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Class of 2022

Thursday 24th June saw our Year 11s finish their journey at Northgate, and what a 5 years they have had! The leavers afternoon was a chance to laugh, cry, share stories, sign shirts, wear their new hoodies (despite the very hot weather) and much more.

A big thank you to the tutor team who have supported and guided each and every student along the way and also to Mr Lea, their Head of Year. Thank you to every teacher and member of support staff who has played a part in their time at Northgate. We wish the class of 2022 the very best of luck in whatever the future may hold. We look forward to celebrating their GCSE results with them in August and then seeing many at Dereham Sixth Form in September.

We hope they look back on their time at Northgate and take away lots of happy memories and friendships.

Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin?

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

[June 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.

4th July

Norwich Book Festival (Selected top AR Year 7 users and library assistants)

5th July

Science Taster Day (Year 10 Triple Science Students)

Year 9 Maths Summer Snack Competition at CNS

6th July

Sports Day

Dereham Sixth Form Transition Day

Year 10 Drama devising exam showcase to parents

7th July

Green Influencers Trip to Gressenhall Museum and Farm

Summer Showcase - Rehearsal in daytime, performance in the evening

11th July

Year 7 Geography Fieldtrip to Cromer

12th July

Primary Team Maths Challenge

18th - 22nd July

Year 10 Work Experience

21st - 22nd July

Year 6 Transition Days

Curriculum Enhancement Days

SPIN Evening for new Year 7 Parents (Thurs 21st)

22nd July

End of Term

25th August

GCSE Results Day



In the News

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

- [Athletics success for Team Northgate](#)
- [Northgate News - Book review](#)
- [Northgate News Team - Interview with Mr Cushion](#)
- [Primary Schools compete for Battle of the Bookworm trophy](#)
- [Northgate News Team - Interview with Mrs Harris](#)
- [Year 9s take on Global Underwater challenge](#)
- [Erasmus Adventures in Italy](#)
- [Northgate News Team - Interview with Mrs Graves](#)
- [Team Northgate races electric car at Lotus test track](#)

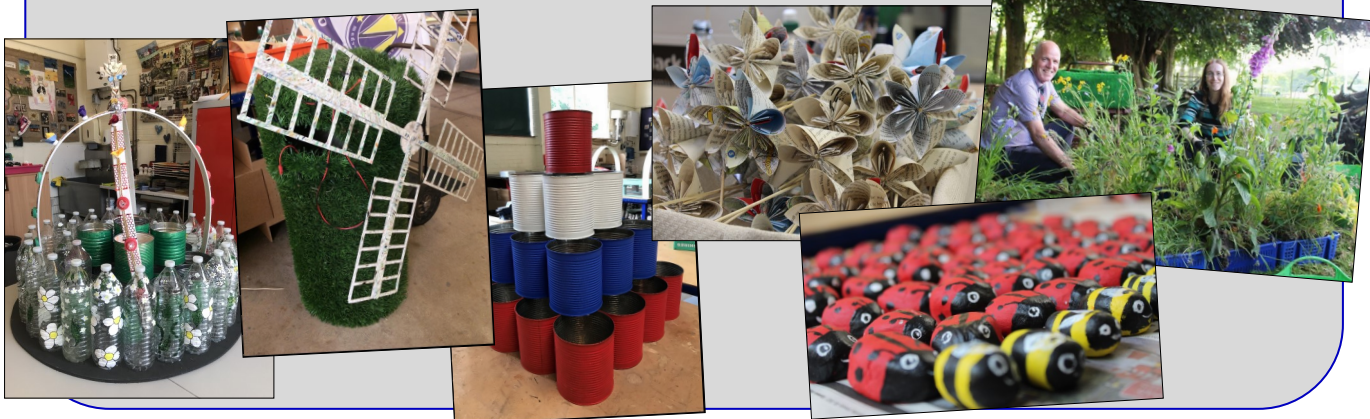
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Royal Norfolk Show Garden

The end of June saw Northgate enter a show garden into the Royal Norfolk Show's schools category. The theme of the garden was 'local living' and 'home grown'. The entry focussed on capturing many elements together, telling the story of conservation and enhancing our environment. The garden area was split into 9 sections, each with a colourful and vibrant picture of nature. There was a solar windmill, with recycled plastic sails, showing our visitors where we are located in Dereham, the heart of Norfolk. The windmill was constructed by our Design and Technology department and will become a garden feature in school after the show. A wheelbarrow displayed flowers and attracted pollinators to our garden making use of various recycled items. A Jubilee inspired tree is a feature we included as an important part of our garden to attract visitors, as they saw it rise above other elements of our display. A creation of logs and stonework with plants was constructed to attract an array of bugs and wildlife. This sat alongside our mini allotment of home grown produce, sitting on a recycled pallet base. A colourful wild flower meadow was planted, ready to be relocated back at our school at the end of the show. The final piece was the Crown of Conservation, sitting in the middle area surrounded by nature, watching it flourish.

A huge amount of time and effort went into creating the project. Miss Theobald and Mr MacDonald would like to thank Mrs Mottley and the whole Art and Design Department, the Green Influencers and Environment Team members, as well as many students who made elements of the garden in their lessons. Without their time and commitment, we would not have created such an amazing garden. A big thank you also goes to Johnny Fox (Johnny Plant Man) and Tim Green from The Acorn Hut Farm and Plant Shop, for supplying some of the plants. We are incredibly proud of the garden we created in such a short space of time - here is a sneak peek of some of the elements. More pictures, including some from the show itself, and a write up of the process will follow in an upcoming blog.





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Accelerated Reader Updates

Congratulations to Jemima C (Year 8) and Brooke G (Year 7) who are our fortnightly AR winners. Also, a huge well done to Tallulah G (Year 8) who has joined the prestigious Word Millionaire club having read a massive 1,052,491 words this year - wow!



Recycling Updates

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support our recycling schemes. To date we have prevented over 630Kg of plastic going to landfill whilst raising over £730 for Cancer Research UK. Please continue to collect the various plastics over the holidays. They can be recycled in the collection box at Morrisons, Dereham, or brought into school. You can see all the recycling schemes we have in place on our [website](#), and find out which plastics can and can't be accepted.

The School Council will be launching a competition in September so watch this space!



Team Northgate races electric car at Lotus test track

A team of students designed and modified an electric car to race against others schools recently at the Lotus test track in Norfolk. They tested the car on the school site and put it through its paces.

Louie, one team member said, 'On the day, we headed out for some pre-race testing to get used to the track. The other cars there were insanely fast, well some of them. At one point when I was driving, I was wheel to wheel with a car exiting the pits and we were next to each other round the hairpin. Then at the turn before the straight, the other car braked early and tried going down the inside line, but I had a better exit out the corner and took the position! It really was a great day – we all had a lot of fun.'



Congratulations to the team, who finished 7th out of 23 teams. You can read more about their experience in our [blog](#) which also includes a video of one of the races.

Welcome to our new Head Girl and Head Boy Team

The new Year 10 Prefect team has been appointed and earlier this half term, interviews took place for Head Girl and Head Boy.

It was a difficult decision, after some excellent interviews and presentations. Well done to all those who applied. Dr Hone, Mrs Galley, Mr Darlow and Mrs Anders were all impressed by the standard of the applications.

Congratulations to our newly appointed Head Boys, Milo and Oscar, Head Girl, Emma and Deputy Head Boy, Dexter. We look forward to them all proudly representing Northgate over the coming year at various school events and for their work with the School Council. Over the coming weeks we will be putting out profiles of the team on our social media pages and sharing on our Year 6 section of the Northgate website.





Art and Design Exhibition

Earlier in the month the Art and Design Department held a private viewing of all of the amazing work created by our Year 11 GCSE students. This included art work, textiles, graphics, photography and design technology projects. Mrs Mottley, Head of Art and Design said, 'I am extremely proud of the diverse range of outstanding outcomes by our very talented pupils. The private viewing was the perfect opportunity to share success with pupils, families and staff. We are very fortunate to have had such a resilient and hard working year group, well done to all.'

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You can see some of the work produced below.



Merit Cashing in - Use them or lose them!

We are coming to the end of the academic year which means it's time to spend your merits on fantastic prizes before the summer. The last remaining cashing in dates will be as follows: 1st, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 15th (last day for Year 10) and 19th July. Any merits not cashed in will disappear over the summer when balances will be set back to zero. You can see our catalogue [here](#).

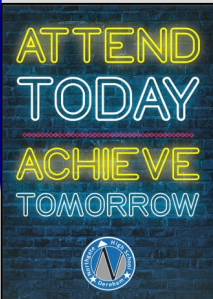
Attendance Matters



Congratulations to the following tutor groups who have recently won the fortnightly attendance competition: 7KT, 7WF, 8AH, 9TLY and 10AS. Trophies and certificates are proudly on display in tutor rooms. Congratulations to all tutor groups who have won the competition over the year. The final attendance raffle will be

drawn at the end of term and prizes awarded in September.

Thank you to parents and carers for continuing to support excellent attendance.



Merit Update

What a year - close to 75,000 merits have been awarded! Congratulations to everyone for their continued effort, attitudes and high standards. We have had a record number of students achieving the merit milestones of 100, 150, 200 and 250 merits (more to follow in the next bulletin). It looks likely now that Holmes will be crowned merit champions for this year.

House merit competition standings:

Holmes	Hawking	Rowling	Attenborough
99.31	97.62	94.22	91.36