



Northgate Council Bulletin

Improving Northgate by giving pupils a voice ...

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What have we been up to?

Read some of our recent blogs:

- [Norfolk schools Solana potato growing competition](#)
- [Primary Schools take on Northgate's Team Maths Challenge](#)
- [Year 10s visit Botanic Garden at Cambridge University](#)
- [Year 7 receives masterclass from Golf Pro](#)

Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate.

4th November

Year 11 DNA Drama Performance
7pm - see Miss Breeze for tickets

6th November

Year 10 Parents Guide to GCSEs
Evening at 6pm

8th November

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Remembrance Service



11th – 15th November

National Anti-Bullying Week

11th – 17th November

Dutch Exchange - students to the Netherlands

12th November

GCSE Presentation Evening

15th November

Year 11 Fine Art Trip to Sainsbury Centre for the Visual Arts

18th - 22nd November

Social Team's Fundraising Week

19th November

Year 10 Michaelmas Mathematics Symposium Trip

22nd November

Year 11 Drama Devising Exam

25th November

Year 7 RE Cathedral/Mosque trip

A new 3 week menu has just been released in Café North for Autumn/Winter. You can see it [here](#).



Charity Corner

A big thank you to those who baked or brought in sweet and savoury treats for the annual Macmillan Bake Sale and also to Mr Lea, the Year 9s and their tutors for organising and running the sale. A fantastic **£318.22** 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. [October Bulletin](#)

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

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@NGateDereham, @NGateCouncil



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In the News

Here are some recent news items from the local press:

- [Dereham Times - School team wins best potato competition](#)
- [Dereham Times - Bobby Copping signs for Peterborough United](#)

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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 October

- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport · 11 Oct

Once again we love the energy our pupils have at the end of a long week. Great numbers for Friday Fitness; circuits, gym and badminton. Hard work, smiles and looking after their well-being all at the same time. [#healthybodyhealthymind](#) [#TeamNorthgate](#)
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 2 Oct

Thank you to staff at the [@BreckCouncil](#) Offices who are supporting [@NgateDereham](#)'s war on plastic + contributing to the crisp packet recycling scheme - 250 packets weighing 566g. Keep them coming! [@TerraCycle](#) [@derehamtimes](#) [@EDP24](#) [#recycle](#) [#doyourbit](#) [#waronplastic](#)
- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport · 5 Oct

A cracking day was had by our Yr9 rugby team at the Emerging Schools Festival. Won 4 lost 2, coming 5th out of 15 overall. Much improved tackling, better use of space, and a bucket load of energy. Well done boys.
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 1 Oct

Northgate is pleased to welcome [@PastaKingUK](#) to Café North with a whole range of grab & go pasta pots including flavours such as tomato & mascarpone, carbonara, chicken tikka, BBQ pulled pork. At £1.65 each they have certainly proved to be very popular so far. [#pasta](#) [#newflavours](#)
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 10 Oct

At Northgate, Year 7 and 8 students use the Accelerated Reader program which aims to encourage and challenge students in their reading. Well done to Calum, who among others, achieved 100% when quizzing on his latest read. [#AcceleratedReader](#) [@NGateLHub](#) [#Reading](#)
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 4 Oct

A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to Northgate's Macmillan bake sale. A total of £318.22 was raised! [@macmillancoffee](#)

- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 2 Oct

Congratulations to ex-Northgate student [@bobbycopping01](#) who has just signed his first professional contract with Peterborough United. Another example of hard work, talent and resilience. Good luck Bobby! [theposh.com/news/2019/octo...](#) [@NorthgateSport](#) [#NorthgateAlumni](#) [#TeamNorthgate](#)
- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport · 18 Oct

After 5 weeks of football, transfers & management it was the final round in our yr10 football leagues. Team Fish & Chips were victorious in the L competition while Team Sonic were champions in the R competition after beating Thomas the Tank Engine on penalties. [#whoneedsanagent?](#)
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 23 Oct

The House competition is already underway at Northgate with less than 50 points separating the teams. Points from merits, house tokens + a Science quiz have all contributed so far. Congratulations to Attenborough who have taken an early lead. [#housepride](#) [#contribute](#) [#getinvolved](#)
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 7 Oct

The votes are in for Northgate's contribution to the UK Youth Parliament 'Make Your Mark' campaign. 86% of students voted for their top UK and devolved issue and the results can be seen below. [@UKYP](#) [@NgateDereham](#) [@BreckCouncil](#) [#vote](#) [#haveyoursay](#) [#UKYouthParliament](#)
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 20 Oct

A great start to this year with lots of House tokens being handed out to students who are demonstrating they are good 'Northgate citizens' outside of lessons. Well done everyone! Looking forward to handing out many more next half term. [#Northgateway](#) [#Northgatecitizen](#) [#proud](#)
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 11 Oct

A big thank you to everyone who attended our Open Evening last night. We hope that you had an enjoyable and informative evening.

Also a big thank you to all of the Northgate students who were involved in making our Open Evening such a success.



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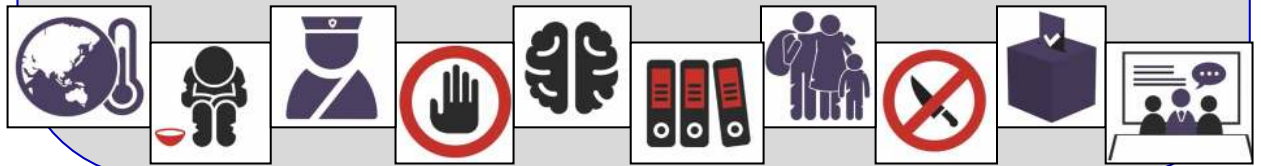
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Northgate Make their Mark



At the end of September during PART lesson, students from all year groups were able to vote in the UK Youth Parliament 'Make Your Mark' campaign. It is a consultation about 10 issues that affect young people. The issues that receive the most votes will be debated by members of the UK Youth Parliament in the House of Commons with the top issue becoming the UK Youth Parliament's campaign for next year.

There were lots of discussions about the issues concerned during PART lesson. In total 86% of students voted with the top UK issue for Northgate with 50% of the votes being 'protect the environment'. The top devolved issue with 35% of the votes was 'put an end to knife crime'. There were a number of local issues raised including the litter problem, not enough places for young people to go, reducing speed limits in certain areas, more job opportunities for young people and free bus tickets for under 18s along with others.



House Competition

In our celebration assemblies before half term a number of new House Captains were presented with their house ties - we wish them luck in their roles and hope they can inspire those in their teams to take part in the various competitions. Attenborough have taken an early lead with points already awarded from a Science competition, merits and House tokens.

638	635	598	591
1st	2nd	3rd	4th

Merit Update

Congratulations to those who gained bonus merits for the 1st Autumn half term - a total of 1500 merits for 100% attendance, 618 merits for > 95% attendance and 1755 for those who gained no negatives!

Lots of 20 merit certificates were handed out in recent celebration assemblies - well done. The house merit competition is below:

Hawking	Attenborough	Holmes	Rowling
19.98	19.51	18.10	17.70

Attendance Matters



Congratulations to 7KM, 8SR, 9DNI, 10CMY and 11AH who all won the attendance trophies for the two weeks from 30th September - 11th October. Also, well done to Emilie (Yr 8), Jake (Yr 10) and James (Yr 11) who won the Amazon vouchers for attendance in our celebration assemblies!
At Northgate we know the importance of good attendance and the positive impact it can have on the progress of our students.

Safety First

As the nights draw in, it's important to think about road safety to and from school. If you are cycling, please ensure you have your helmet and lights and be aware of other road users. If you are walking make sure that your attention is on the roads.





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Open Evening Thank You

A big thank you to all of the Year 6s, parents and carers who came to visit Northgate on our Open Evening last month. We hope you enjoyed your visit and had a great chance to see what Northgate can offer, both in terms of the academic opportunities but also extra-curricular activities and facilities. Well done to our Head Girls and Head Boy for their speeches, our Year 7 speakers, Prefects who did some superb guided tours and to everyone who helped within subject areas. We certainly have a lot to be proud of! This year was our first time broadcasting some of the speeches and subject demonstrations live on our social media channels - very exciting! Many of you also took the chance to come and see us on a 'working day' on the organised tours. For all the open evening and prospectus information click [here](#).



School Council Business & Team Council Updates

The Team Councils have now been recruited and meetings have already taken place.

Environment Team: They are bringing back the 'Green Classroom award' to ensure all classrooms are being eco-friendly - watch this space. The recycling schemes are also going well.

Well-Being Team: They have split into sub-committees focussing on different aspects of well being (mental, social and physical) but their first focus will be anti-bullying week.

Northgate News Team: They have split into groups to work on different aspects of the first Northgate News which will go out at the end of term.



Social Team: Plans are underway for the first fundraising week taking place later this month. Students have been researching various charities and will reveal their chosen charity later.

(pictured are some of the School Council members)

Iceland Adventures

During half term a number of our Year 10 and 11 students ventured to Iceland along with students from Neatherd. They had the chance to visit volcanoes, waterfalls, geysers, glaciers and more. It brought the geography that they learn about in their textbooks to life and provided some spectacular photo opportunities. It was great to share some of the photos and videos on our social media throughout the trip. A once in a lifetime opportunity with lots of memories made. A big thank you to the staff involved in organising such an amazing trip.

