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## Attendance Matters

Back in June we launched our new attendance competition where tutor groups were competing against each other over two week periods to be named the top attending tutor group in each year group. Edwards & Blake kindly sponsored trophies which have been awarded to the winners. It is certainly bringing out the competitive spirit in our students and staff. Congratulations to tutor groups who have won so far (7SR, 8HM, 8VE, 8APM, 9SC, 9JSM, 9NO, 9KT, 10SE, 10JE, 10AB, 10SJ). Fortnightly results are on display on the board outside GG2. Those with 100% attendance from the Summer term will be awarded their attendance certificates very soon. The competition will continue into the Autumn term so let's aim for 100% attendance!



## Team Council and School Council Updates

As a school we are proud of the commitment shown by students on our Team Councils and School Council as they strive to improve Northgate further for everyone. They are fantastic representatives of the school and have been involved in a number of meetings and events across the year. These include regular meetings with Edwards & Blake suggesting improvements for Café North including looking at more environmentally friendly packaging and themed menus, a meeting with the Governors to update them on School Council business, involvement with the Royal British Legion torch of remembrance relay. Also attendance at the Royal British Legion conference and Norfolk County Council reception, the Norwich and Norfolk Eco Awards receiving a special commendation, a Breckland Council meeting, the Mayor's Civic Ceremony, involvement in interviews for new staff, representing the school at the Royal Norfolk Show with the volunteering themed garden, and more.

Miss Theobald would like to say a big thank you to the Team Council Leaders for all their work with the Team Councils this year and to our students who have been committed to attending meetings and wanting to make a positive contribution to the school.



## Easy Fundraising

A great way to help Northgate's School Council raise funds to aid projects we would like to complete within school. Shop with any of over 3,300 well-known retailers via the easyfundraising website and a percentage of what you spend is passed to Northgate's School Council at no extra cost to you. Retailers include Amazon, M&S, Vodafone, eBay, Tesco, Viking and many more. Please register to support us today - follow this [link](#) and start shopping!

## Northgate ParentApp

You should have received an invitation by email to join the Northgate ParentApp. This will be our primary form of home/school communication from September. If you have had a previous version of the App please be aware that this will have to be removed and the new one uploaded as the old one is no longer 'live'.





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### Northgate's War on Plastic

Over the last year the Environment Team and School Council have had a real drive on recycling and environmental projects including the BIC writing instrument scheme and Walkers crisp packet scheme. A number of local primary schools as well as Dereham Library and Dereham Sixth Form are collecting and doing their bit for the environment. A big thank you to those who have contributed so far. These recycling schemes will continue into the new academic year so keep collecting and putting your items in the tins/boxes at school. Members of the public can drop off pens and crisp packets at our main reception.



### Meeting Northgate's new Year 7s

From 18th - 24th July we had the opportunity to meet the Year 6s (or new Year 7s as we referred to them) during Northgate's transition week. They attended lessons in Maths, English, Science, Drama, French, History, Computing, Citizenship, Geography, Art, Drama and PE as well as A-level lessons in Law, Business and Psychology. There were also choir rehearsals for the Community Day. New friendships were formed and everyone familiarised themselves with Northgate routines. The new Year 7s were supported by a fantastic team of buddies from the current Year 7 and Year 9 peer mentors. They guided students round the school, went to lessons with them and answered any of their questions or concerns. The new Year 7s even had the chance to take part in our Community Day, opening it with a superb couple of songs as a choir. On the last day of term they took part in a number of challenges across different subject areas, earning merits ready to save or spend when they start in September.

Form tutors had the opportunity to meet their new tutees and their parents one evening and start to find out more about them. A great introduction to Northgate life, thank you to Mrs Graves for organising. We look forward to working with everyone again in September.

### Year 7 make a 'Flying Start' on Summer School

Year 7s joined staff for a week in August for the annual 'Flying Start' summer school. With a theme of 'around the world' there were lots of different activities to take part in. There was a Food Tech session, making and decorating biscuits to look like the world, English and Drama sessions, practising a piece to perform to parents at the end of the week. The Maths session involved planning a holiday and looking at the skills required to do this, in PE there was a chance to take part in a mini Highland games and play Gaelic football. There was a research session in the learning hub, creating fact files about different countries, a mini medics session covering vital first aid skills and much more. A treasure hunt using iPads and QR codes also allowed pupils to navigate their way around the school better as well as test their general knowledge.

A big thank you to Miss Lynn for organising the week and to all of the teachers who delivered sessions. We hope all those who attended the presentation at the end of the week enjoyed the performances by our Year 7s. They have certainly grown in confidence and are already embracing the Northgate Way - well done!







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## Northgate's Community Day

Wow - what an amazing day! We held our annual presentation afternoon in July with parents and guests celebrating the achievements of students before author Alex Scarrow opened the community day. The new Year 7s were in fine voice, singing the songs they'd been rehearsing and there really was something for everyone.

There was the opportunity to have a picture taken with the EFL Championship trophy, race the F24 kit car around the tennis courts, meet some police dogs and sample delights from the cake stall, judged by Masterchef finalist, Dr Tim Kinnaird. People headed to the ELF for the Year 12 performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream and played some carnival themed games. There was a raffle, tombola, food stalls, representatives from Dementia Friendly Dereham and much more. Residents of Sanford House were invited to an afternoon tea and an audience were treated to a sneak preview performance of Matilda.

There was such an amazing atmosphere with everyone smiling and laughing, where we celebrated all that is good about Northgate and the Sixth Form with the Dereham Community. A big thank you to everyone who came and supported the event, members of the community and local businesses who had stalls and everyone at Northgate and Sixth Form, staff and pupils for their involvement. Money raised from the day will go towards Dementia Friendly Dereham and towards teenage mental health projects within Northgate and Dereham Sixth Form.

See our [blog](#), [EDP article](#) and page 3 of the bulletin for photos.



### Charity Corner

A huge thank you to students, staff and parents who have supported our charity events across the year and in particular to the School's Social Team who have done a great job organising most of them. We are proud of the way Northgate comes together as a community to help others:



MacMillan Coffee Morning (£272.74), Children in Need (£947.96), POPPY Appeal (£173.85), Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (£106.05), NSPCC Number Day (£94.00), Dementia Friends, MIND and Denver's Last Wishes at Dereham Lights (£417.31 in total), Comic Relief (£941.17), WWF Animal Adoption (£60.08), Cancer Research UK - through recycling schemes (£60.06), Dementia Friends + Northgate/ DSFC mental health projects (Community Day - approx. £1000).

An amazing **£4073.22** in total!



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### Celebrating Success

At the end of term we had some bumper celebration assemblies with so many awards, certificates, trophies and badges to hand out! Well done to all those who received awards. Congratulations also go to the winners of our attendance raffle for the summer term - Ayla C & Ruby S (Yr 7), Amber A & Caitlin T (Yr 8), Ruben F & Eduard G (Yr 9), Anne B & Poppy M (Yr 10).

They gained raffle tickets for each two-week period of 100% attendance and won the Amazon vouchers!

