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House Competition Update

Mr Llewellyn has recently given an update regarding the House competition. Across the year, students have the opportunity to contribute towards their house, whether this be in House sports matches, department competitions, gaining merits or House tokens, for making a positive contribution to the school. The recent count-up of House tokens saw Attenborough gain 87, Rowling 80, Holmes 58 and Hawking 42. This means the House competition currently stands as follows:

House Totaliser 2022-23

			
Attenborough	Hawking	Holmes	Rowling
2298	2129	2242	2134

There are plenty of opportunities for everyone to contribute to their House Team across the year, with the House trophy awarded in July.

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Upcoming events

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

2nd February

Year 7 History Trip to Norwich Castle
Year 9 Leaders at KS2 Sportshall festival
Year 9 + 10 Intermediate Maths Challenge

3rd February

Year 7 Number Day

7th February

Cricket leadership course

8th February

Year 8 South Norfolk 5-a-side tournament

9th February

Year 7 French Badge Competition run by the International Leaders (Year 9)
Orchard Committee Meeting MA6 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Year 9 South Norfolk 5-a-side tournament

10th February

Break up for half term

11th - 18th February

Ski Trip to Italy

20th February

New half term begins (Week A)

21st February

Drama Trip (Year 7 - 13) to see Teachers in Norwich

Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin?

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

Year 7 Number Day



The Maths Department are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC again this year by taking part in NSPCC Number Day on Friday 3rd February 2023. All Year 7 pupils will come out of normal lessons for one hour and will take part in a number of Maths activities including number aerobics, creating a human graph, a very strange game and a quiz. This quiz will contribute to the House competition as well. There will also be a prize for the winning pupil in each teaching group.

Over the last thirteen years, pupils at Northgate have raised over £3300 and we hope our current Year 7s can contribute to the great efforts too. Schools across the country will also be holding similar events to help support the NSPCC and Childline. Not only are we able to raise money through this event, but it is also designed to promote Maths and numeracy across the school. It is a great way to make Maths fun and bring about a positive 'can-do' attitude towards it. Thank you to Miss Petcher-Ellison for organising the activities.



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Battery Recycling

We've taken part in and continue to take part in a number of recycling schemes at Northgate, doing our bit to prevent plastic and other waste going to landfill. We are now taking part in a new recycling scheme for batteries and with your help, we could be in with a chance of winning one of two prizes of money towards garden and outdoor equipment. Bring in your used batteries and hand over to tutors or Miss Theobald in MA6. We have until 23rd June to collect as many batteries as possible. Start collecting!



In Memory

It is with sadness that we let you know that Mrs Dorothy Winner MBE, who previously worked at Northgate in the kitchen and as a cleaner, has sadly passed away. She gave over 40 years of service to Northgate and always did so with a smile on her face. It was a delight to see her return to Northgate for our special Past, Present and Future event back in September 2021 and we thank her for her loyal service to the school. Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this time.



Café North Themed menu returns!

Café North's themed menus have always proved really popular with our students and staff and on January 26th we saw the return of the themed menu in the form of a Chinese meal, to celebrate Chinese New Year. Alan and his fantastic team created a feast of Chinese food including noodles, rice, sweet and sour chicken, Chinese style pork, pancake rolls and prawn crackers. It certainly went down well with very long queues in the dining hall.

A big thank you to the Café North Team - we can't wait to hear what the next theme is going to be.





In the News

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

- [Adventures in the Red Sea](#)
- [Year 8 Geography trip heads to Cambridge](#)

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Alice in Wonderland

The Drama department are delighted to announce the summer production will be Alice in Wonderland. However, this will be no ordinary production, as it will take place in our outdoor learning area, as the audience are fully immersed in wonderland. A big well done to everyone who auditioned. Both Mrs Harris and Mr Dungar were extremely impressed by the standard of the auditions and the commitment shown. Congratulations to all the cast - we can't wait for rehearsals to get started and the performances in July.



Orchard Update

Our Orchard Committee have met again and since our last update have made good progress on their projects. Before Christmas they met on a few occasions to stratify and prepare the seeds, berries and nuts that they had collected, both from the school site and from the local area. Some of the students mashed the berries (hawthorn, blackthorn and holly) to separate the seeds from the pulp, dried the seeds and then stored in a compost and sand mix, whilst others prepared sycamore seeds, acorns, beach nuts and horse chestnuts. They checked whether the acorns and nuts floated or sank, only making use of those that sank. The seeds and nuts have been potted and stored outside. They've had a number of sharp frosts and rain, so we are hoping they start to germinate into the spring so we then have a number of saplings in our tree nursery.

We are looking for members of the community that would like to get involved and volunteer some time in supporting the orchard and tree nursery. Please get in contact with Miss Theobald (kttheobald@ng6.unity-ed.uk) for further details.





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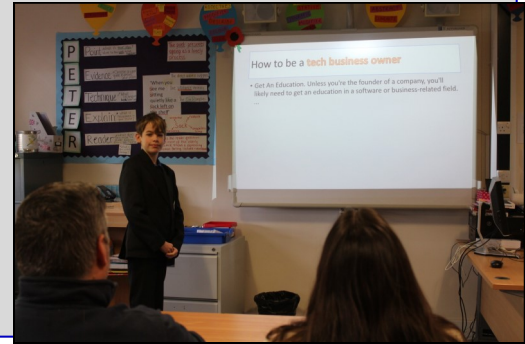
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Year 7 Ultimate Goal Presentations

Mr MacDonald, coordinator of the Enrichment Programme, informed Year 7 at the beginning of the year they would be giving a presentation to an audience. The aim of the presentation was to raise their confidence and enable them to improve their communication skills. A number of the students found the process to be quite challenging and for others, it became obvious they were natural presenters. This was fantastic in many ways and at Northgate, we always encourage our students to do the best they can. This was the ideal presentation for them to work on as the topic was about their future.

Students identified what their chosen career might be in addition, what is their ultimate goal. The idea was to conduct research into the world of work and understand how hard they have to work to get there. Mr MacDonald was very proud of their efforts, knowing that for some it was the first time they had ever presented. Parents and carers were invited to come into school to watch the presentations, along with tutors. Mrs Nimmock, Year 7 tutor commented, 'The presentations I saw were really interesting. It was great to have an insight into the goals and ambitions of my tutees. I feel I know them so much better now and look forward to seeing them work towards their goals.'

The range of career choices was amazing! Pilots, teachers, hairdressers, YouTubers, lawyers, NHS and many more. The goals too were also very inspiring - to make many people better, have my own business, and be a millionaire. This has been a truly wonderful project for our students, - well done! Keep an eye out on social media for a blog where some of our students tell us about their presentations.



Merit Update

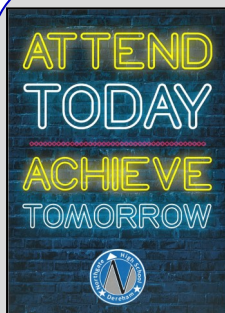
The end of January saw us award close to 2300 bonus merits to students who gained all 'excellents' or 'goods' in their subjects for their attitude to learning in assessment point 1. A positive attitude and approach, coupled with excellent effort goes a long way to ensuring progress is made.

Well done to all those who were awarded the merits.

Miss Theobald is on hand every Thursday from 12.30pm - 12.50pm in the main hall for students to cash in their merits. We have some great rewards available, just take a look at our [catalogue](#).

Hawking are maintaining their lead, however there is not much in it. Remember, all merits count towards the overall House competition so keep working hard - every merit counts!

Hawking	Rowling	Attenborough	Holmes
52.15	51.13	50.43	49.85



Attendance Matters

Congratulations to 7JB, 7VE, 8KPE, 9HH, 9CD, 10SJ, 10KM, 11AS and 11TF who all won the fortnightly attendance competition last half term.

Trophies and certificates are proudly on display in tutor rooms. For every two-week period a student has 100% attendance, they receive a raffle ticket to win an Amazon voucher! The next attendance raffle will be drawn at February half term and announced in our March bulletin. We all know how important good attendance is and the positive impact it has on progress so would like to thank all Northgate parents and carers for supporting excellent attendance.

