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Charity Corner



A big well done to our fantastic Social Team for their fundraising efforts for Children in Need. They sold Pudsey merchandise throughout the week and held an extremely popular bake sale amongst other activities. Thank you to all those who got involved and donated. We are proud to say that **£1147.05** was raised in total!

Upcoming events

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

1st December

Orchard Committee Meeting 3.15pm – 4.15pm – all students and staff welcome

1st - 15th December

Year 11 Mock Exams

6th December

Macbeth technical rehearsal

7th December

KS3 Drama Performance (Macbeth)

7th - 13th December

Scholastic Book Fair in the library

8th December

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Jumper Day

14th December

Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations

15th December

Christmas Fayre and Carol Concert 5.00pm - 7pm at St Nicholas Church, Dereham

16th December

Break up for Christmas



Question of the Week

Our Northgate News Team are putting out a Question of the Week, to encourage discussion and debate amongst students, tutor groups and teachers. They have the chance to answer via a Google form on Satchel One. We would also like parents, carers, staff and the wider community to get involved and will compare results, so look out for the question and link to submit your answer on our social media pages.



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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. [November Bulletin](#)



In the News

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

- [Northgate News Team interview with Mrs Ellis](#)
- [National Youth Dance Company come to Northgate](#)
- [A warm welcome to GCSE Film Studies from Mrs K Smith](#)
- [Noughts and Crosses Trip](#)
- [Year 10 History trip to the Battlefields](#)
- [Our first half term at Northgate](#)
- [GCSE geographers descend on Great Yarmouth](#)
- [Northgate News Team interview with Dr Musgrave](#)
- [Celebrating the Class of 2022](#)
- [Year 7 netball tournament](#)
- [Northgate News Team interview with Mrs Warrington-Price](#)

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Northgate Remembers

Northgate welcomed staff, students and guests to join them in a service of remembrance held on Friday 11th November. Students involved in a uniformed organisation outside of school, for example, army cadets, air cadets, scouts or guides were invited to wear their uniform to the event.

The service included a two-minute silence, wreath laying and poetry readings, including 'For the Fallen' by Robert Laurence Binyon, which was read by Head Girl, Emma, and 'In Flanders Field' by John McCrae, read by Mr Hester, Head of History. Deputy Head Boy, Dexter, played the Last Post and a silence fell across the school. It was a time for everyone to reflect and was particularly poignant for some of our Year 10 students, who recently visited The Somme during a Battlefields tour trip, as part of their GCSE History, organised by Mr Hester.

Students from Years 7 to 13 and staff placed crosses onto a memorial, in memory of the fallen whilst Emmanuel (Year 10) played the piano.

In addition, two Ukrainian students, who recently joined the school, were given the honour of placing their national flags in memory of those in the Ukraine conflict. The service ended with Mrs Galley reading the Kohima Epitaph, attributed to John Maxwell Edmunds.

Thank you to all those who took part in the service and to Mr MacDonald for organising the special mark of remembrance once again.



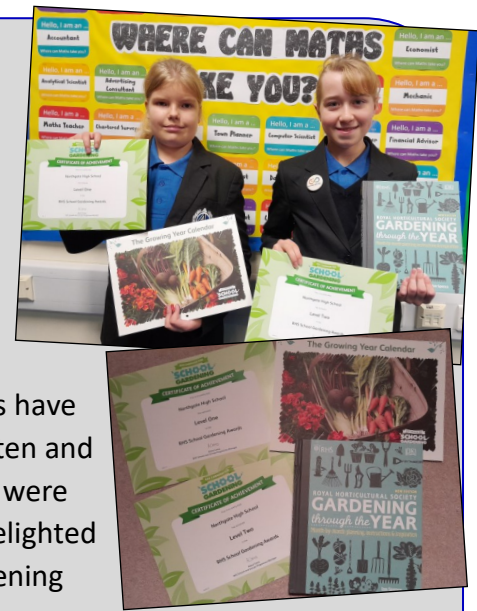


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Green Influencers achieve RHS Awards and Volunteer Callout

Northgate High School’s Green Influencers had a busy year last year, researching and developing plans for new outside spaces on the school site. In the summer term, they created a wildflower area on the school field which they hope to extend over the coming years. In the short time since creating the area and a no-mow zone, dozens of different wildflowers and plants have been identified. Through creating this area, they submitted written and photographic evidence to the RHS School Garden Awards and were recently awarded Level 1 and 2 of the scheme. Students were delighted to receive certificates, a growing calendar and a special ‘gardening through the year’ book which will help with further projects.



The Green Influencers also have plans, which are progressing nicely, to have an orchard and tree nursery on the school grounds. The orchard will host a variety of local fruit trees, donated by East Anglian Apples and Orchards and the tree nursery will be kindly supported by Gressenhall Tree Nursery. Students are excited about these developments and are already thinking about a name for the new area. The school has an Orchard Committee and will be deciding on the types of fruit trees to grow and the seeds to collect for the tree nursery.

The school are also looking for a group of local volunteers who can support the project. Volunteers would be needed to help irrigate fruit trees, saplings and other plants, plant saplings and construct no-dig beds, help protect trees from pests, champion the orchard and nursery amongst community members and work with the school’s Orchard Committee. Volunteers would ideally be available for an hour per week on a regular basis, particularly around school holidays and this may include evenings and weekends. Responsibilities will change throughout the year based on the season. All volunteers will receive support during the process. All ages, backgrounds and experience levels are welcome to apply. To apply, please write a short letter explaining why you are interested in volunteering and send via email to the school’s Green Influencer Mentor, Alex Day on alex.day@sos-uk.org. We are really excited about getting the wider Dereham Community involved in this project!



Celebrating the Class of 2022

Thursday 17th November saw Northgate welcome back the Class of 2022 for the annual GCSE Presentation Evening.

A chance to celebrate the achievements of our former Year 11s and present them with GCSE certificates, subject prizes and community prizes. This evening was even more special, since it was the first time hosting it again after the pandemic.

GCSE certificates and subject prizes were handed out as well as special awards for the Head Boy and Head Girl Team, Personal Progress, Services to the School, Contribution to the Community and Resilience Award.

Former Head of Year, Mr Lea, spoke to the ex-students and former Northgate student, Bobby Copping, gave an inspiring talk as the guest speaker. A wonderful evening of celebration, thank you to all those that attended. You can read more about the evening in our [blog](#).



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Recycling Updates

Back in October we marked Recycle Week 2022 by reminding everyone about the recycling schemes we have in place at Northgate. It is something we feel passionate about and we want all our staff and students to feel like they can contribute and play a small part in helping the planet. We recently launched two recycling competitions at Northgate - one as a House competition and one as a tutor group competition.

The first involves collecting bottle tops and putting them in the House bins near Technology. Not only is this encouraging staff and students to recycle and join forces in their Houses, but the recycled plastic will then be used in Technology lessons. Mr Mottley has even promised to make the winning house a special trophy from the recycled plastic! This competition has already sparked enthusiasm from our competitive Northgate community and will run until Christmas.

The second competition involves tutor groups recycling as much of the plastic from our Terracycle schemes as possible. This includes Pringles tubes, bread bags and bakery plastic, biscuit and cake bar wrappers as well as confectionary and chocolate bar wrappers. Last half term 5.6Kg of this recycling was collected. A big well done to 7RH, 8KT, 9KS, 10CW and 11AS who were our top recyclers for the first half term and received certificates of recognition. Keep collecting at home, encourage friends, family and neighbours to contribute too.



Merit Update

As we come to the end of the term, we are pleased to see that students have passed the 25,000 merit mark. We have also had our first few students gain 100 merits - well done! During the Christmas holidays the next set of bonus merits will be awarded for no negatives and excellent attendance. We can't believe the first half term has been and gone and we are already into the second half term. There will also be lots of merit certificates to be handed out in assemblies and PART lesson before we break up. Well done everyone!

Miss Theobald continues to do the merit cash in 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 continue to lead the House merit competition but will they maintain the lead as we go in to 2023?

Rowling	Hawking	Attenborough	Holmes
34.85	34.69	33.42	33.00

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Attendance Matters

Congratulations to 7DNI, 7RH, 8TG, 8KPE, 9CD, 9NA, 10SJ, 10AGR, 11SO 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.

The attendance raffle will be drawn at the end of term and winners announced in January. 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.

