



# Northgate Council Bulletin

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## Athletics Success

A huge well done to all the students who competed in the Mid Norfolk Athletics on Wednesday 18th May. It was a great day of athletics in glorious sunshine. A number of our students were individually successful in winning their events: Jordan (Shot) and Poppy (High Jump) in Year 7, Ethan (200m), Rocky (800m) and Josh (High Jump) in Year 8, Ewan (High Jump) in Year 9 and Tyler (High Jump) in Year 10.

In addition, Ewan (Year 9), Reece (Year 9) and Tyler (Year 10), all qualified to represent Mid Norfolk at the Norfolk Schools Finals taking place at the UEA on Saturday 11th June.

The Year 7 girls and Year 8 boys teams also finished runners up in their competition.



## Upcoming events

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

### 6th June

New half term begins (Week A)  
GCSE Exams continue  
HPV vaccinations (Year 8)

### 13th June

HPV vaccinations (Year 9 + 10)

### 14th June

Year 10 GCSE Parent Information Evening  
5pm at Dereham Sixth Form College

### 15th June

GCSE Art & Design Exhibition

### 22nd June - 1st July (Art/Design after this)

Year 10 Mock Exams

### 23rd June

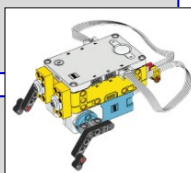
Year 11 Leavers Celebration (afternoon)

### 24th June

Big Bang Fair in Birmingham - Year 8 and 9 students

### 29th June

Year 11 Prom



## Computing Bug Race

From 6th June Year 7 will explore Lego robotic skills in their Computing lessons. Students will learn how to program and modify a basic Lego Spike Prime hopper/bug style model so that their robot will be the fastest and win the 'Bug Race'.

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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. [May Bulletin](#)



## In the News

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

- [Green Influencers receive grant for environmental social action project](#)
- [Books to Africa update](#)
- [Breckland Councillors receive special recycled plastic plaque](#)
- [Environmental themed art competition - winners announced!](#)
- [Northgate triumph in Institution of Engineering and Technology Faraday Challenge](#)
- [Everest Author visits Northgate](#)
- [Students travel to Sweden for Earth Summit](#)
- [ERASMUS visit to Dortmund](#)

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### European Adventures

In the last couple of months, some of our students and staff have been fortunate enough to travel to events in Sweden, Germany and Italy. Our Earth Summit Team, after a two year wait, finally met with other schools face to face in Sweden and presented to them the work they have been doing towards their environmental project goals. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved throughout the project and this was an amazing opportunity for them. You can read more in our blog [here](#).

A second group of students headed to Dortmund as part of the ERASMUS scheme. They went to a hydrogen research centre, did a walking tour of the

area, visited a training mine, completed experiments and much more.

You can read their blog [here](#).

A final group of students have just got back from an ERASMUS trip to Italy.

We will tell you all about their visit in due course.



### Grants Galore!

We are incredibly pleased to have been awarded two grants recently for the work of our Green Influencers and their environmental social action projects. The first is for just over £5000 from The Ernest Cook Trust which will fund the plans our Green Influencers have for areas of the school. The first part is a wildflower area which has already been prepared and seeds scattered. We look forward to sharing further updates with everyone over the coming couple of years, as the projects come to fruition and hope to get more students involved.

We have also been awarded a Local School Nature Grant. We will be receiving planters, log seats and wildflower seeds to the value of £500. In addition some staff will receive training to help students learn outdoors. The project is run by Learning through Landscapes and funded by People's Postcode Lottery, Postcode Neighbourhood Trust, Postcode Places Trust, Postcode Society Trust, Postcode Local Trust and Postcode Community Trust all of who receive funding from players of People's Postcode Lottery.



## Maths Challenge Success

Huge congratulations go to so many of our Year 7 and Year 8 Mathematicians who recently took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. It has been our most successful Junior Maths Challenge results ever! Particular thanks go to Mrs Chalmers from the Maths Department, who has spent several lunchtimes over a number of weeks helping prepare our students for the challenge. It has certainly paid off. Special mention goes to Year 8 students Dylan M, Maisie S and Kyra T who all gained Gold certificates, with Dylan being awarded Best in Year 8 and Best in School. Congratulations also to Wyn E, Elena F, Mia S, Elliot S, Piotr W and Keisha W who all gained Silver certificates. We had 14 students gain Bronze certificates as well.

In Year 7, congratulations go to James A who achieved a Gold Certificate and Best in Year 7, and to Harry S, Charlotte B, Rhys B and Thomas B who all gained Silver certificates. There were also a further 12 students who gained Bronze certificates.

Mrs Chalmers will continue to run the lunch time sessions for anyone who would like to come along and challenge their mathematical thinking. Pictured are some of our certificate winners.



## Primary Schools compete for Battle of the Bookworms Trophy

On Thursday 19th May Northgate hosted its first Battle of the Bookworms Quiz for primary schools. The morning event saw Year 5/6 teams from local primary schools test their book knowledge to be in with a chance of winning the trophy shield.

The event was to celebrate reading and 'National Share a Story Month' and we were delighted by the knowledge and enthusiasm shown by all these young bookworms. Some of our dedicated library assistants were eager to look after all the teams and also hosted the rounds, reading the questions confidently and audibly.

After six varying themed rounds the scores were tallied up to announce the results. There was just one point separating the first, second and third places. The overall winner was Scarning Primary who were awarded the trophy shield, which will be engraved with the school name and date and displayed with pride in their school until next year.

All those who took part were awarded a certificate, sweets and a book to take home with them. The event was a great success and we look forward to welcoming more schools to the quiz next year.





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### Who wants to be a Millionaire?

Since our last bulletin, we have had two more students become Word Millionaires through the Accelerated Reader programme.

Congratulations to Maisie S in Year 8 and Gabrielle in Year 7. Both received their special certificates, book and chocolate. Gabrielle was even lucky enough to be awarded hers by mountaineer, reporter and author, Matt Dickinson! Who will be our next word millionaire?



Well done also to Jack T, Freddie D, Harvey T-G, Charlotte B, Elizabeth S and Phoebe F who were lucky winners of the Accelerated Reader raffle. Don't forget to take your Accelerated Reader quiz once you've finished your book and get your bookmark stamped.



### Bonus Merits

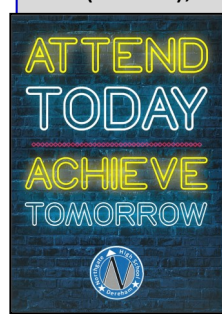
It's been a bumper half term for students earning bonus merits. Not only have they been awarded for attendance ( 2152 merits) and no negatives (1630 merits), but also for excellent attitude to learning in the Spring term screening (2275 merits).

Well done to Nathan H and Lily S (Year 9), Kyra T (Year 8) and Freya N (Year 7) who are our first students to pass the 250 merit mark (merit plaque). We also have 24 students who have gained 200 or more merits (star badge), 94 have gained 150 or more merits (star trophy) and 300 have gained 100 or more merits (badge). Amazing!

### Attendance Matters



Congratulations to the following tutor groups who have recently won the fortnightly attendance competition: 7WL, 7KPE, 8CB, 8CD, 9TLY, 9SJ, 10AS, 11MM and 11SE. Trophies and certificates are proudly on display in tutor rooms. Congratulations also go to Connor G (Year 7), Brooke R (Year 8), Drew L (Year 9), Ellie N (Year 10) and Cassidy W (Year 11) who won the attendance raffle for the first Summer half term - all receive an Amazon voucher as their prize!



### Merit Update

It's been a great month for merits and we are delighted that over 70,000 merits have now been awarded! Merit cashing in is also picking up with over 22,000 merits being exchanged for some great rewards. 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](#).

Holmes	Hawking	Rowling	Attenborough
94.14	92.50	88.49	86.18