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Good luck to Year 11

It's certainly been a challenging time for our Year 11s over the last couple of years. They have maintained effort and focus throughout this time, which has led them to the point of taking their GCSE exams. We are incredibly proud of how they have coped with the difficulties they have faced. We all wish them the very best as they take each exam and know the hard work, effort and resilience they have shown, will stand them in good stead. A big thank you to parents and carers for the support shown at home and to all staff who have helped prepare the Year 11s up to this point – good luck everyone!



Northgate News

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Follow this link to read about all the exciting activities and news from last month.

[April Bulletin](#)

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Upcoming events

Make sure you know what is coming up at Northgate. Please note these dates are subject to change.

2nd May

Bank Holiday

3rd – 5th May

French and Spanish GCSE Speaking Exams

3rd May

Computer Science Walking Talking Mocks Day

4th May

Year 11 BTEC Dance - Performance Exam
Year 9 exams (until 9th May)

5th May

County Cup Football final vs Thorpe St Andrew at Youngs Park Aylsham 4pm KO

6th May

Matt Dickinson Author visit - talk and workshops

10th May

Year 8 Parents Evening
Toast (Performance Poet Group) - Year 10 and selected Year 9

16th May

GCSE written exams begin

18th May

Mid Norfolk Athletics Area Championships

20th May

Global underwater challenge (Subsea UK) - selected Year 9

22nd - 28th May

ERASMUS Trip to Italy

25th May

Year 10 Parents Evening
Primary School 'Battle of the Bookworms' Quiz

27th May

Break up for Half Term

Accelerated Reader Updates

It's amazing to see the number of new books arriving on a regular basis in our library - our students are certainly making the most of these. If you haven't seen them yet, check them out in the library! Year 7 and 8 students take part in accelerated reader every day when part of a lesson is put aside to foster the love of reading – even the teachers get involved (students can see what they are reading from the posters on their doors!). After reading each book, students take a quiz which can be done during this AR time, at break or lunch time in the library or even at home. Since September Year 7s and 8s have taken quizzes on hundreds of books equating to a total of over 18.5 million words read!

We are excited to announce our first word millionaire of the year – congratulations to Bartosz W in Year 7. Close behind him in Year 7 are Gabriella G and Setaita K. Our top three Year 8s with over 2.3 million words read between them are Mia S, Tallulah G and Sarah B – well done!

The library also hosts a number of reading competitions throughout the term. Every time students take an accelerated reader quiz, they get their bookmark stamped and receive entry into a raffle. Our first fortnightly winners were Eimantas P (Year 7) and Ben C (Year 8).

The Spring Term Challenge Draw saw Esme M (Year 8) crowned the winner, with special mentions to Sarah B, Mia S and Seren W.

We were interested to find out that our top three read books from the library are Wink by Rob Harrell, Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes and Gangsta Granny by David Walliams.

Well done to all our students who continue to work hard on their reading and are making big improvements in their reading ages.

Don't forget to take your quiz once you finish each book and if you need any recommendations for books to read, see Miss Lynn or Mrs Gill.



In the News

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

- [Author Christopher Edge visits Northgate](#)
- [Maths gets Unlocked for Year 10s](#)
- [Northgate High School are Plastic Competition Winners!](#)
- [Students visit the Royal Opera House](#)



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Northgate High School are Plastic Competition Winners!

Students at Northgate High School and Dereham Sixth Form College are delighted after winning a competition with Norfolk County Council, Norfolk Youth Parliament and Swap2Save. The aim of the competition was to create a short video to highlight what the school and college are doing to reduce plastic. Members of Northgate’s School Council starred in the video, which was filmed and edited by Sixth Form students.

The judges said, 'It was a fantastic video that we all enjoyed watching. Your students did an amazing job not just taking part but also creating the video'. The school received a whole host of books based around the environment and climate change, which, no doubt, will be popular additions to the library.

Miss Theobald, School Council Coordinator, said ‘We are incredibly proud of the students’ achievements. There are so many students and staff who are passionate about reducing plastic both at the school and college, but also at home and in the community. In creating the video, we hope to spread the message a little further and get even more to think about their impact and start to take action.’



Recycle, Recycle, Recycle

The Walkers Crisp Packet recycling scheme with Terracycle has now finished. A huge thank you to staff, students, parents and members of the Dereham community for contributing to this scheme over the past three years. With your help we’ve managed to prevent over 368Kg of crisp packet plastic going to landfill. Not only that, but it has also raised over £545 for Cancer Research UK. Our totals for all schemes are approximately 590Kg and £720 raised—AMAZING!

Now, with your continued help ,we can make the other schemes just as successful. We have 5 Terracycle recycling schemes in place. Not only can members of the public drop off the recycling at Northgate, but we also have collection points at Nationwide and Morrisons in Dereham.

- **Writing instruments** (with BIC) - pens, felt tips, markers, highlighters, mechanical pencils, correction fluid pens.
- **Bread bags and bakery plastic** (with Warburtons) - packaging from wraps, thins, teacakes, scones, bagels, hot cross buns etc).
- **Pringles Tubes** (with Pringles) – any size Pringles tubes, however other brands are not accepted.
- **Biscuit and Snacks wrappers** (with GoAhead, Jacobs, Carrs, Mcvities) - non savoury biscuit wrappers, cake wrappers and cracker wrappers.
- **Coffee pouches** (with Taylors of Harrogate) – all brands of ground coffee pouches, coffee bean pouches and flexible coffee packaging.



Our Earth Summit Team had the privilege of being invited to speak at Swanton Morley’s Climate Action and Sustainability event at the end of April. Members of the Parish Council had heard about our eco efforts and initiatives and invited the students, with Miss Theobald, to speak to residents about some steps they can make to be more environmentally friendly. The aim of the event was to share ideas about how Swanton Morley residents can make the community more sustainable, explore what small actions can be taken to make a big difference, learn about the actions already underway, chat with like-minded locals who are passionate about sustainability and then to take action. You can find our more about Swanton Morley’s efforts [here](#).



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Northgate joins Neurodiversity Celebration Week

At the end of March, students and staff at Northgate celebrated Neurodiversity Week. Neurodiversity is the acceptance that all humans are different, with unique minds, needs and abilities.

Neurodiversity Week is about celebrating the strengths and talents of people who are neurodiverse and about recognising hard work, resilience and determination of people who face daily challenges. The message being spread far and wide, through a whole host of posters and images across the school, was that 'we all think differently'.

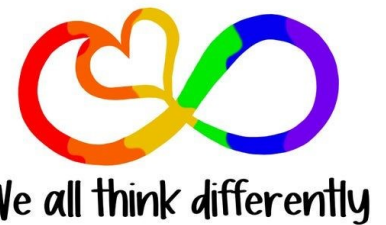
Within PART lesson, tutors shared more information about neurodiversity with students. Tutor groups were given a small flag to display in their form rooms and there was the opportunity for students and staff to make a pledge that they will be kind and supportive to those around them and that they will recognise that we are all different and our brains work in different ways.

It was amazing to see so many people make that pledge. They were given certificates and badges to wear with pride. It was a great talking point too, with many staff getting questions about their badges. A huge thank you to Mrs Agent for organising the badges and certificates.

Mrs Beasley held assemblies to highlight the importance of acceptance of those with neurological differences, the fact we can all go on to achieve amazing things and these differences don't need to hold you back. She explained that neurological differences in the way that our brains are wired mean that you may struggle to do things that others find easy.

Some of the different ways of thinking, learning, interacting and perceiving the world have been given labels, such as ADHD, autism, dyslexia, dyspraxia and Tourette Syndrome. These are all neurological differences that are represented across our school community.

Students were perhaps surprised to learn that some well known people and figures have Neurological differences. These include Albert Einstein (autism + dyslexia), Emma Watson (ADHD), Bill Gates (dyslexia), Cara Delevigne (dyspraxia), Simone Biles (ADHD), Jamie Oliver (dyslexia), Greta Thunberg (autism), Daniel Radcliffe (dyspraxia) and many more.

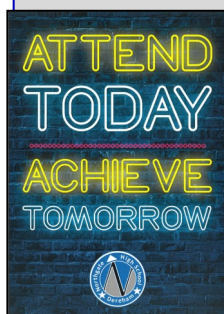


Attendance Matters



Congratulations to the following tutor groups who have recently won the fortnightly attendance competition: 7TG, 8AB, 9TLY, 10AS and 11DNI. Trophies and certificates are proudly on display in tutor rooms. Congratulations also go to Chloe M (Year 7), Mia P (Year 8), Jay S (Year 9),

Bobbi-Rose B (Year 10) and Lucy W (Year 11) who won the attendance raffle for the second Spring half term - all received an Amazon voucher as their prize!



Merit Update

During Easter, over 3500 bonus merits were awarded for no negatives and excellent attendance. This now means over 57,500 merits have been awarded since September - amazing! Don't forget to cash in your merits before the summer holidays when balances will be set back to zero. There are so many great rewards available!

You can see our catalogue [here](#).

House merit competition standings:

Holmes	Hawking	Rowling	Attenborough
74.41	80.02	72.69	78.12