Gold certificate and 'Best in School' goes to Hayden (Year 10) who also gained enough marks to qualify for the next round of the competition, oddly named the Pink Kangaroo. Good luck to Hayden who will take this in the middle of March and well done to all who took part!



Merit Update

Congratulations to those who gained bonus merits for the 1st Spring half term - a total of 1395 merits for 100% attendance, 579 merits for > 95% attendance and 1615 for those who gained no negatives! Lots of 50 merit certificates and even 100 merit badges were handed out in recent celebration assemblies - well done. The house merit competition is below:

Hawking	Attenborough	Rowling	Holmes
51.17	49.96	47.84	47.76

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to 7HR, 8AG, 9HM, 10KT and 11AH who all won the attendance trophies during February. Also, well done to Tyler K (Yr 7), Freddie M (Yr 8), Gracie (Yr 10) and Acacia (Yr 11) who won the Amazon vouchers for attendance in our celebration assemblies before half term! At Northgate we know the importance of good attendance and the positive impact it has on the progress of our students.



Recycling Update

Thank you to those who are continuing to support the recycling programmes. To date we have collected 118Kg of pens and 127Kg of crisp packets, saving them from going to landfill and raising over £330 for Cancer Research UK. Keep collecting and putting in the boxes/tins at school.





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Northgate earns Eco Champions status!

Northgate High School has been awarded the Eco Champion Mark in recognition of the work the school has delivered through its 'War on Plastics' campaign.



The school earned the mark for its impressive work in enlisting the wider community to support its successful pen and crisp packet recycling initiatives, as well as its 'Bottle Free Friday' scheme for the school canteen amongst other projects.

Led by the School Council, the campaigns have enlisted feeder primary schools, Dereham library, Breckland Council offices and even a local supermarket – as well as all the pupils at the high school. The impact has been considerable with over 118kg of pens and over 127kg of crisp packets recycled this year. Income raised from the recycling will support the school's chosen charity of Cancer Research UK.

The School Council's new 'Bottle Free Friday' scheme aims to cut the sale of 9,000 plastic bottles over the year and encourage students to use reusable drinking bottles.

Eco Champion spokesman Simon Dolby said, 'The enthusiasm and passion of the School Council has created community momentum for its pen and crisp packet recycling schemes, as well as generating real change in the dining hall on the school site to cut use of plastics. The school thoroughly deserves Eco Champion status and pupils and staff should be commended for the impact they have delivered.'

Mr Dolby commented, 'I have been involved in student-led green projects, both as a judge as an administrator for different initiatives over the last two decades and I can say that this was one of the stronger nominations I have seen. Top 10 per cent!'

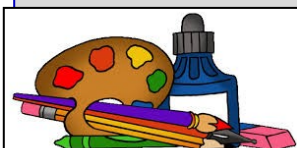
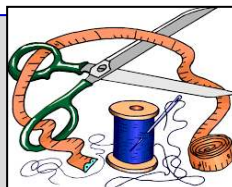
Miss Theobald, School Council Coordinator, who entered the school's application said, 'I couldn't be more proud of the time and effort the School's Environment Team and School Council put into these eco projects.

They are passionate about doing everything they can to not only reduce plastic waste and be more environmentally conscious, but also to educate others on how they can have a positive impact too. They have plenty of ideas in the pipeline for future projects so I'm sure this recognition will spur them on even more.'



Art and Design Exams

- 4th + 5th March – Graphics Group 1
- 13th + 16th March – Art (Mrs Mottley's group)
- 16th + 17th March – Textiles
- 18th + 19th March – Graphics Group 2
- 20th – 23rd March – Photography
- 24th + 25th March – Art (Ms Moran's group and Ms Nunn's group)



Upcoming Football Matches

- Matches against Wymondham College:
Year 9 – 5th Mar (home), Year 11 – 3rd Mar (home).
- Matches against Wayland: Year 7 – 9th Mar (away), Year 8 – 12th Mar (away), Year 9 – 10th Mar (home), Year 10 – 5th Mar (home), Year 11 – 11th Mar (away).
- Matches against Icen: Year 7 – 19th Mar (home), Year 9 – 26th Mar (away), Year 11 – 24th Mar (away).

