



Northgate Council Bulletin

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Northgate's Team Councils and School Council are back!

We are pleased to have Northgate's School Team Councils and School Council up and running. Each tutor group has put forward representatives to the Team Councils. There are 4 Team Councils made up of students from across all year groups. The Environment Team, Social Team, Northgate News Team and Well-being Team will be working on different projects throughout the year and we are looking forward to sharing these with you in future bulletins and on social media. Thank you to all those who put themselves forward and to all the teachers who will be supporting their work. We look forward to seeing what they do.



Upcoming events

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

3rd October

Northgate Post-16 Evening

10th October

World Mental Health day

14th October

Year 9 Geography Trip to Sheringham
Year 11 Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts trip (Period 3 – 5)

17th October

Dereham Sixth Form College Open Evening

19th October

Year 11 and sibling photographs

21st October

Year 11 Geography Trip to Winterton

24th – 28th October

Half Term

31st October

New half term begins

Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin?

Follow this link to read about all the exciting activities and news from last month. [September Bulletin](#)

Want to keep up to date with all the goings on at Northgate?

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We have a new Art and Design Department Instagram page for Northgate and Dereham Sixth Form College @nghsartdesignsfc. Follow us if you want to see more from the department trips and exhibitions.

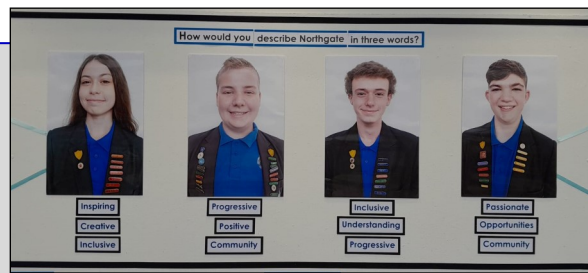


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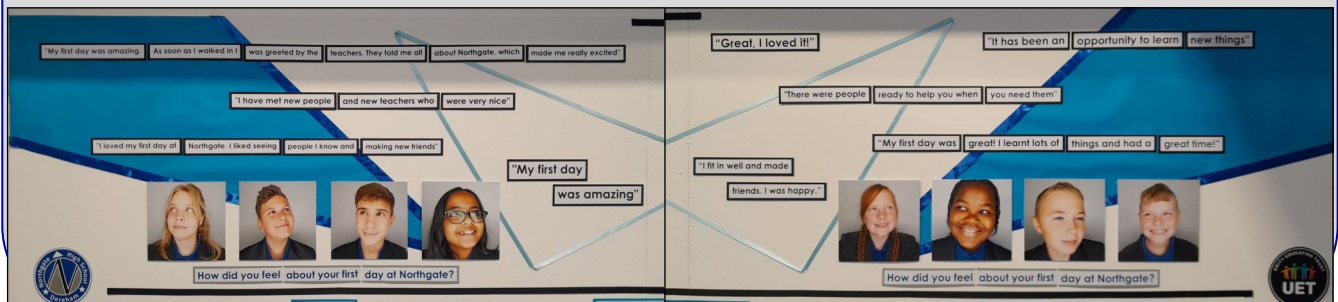
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Northgate Open Evening

September 30th saw Northgate host its annual Year 6 Open Evening. It was a chance for Year 6s and their parents/carers to visit the school and take a look at all we have to offer. We are incredibly proud of our school and we hope this came across to everyone who visited. Our Head Boy and Head Girl team spoke with confidence about their experiences at Northgate and it was lovely to see some of our new Year 7s get up and speak to the huge audiences, after only being at High School for a matter of weeks. Year 6s also had the chance to hear from our Heads of School, Mrs Galley and Dr Hone, as well as Mr Hambling, CEO of Unity Education Trust. Prefects were on hand to give guided tours through all of the department areas. There was a real buzz across the site as everyone eagerly made their way to the different classrooms and took part in a vast array of activities, demonstrations, experiments, performances and more. Staff were on hand to answer any questions, big or small, and our student helpers were absolutely amazing in their subject areas. A big thank you to everyone who attended – we hope you went away with a real insight into what makes Northgate such a special place and we look forward to seeing many of you again in the future.



Missed something on the night? Why not take a look at our 360° virtual tour of the school, which you can find on our [website](#)? You can navigate your way through the school halls, familiarise yourself with the layout of the school and even take a look inside the classrooms.



Merit Update

It's been a busy few weeks back at school and students have certainly started off on the right foot. We have been really impressed with the efforts and attitudes on display and already more than 8600 merits have been awarded. This includes over 2600 bonus merits for attendance and no negatives for the second summer half term. Merit cashing in is taking place on Thursdays again this year, in the main hall from 12.30pm – 12.50pm. Come along and see Miss Theobald and take a look at what you can exchange your merits for in our rewards [catalogue](#).

Last year Holmes were overall merit champions but who will be triumphant this year? It's early days and all House Teams have started well, with Rowling taking a slight lead.

Rowling	Hawking	Holmes	Attenborough
11.48	11.20	10.63	10.60



Attendance Matters

Congratulations to 7VE, 7JB, 8KPE, 9AF, 10CW and 11AS who have all won the fortnightly attendance competition so far this half term. Trophies and certificates are proudly on display in tutor rooms. We all know how important good attendance is and would like to thank all Northgate parents and carers for supporting excellent attendance.



Year 7s make a positive start to life at Northgate

It's been 4 weeks since our new Year 7s started Northgate – it's gone so quickly! We have been really impressed with how well they have settled into High School life. They are working incredibly hard, approaching lessons with a positive attitude and embracing the Northgate Way. They have thrown themselves into Northgate life and already joined lots of clubs and gained so many merits.

Here's what they've had to say about their time so far ...

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Imogen J (7End) - 'Teachers and students are really nice. I was worried before I started but summer school really helped as I made friends in advance and met some of the teachers. I am thinking about joining Drama club.'

Mason U (7Val) - 'The first few weeks have gone quickly but well. Even though it's big, I've figured my way round. Everyone is nice, I've made friends and I'm enjoying the clubs too.'

Tyler B (7Int) - So far it's gone great! I thought I would get lost but I haven't. I'm joining a music club and rugby club. The school is great as there are lots of opportunities.'

Megan M (7Mot) - It's not as scary as you first think. The transition days and summer school helped me make friends before starting in September.'

Todd S (7Val) - 'Don't be afraid to ask for help if you get lost. The teachers have been really nice. I have enjoyed Maths and PE so far and am looking forward to joining dodgeball club.'

Amelia O (7Mot) - 'It's been really fun. Summer school was enjoyable as we did things you don't normally do at school. The teachers are nice and I'm enjoying English the most. I'm looking forward to joining dance club and the literary society.'

Noah C (7Asp) - I'm looking forward to joining some of the clubs. I've enjoyed PE and Maths so far. I've got lost a couple of times but people have helped me out.'

Denver B (7Asp) - 'Try not to get lost - it's bigger than primary. People will help you out, and the reception staff are really helpful. I've enjoyed after school rugby so far and am looking forward to trying out for the school football team.'

Amelia S (7Int) - 'I've enjoyed English and Science so far and already got some merits. I'm saving up for some of the rewards from the catalogue!'

Past, Present and Future Throwback

Wow, we can't believe it's just over a year since we held our special Past, Present and Future event at Northgate, celebrating over 100 years of education at the school in various guises. We welcomed members of the Dereham community, past members of staff, head teachers and alumni to the event. A large array of photographs, artefacts, press clippings and work from throughout the decades were on display for guests to explore and reflect on the history of Northgate, Dereham Sixth Form College and DESA in the community.

As part of the celebration, current Northgate and Dereham Sixth Form students displayed their talents with drama and music performances, which depicted significant moments in the school's history.

Our catering students were also involved in the evening, creating canapés and refreshments, which were themed around old school dinner staples.





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Clubs galore!

At Northgate we have a huge number of clubs on offer to students at lunch times and after school - we have already shared a poster on our social media pages. It's been lovely to see so many students get stuck in over the last couple of weeks and make the most of the opportunities. If anyone wants to get involved in the clubs or has further questions, please see the members of staff running the clubs.

Mrs Harris, Head of Drama and Dance, tells us a bit more about some of her clubs. 'It's been a buzzing start to the year in the Drama department with around 20 Year 7 - 9 students auditioning to be in our reduced Shakespeare performance of Macbeth which will be performed to the public in December. We can't wait!'

'Also, over 40 students have attended Drama club on Thursdays after school where they will be rehearsing strange and weird extracts from Roald Dahl classics such as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Witches, The BFG and many more. These will be performed in our annual Performing Arts Showcase in January. Please come and see me if you wish to take part and join the fun!'



Thank you, Ma'am

At Northgate and Dereham Sixth Form College, we were all saddened to hear of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, as she was part of everyone's lives in many ways.

The generations of students who have stepped through the gates of school or college, including staff, all have stories they have shared. This may have been during our Christmas holidays, listening to Her Majesty's Christmas address to the country or simply a trip to the North Norfolk coast or a visit to the Sandringham Estate. Staff and students alike have always had a connection with the Queen in Norfolk and many paid their respects in their own ways during the period of mourning.

Some staff, past and present, have served in HM Forces or been recognised by the Queen for work they have done, including our Clerk to the Trustees, Daphne Price, and former cleaner, Dorothy Winner, being awarded MBEs. The school also has a strong affiliation with The Royal British Legion, and the years of Remembrance services held at Northgate will continue in the future. We must never forget the sacrifices of the past, serving Queen and country .

Form Tutors discussed the passing of Her Majesty during PART lesson and shared in the sadness, writing messages on behalf of tutor groups in the online book of condolence. During Enrichment lessons with Year 7s, it was explained more, the unfolding story of the days after Her Majesty's passing, the days of mourning, leading up to the funeral itself. The union flag at the front of school was lowered on the day Queen Elizabeth II passed away. A bouquet of flowers and heather brought down from Scotland, with a tartan ribbon and a message from all staff and students at Northgate and Dereham Sixth Form College was laid. Thank you Ma'am.

