



Northgate Council Bulletin

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Charity Corner

Our Social Team, one of the four Team Councils at Northgate, is busy making plans for Children in Need. There will be all sorts of activities going on throughout the fundraising week so keep a look out on our social media pages in November for more information. A big thank you in advance to team members for their efforts and for everyone who generously contributes. It's always great to see the school community come together for a good cause.



Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin?

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

[October 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.

1st November

Year 7 Parents Evening (face to face)

4th November

Year 11 Geography Trip to Great Yarmouth

7th - 11th November

Year 9 National Languages Competition on the GCHQ platform

8th November

Year 11 Science Mock Exam AM

Year 11 Maths Mock Exam PM

9th November

Britannica Magazines Schools Quiz Championship

11th November

Lisa Thompson, author visit for Year 7

14th - 18th November

National Anti-Bullying Week

Children in Need Fundraising Week

16th November

Year 11 English Literature Mock Exam PM

18th November

Start of the World Cup reading challenge

22nd November

Year 9 – 11 HPV vaccinations

23rd November

Year 11 Parents Evening (face to face)

27th November

Dance Club performing at the Dereham lights switch on

28th November

French Speaking GCSE Mocks

29th November

Spanish Speaking GCSE Mocks



Sports Teams

Well done to all of our sports teams who have been taking part in sports matches against various schools recently. We are proud of you all representing Northgate and improving your skills and teamwork game by game.



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Updates from the Library

It's been a busy month in the Library with special book displays for Black History Month and World Mental Health Day. There's been activities for National Poetry Day too with a special poetry picnic, bookspine poetry and blackout poetry. Plus there's more to come in November including:

- Non-Fiction November - departments will 'battle it out' to encourage students to read around their subject and the department with the most loans wins a treat! All students checking out a non-fiction book and writing a review on Accessit library page will be entered into a draw to win a non-fiction bundle. Any Accelerated Reader quiz taken on a non-fiction book gets double raffle tickets in November!
- Author Lisa Thompson, who wrote Rollercoaster Boy (which was given to all our Year 7s on their transition days), will be coming into Northgate to speak to Year 7s. 'Bookbugs and Dragontales' will be attending with book sales of all of Lisa's novels.
- World Cup reading challenge starting 18th November.
- Look out for our Accelerated Reader 'I'm a Reader- Get Me Out of Here!' class competition which will be launched in line with 'I'm a Celebrity' starting later this month.



Congratulations to our Accelerated Reader raffle winners during October - Alfie W, Gabriella G (Year 8) and Hailie G, Anna W (Year 7). Remember to complete your quizzes once you have finished a book to go into the fortnightly raffle to win a book and goodies.

Top 5 most quizzed books this half term.

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone – JK Rowling
 Heartstopper Volume 1 – Alice Oseman
 The Rollercoaster Boy - Lisa Thompson
 Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway – Jeff Kinney
 Heartstopper Volume 2 – Lisa Thompson
 Holes – Louis Sacher

Total words read:

Year 7: an amazing 7,711,542 words
 Year 8: a fantastic 2,053,444 words
 Well done to Stanley W (Year 7) who has already read a mind-blowing 400,859 words!

Most active borrowing class:

7RH with an incredible 135 books issued

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming the Scholastic Half Price Book Fair to Northgate from 7th -12th December – the perfect opportunity to buy your Christmas presents at half price and every purchase helps the school library!



Year 7s make a positive start to life at Northgate

Our Year 7s have continued to impress all staff with the way they have settled into life at High School. They wanted to share with others what their first half term has been like.

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Finley S (7Cour) – The first half term has gone really fast! Lessons are fun and it's easy to find my way around now. I have joined the Year 7 football team and we've already played a match – I'm proud to represent my school!

Jake W (7Cour) – My start at Northgate was a little bumpy at first as there were lots of new people to get to know but now I'm enjoying learning lots in all my lessons. My favourite subjects at the moment are Science and PE. Satchel One took a little while to get used to but now it's all fine.

Freddie C (7Mot) – It was hard to begin with, finding my way around but I soon got used to it. I'm really enjoying PE, Maths, English and Science. Satchel One is easy to navigate and keep on top of my homework too. I've also made it onto the school football team and am looking forward to our upcoming matches!

Connie P-G (7End) – It's been really easy to make friends at High School. I have joined Drama club and am looking forward to performing in Macbeth soon. You get more homework at High School than Primary School but having everything in one place on Satchel One keeps me organised.

Zak B-N (7Val) – It's been a pretty good start to Northgate. My favourite subjects are Art and Science. I've already earned lots of merits and am going to save up for vouchers for the canteen! I've also joined the Art club and Stem Club so am looking forward to the activities we do.

Isla T (7Asp) – There's always something to do at Northgate. I've joined the Northgate News Team and am writing my first article and also the netball team where I have been made captain. My favourite subject so far has been Drama.

Demitri H (7Val) – There's so many people and so much space at High School and I've managed to make lots of friends. I've joined Drama club and Science club – I really like doing all the experiments. I've earned lots of merits too but am saving them up at the moment.

Lottie C-B (7Int) – I have really felt welcomed at Northgate. I have made lots of new friends and everyone is so kind. If I feel sad or lonely, I can speak to my Head of Year. I have joined Drama club and the netball team and have really been enjoying my Technology lessons.

Keihan H (7End) – I've enjoyed making new friendships at Northgate, it's been really easy. I've had fun doing experiments in Science and really like the PE lessons too. I've gained quite a few merits and think I'll save up for a rugby ball!

Open Evening

We want to thank everyone again for attending our Open Evening at the end of September and the feedback received. It has also been lovely during October to welcome some Year 6s and their parents/carers back into school for tours during a typical school day. We hope it gave you a real insight into how we work at Northgate and the positive relationships between our students and staff. We wanted to share with you a few photos from the open evening itself.





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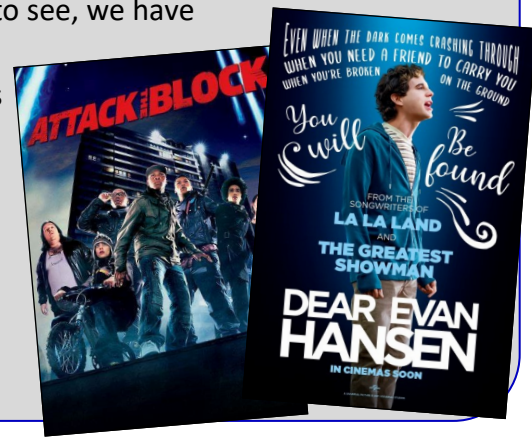
INTO Film Club at Northgate

INTO Film is a National Lottery funded scheme run in partnership with the British Film Institute, providing an online platform where school children can engage with many different aspects of film. From being able to stream hundreds of film titles (old and new) to adding reviews, taking part in competitions and learning from film makers – pupils who are enrolled into the online club can gain exclusive free access to all of these fantastic things.

The main part of the club is of course the weekly film screenings. These take place each week for Year 9 - 11 students in EN6 with Mrs K Smith (Film studies course leader and English teacher). So far, we have watched Dear Evan Hansen and Attack the Block. After half term, we are going with a horror theme, seeing as pupils return to school on Halloween!

To gauge pupil interest and find out what films you want to see, we have uploaded a Google form to Satchel for students in Years 9 – 11 to complete. We are always looking for new members so please do complete the form and sign up outside EN6 if you fancy joining. Note that you will need parental consent to watch some of these films due to the age rating.

In addition (do not feel left out Years 7 and 8), Mrs Gill runs a Cinemaniacs film club in the library every Thursday 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

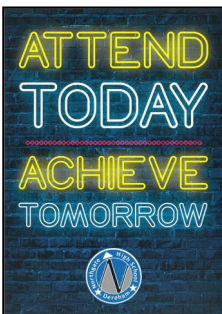


Merit Update

We can't believe the first half term has been and gone and we are already into the second half term. We are so proud of all of our students and how they demonstrate the 5Rs every day at Northgate. So much so, that thousands of merits were awarded last half term for consistent standards, exceptional work and more. On top of that a further 1963 bonus merits were awarded for excellent attendance and 1830 for no negatives. We've also seen plenty of merit certificates handed out already in assemblies. Well done everyone!

All of these merits have seen merit totals rise significantly for many, and more and more students are likely to be heading over to the merit cashing in. Miss Theobald will be on hand every Thursday from 12.30pm - 12.50pm in the main hall. We have some great rewards available, just take a look at our [catalogue](#). Rowling have maintained their lead in the House merit competition, however it is still really close and every merit counts.

Rowling	Hawking	Attenborough	Holmes
26.79	26.51	25.91	25.44



Attendance Matters

Congratulations to 7RH, 7JD, 8WF, 8TG, 9CB, 9HH, 10AGR 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. Congratulations also go to the winners of our first half-termly attendance raffle: Ember W (Year 7), Jackson M (Year 8), Ellis H (Year 9), Callum V (Year 10) and Charlie B (Year 11).

For every two-week period a student has 100% attendance, they receive a raffle ticket to win an Amazon voucher! We all know how important good attendance is and would like to thank all Northgate parents and carers for supporting excellent attendance.

