



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:

- [Year 8 UEA Maths Quiz](#)
- [Silver Gilt Award for Northgate Volunteering Garden](#)
- [Author Alex Scarrow visits Northgate](#)
- [Sports Day 2019](#)
- [Year 9s Triumph in Maths Competition](#)
- [Hockering Primary shout 'Vive les vacances!'](#)
- [Spanish Exchange](#)
- [Primary Maths Measures Up!](#)
- [French Film Review - Demain Tout Commence](#)
- [School Council members attend Breckland Council meeting](#)
- [Northgate and DSFC join forces for Community Day](#)
- [Year 8 visit the Brecon Beacons](#)
- [Hawking overcome challenges to succeed](#)
- [Year 9 Tower Building House Competition](#)

Miss Theobald wishes to thank all staff and students who have kindly contributed to blogs over the past year.

Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate.

4th September

New term begins

10th September

Year 7 SPIN Evening 6pm - 7pm

12th September

Year 7 - 10 individual photos

13th September

Year 11 photos, group photo and family photos

18th September

Year 11 Parents Guide to GCSEs 6pm - 7.30pm

Year 11 Geography Fieldwork Trip

19th September

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Year 7 Disco 6.30pm - 9pm

23rd - 24th September

Year 6 Performing Arts Days

Dutch Exchange until 27th

25th September

Year 10 Parents Guide to GCSEs 6pm - 7.30pm

27th September

Primary Team Maths Challenge

Year 10 Art & Design Trip to Botanical Gardens Cambridge

28th September

Matilda Performance 2.30pm & 7pm

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 and Instagram: @NGateDereham, @NgateCouncil



In the News

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

- [Dereham Times - 12 year old Norfolk girl set to grace Wimbledon in National competition](#)
- [Dereham Times - Masterchef finalist to judge baking contest at school and college fun day](#)
- [EDP - Community spirit shines at special event organised to celebrate town](#)
- [Dereham Times - Norfolk dancer takes to the stage for iconic choreographer's latest production](#)

Photo Time!

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





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Time for Tweets

Here are our twitter highlights from July

- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 24 Jul
Members of the School Council had a unique opportunity to sit in on one of @BreckCouncil's meetings last week. They met with the Leader of the Council and Chairman and were given a guided tour of the offices. You can read about their visit in our blog: northgate.norfolk.sch.uk/school-council...
- Breckland Council** @BreckCouncil · 18 Jul
Delighted to be visited by insightful & engaged students from @NgateDereham today. They observed a meeting of full council, toured our offices, & met with Council Leader @CllrSamuelC_A and Executive Director @Rob_Walker75. They even got involved in our @norfolk Day preparations!
- Northgate Sport** @NorthgateSport · 3 Jul
Congratulations to all pupils who competed today. A great atmosphere created by your enthusiasm and energy along with fantastic support from the sidelines. Well done! #TeamNorthgate 🏆 🏆 🏆
- Northgate&DSFCMusic** @ngate6music · 19 Jul
Well done to all our new Yr7 pupils! They have worked so hard for our opening spot on Community Day!
#proudmusicteacher #bestsingersindereham #singyourheartout
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 9 Aug
Don't forget to keep collecting crisp packets over the summer for our recycling programme. They can be put in our recycling boxes on your return in September. Over 20Kg have been collected so far! @NgateDereham @TerraCycleUK #recycle #environment #doyourbit
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 24 Jul
A huge thank you to those who attended our presentation afternoon and community day on Monday. The sun was shining and there was a true sense of community spirit. You can read more about the day in our latest blog: ow.ly/QdvP50v9SJV #CommunityDay2019 @DSFC1
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 12 Jul
Congratulations to our two teams that competed at the @Advanced_Maths Year 9 Summer Snack Maths competition. You can read about how they did in our latest blog: northgate.norfolk.sch.uk/year-9s-triump...
#winners #Maths #teamwork
- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 19 Jul
Northgate water bottles (with logo or plain) will be on sale on the School Council stall at our Community Day on Monday. A 500ml bottle for only £1.40 – bargain! This continues our drive to reduce the amount of single use plastic in school. @NgateDereham #doyourbit #environment

- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 10 Jul
Congratulations to Ruby, Year 7, who has been competing in the 'Road to Wimbledon' tennis event, the biggest junior tournament in British tennis. Ruby won the event which means she progresses through to the National finals and will play at Wimbledon. #Wimbledon #Tennis #Final
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 31 Jul
1/3: Here's our latest update from Mr Darlow in Borneo: 'We have had 3 days on our first project planting Mangrove trees in an area of rainforest devastated by fire. We managed to plant 150 trees after clearing the area first in some tricky wet and muddy conditions.'
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 17 Jul
Congratulations to Mr MacDonald who has been awarded a certificate of achievement for his contribution to school gardening in the RHS School Gardening Champion of the Year 2019 awards. @The_RHS @RHSSchools #proud #schoolgarden
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- Northgate Council** @NgateCouncil · 10 Jul
A big thank you to @EdwardsandBlake for providing our new collection boxes for the @TerraCycleUK crisp packet collection! #recycle #environment #reduceplasticwaste
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 10 Aug
1/2 Borneo update: 'Just reached Sepilok and the Orangutan sanctuary. We have seen the outdoor nursery where they rehabilitate orphaned Orangutans to be released back in the wild. It was feeding time so there was lots to see.'
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 14 Aug
Last week we held our 'Flying Start' Summer School for our new Year 7. There was lots for them to get involved with and it was a great opportunity for them to get more familiar with the school and to make lots of new friends. A blog will follow in September. #SummerSchool
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 21 Aug
1/2 Borneo update: 'Today is our final day in Borneo. We have been out to one of the islands by boat and been snorkelling in the reef around the island. After lunch we had a go on the largest island to island zip wire to round of our trip in style!'
- Northgate** @NgateDereham · 16 Aug
A big congratulations to all Dereham Sixth Form students on their results yesterday #alevelresults2019



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Merit Update

A huge well done to everyone for their hard work and effort over the year. In total 58 195 merits were earned with 42 883 being cashed in for rewards. 26 939 bonus merits were given for screening, profiles, progress, no negatives and attendance. 199 pupils gained their 100 merit badge, 21 gained their 150 merit trophy and 3 gained their 200 merit badge. Hawking led all year in the House competition and remained triumphant at the end - congratulations! Merit totals will start from zero again in September - what will you save up for this year?

Here were the overall results for the merit competition:

Hawking	Attenborough	Holmes	Rowling
83.47	77.15	74.35	70.31

House Competition

This year we introduced Northgate Tokens to the House Competition giving students the chance to contribute further by becoming great Northgate Citizens based on acts of kindness, opening doors, picking up litter, helping outside of lessons and more. Students have embraced this new element of the House Competition, complete with a fantastic collection box in the main hall.



Over the year there have been plenty of ways students have been able to contribute to their team's points including earning merits, sports matches (football, netball, volleyball, bench ball, swimming gala, rugby, hockey), house quiz, Easter egg hunt, bridge building, designing a farm, 'Are you smarter than' French quiz, MFL badges, Geography challenge, Quiz & Chips evening, Sports Day and the House tokens. Well done to everyone who took part, staff who organised the competitions and Mr Llewellyn for overseeing the House Competition.

Huge congratulations go to Hawking who were crowned House Champions for the first time in two decades. Mrs Sutcliffe, Head of House, was certainly very proud (read her blog [here](#)).

Overall House Competition results were:



1st - Hawking 12647 pts	2nd - Holmes 11835 pts	3rd - Attenborough 11390 pts	4th - Rowling 11206 pts
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Northgate's School Council needs you

To all students in Year 7 - 11, we will be recruiting our new Team Council (Social Team, Environment Team, Northgate News Team and Well-Being Team) and School Council members in September. If you are committed, responsible, reliable, a good listener, will attend fortnightly meetings, can put across your opinion and the opinions of others and would like to be part of a team that makes decisions around school, look out for information coming in PART or see Miss Theobald for more information.

Northgate News

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

We are now onto our 21st edition and hope you enjoy reading our bulletin each month.