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Message from the Heads of School

The last seven weeks have undoubtedly been a challenge for us all. We are incredibly proud of the way the Northgate community - students, staff and parents - have risen to the challenge and adapted to a new way of working. Students have overwhelmingly been sensible and thoughtful of others. They have followed the new rules without complaining and have worked hard in class.

Staff have worked extremely hard to ensure that the full curriculum is followed in every Year group and all children are supported to achieve their potential.

Equally, we would like to thank you as parents and carers. Your support has been invaluable in setting up a safe and purposeful learning environment. Please do continue to ask your child about their learning.

After half term we will begin our 'virtual' parents' evenings through our usual platform of online bookings via our website. We look forward to seeing you all from the comfort of your own homes!

You can read the letter in full on the Northgate Facebook page.

Upcoming events

Due to the current situation and restrictions, event dates have not been included. However, keep an eye out on the school website and social media for any updates.

Introducing Northgate's Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl

During lockdown a number of our newly appointed Year 11 Prefects applied for the prestigious positions of Northgate's Head/Deputy Boy and Girl.

It is a tough application process ordinarily, with a letter of application, and shortlisting to the presentation and interview process. However, this year was even tougher with the circumstances we all found ourselves in. After some excellent interviews and presentations, we are proud to announce the following positions:

Head Boy: Jimmy, Head Girl: Maisie,
Deputy Head Boy: Barney,
Deputy Head Girl: Clara,
Senior Prefects: Amelia and Ronni.

Congratulations to the team and well done to everyone involved in the application process.



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

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Northgate News

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

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Merit Update

Students have earned 10186 merits in the first half term which is fantastic! On top of this a further 1500 merits have been awarded for 100% attendance, 429 merits for >95% attendance and 1965 merits for no negatives during the first Autumn half term! Heads of Year will be coming round to classes after half term to give out the certificates, badges and trophies from last year. Whilst students are currently not able to cash in their merits, there are plenty of rewards they can save up for in our new rewards catalogue. Take a look at what's on offer [here](#). All merits contribute to the overall House competition.

Hawking	Rowling	Holmes	Attenborough
20.61	20.09	20.07	18.11

New Year 7 Maths Challenge

Are you in Year 7? Do you like solving problems? Do you think logically? If you have answered yes to these questions, the Maths department have the perfect challenge for you! Mrs Chalmers has put together a fortnightly Maths challenge, which will be posted on Satchel One and social media starting from Monday 2nd November. If you'd like to take part, have a look and put your named entry in the challenge box in MA4. Correct entries will be awarded a merit. We hope lots of you get involved and take on the challenge!

Here's a puzzle to try:

Find non-zero values of **A**, **B** and **C** to make this calculation correct

(**A**, **B** and **C** are different values):

$$ABC + ACB = CBA$$

Year 7s make a positive start to life at Northgate

It's now been half a term since our new Year 7s started Northgate - how time flies! They have certainly settled in to life at Northgate and are working hard across all subjects. Below are some more comments about their first couple of weeks at Northgate.

Oscar (7Int), 'The best subject so far is DT as you get to make lots of things!'

Tom (7Asp), 'Everyone is so welcoming and the teachers are always there to help you.'

Lexi (7Val), 'High school is amazing - don't be scared!'

Erin (7Ten), 'I'm glad I chose Northgate and although it was tricky at first as you don't know lots of people I have soon made friends. I have really enjoyed my Science, Maths and Music lessons.'

Ted (7Mot), 'The first few days it was tricky finding my way around and learning lots of names of the people in my class but after the first week I settled in well.'

Daniel (7Ten), 'The first few weeks have gone well. To begin with I was worried how hard the work would be but it has been fine. I've really enjoyed French, PE, Maths + Graphics.'

Caleb (7Asp), 'I've enjoyed the work in lessons so far and found it easy to access my homework on Satchel One. I'm pleased I chose Northgate.'

Tawni-Jai (7Val), 'When you come to Northgate, it's really fun and the teachers are nice. They answer any questions you have.'

Piotr (7End), 'The first week was a bit scary, knowing where you needed to go but it's fine now.'



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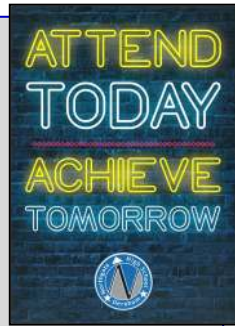
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Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

At Northgate we understand the importance of excellent attendance and the impact it can have on progress and attainment. We are proud that, at 93% (up to half term), attendance is well above the national average and that Northgate pupils are attending school ready to learn and progress.

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who have been awarded the attendance certificates and trophies for gaining the top attendance in their Year group over a two week period: 7AH, 7NA, 8AGR, 8TLY, 9SR, 9AR, 10TF and 11JSM.

We look forward to seeing who will be the winners in November.



Virtual Open Evening 2020

If you missed our Virtual Open Evening on 1st October there is still time to see everything that was on offer. Head over to our [website](#) where you can view our Heads of School's welcome address, meet our Heads of Department on our updated virtual tour, view our Head of Year 7 address and our SENDCo address. You can also hear from our Head Boy and Head Girl team as well as from some of our Year 7 students about their first few weeks at Northgate. Learn about our academic standards and ethos, the house system, subject areas, rewards, clubs, and discover the opportunities available to students at Northgate.



Year 11 Next Steps

It's that time of year when our Year 11s start to think about their next steps after Northgate, whether this be continuing into further full time study, an apprenticeship or into work combined with education and training. In the absence of our usual Post-16 Options evening, Year 11s and parents/carers are encouraged to visit our [website](#) where there is a video from Mr Oldfield explaining the options. There are details of '[Help You Choose](#)', the information, advice and careers guidance website for young people in Norfolk. There are also links to providers who work closely with Northgate (further education providers and colleges, training providers and employer training), so please take a look.

If Year 11s require further help and guidance, they can contact Liz Edwards, Northgate's Career Advisor at careers@ngate.org.uk



Dereham Sixth Form College Virtual Open Evening

Year 11 Students and parents/carers are warmly invited to Dereham Sixth Form College's virtual Open Evening which takes place on Tuesday 10th November from 5pm.

Head over to the college [website](#) to watch our Co-Directors' welcome address, meet our subject leaders and hear from students about their subjects. There is also a wealth of information on the website about the wide variety of courses on offer, entry requirements and other aspects of college life such as the college senate, the support you can receive, college library and extra curricular activities.



Photo Time!

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

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Theme of the Week - Northgate's 5 R's

Mr Oldfield's 'Theme of the Week' last half term has focussed on Northgate's 5 R's.

Respect is said to be the glue that holds together all kinds of relationships. The world is full of people from different walks of life; and all of them deserve to be accorded respect. Respecting others does not mean you agree with their opinions or beliefs; it is a way to co-exist with others who are different from us.

Reflectiveness means we can consider not just what we are doing, but what we did, how we did it, why we did it and what we could do next time. We don't just learn from our mistakes, we learn from our successes too.

Resilience is the ability that enables people to move through hardship and become stronger. None of us can avoid going through difficulties, but resilience means that from this struggle can come strength. Resilience sends us further in the right direction.

To have **responsibility** is to have 'good judgment and the ability to act correctly and make decisions on your own'. This is vital in school life, and beyond, as it means we can contribute effectively to those around us.

To express '**readiness**' is to have 'the state of being fully prepared for something'. This is also vital in school life and varies from day-to-day. It is about being aware of what these day-to-day variations are and planning ahead. When you practice readiness, you're on your way to making your life the very best it can be.

