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## House Competition Update

With just half a term to go, it's all to play for in the House competition. It couldn't be any closer. The current totals include points from merits, House tokens, Friday House quiz, House sports matches and competitions from different subject areas. Well done to all those that have represented their House teams so far. We can't wait to see how it pans out in the next few weeks!

			
<b>1st</b> ATTENBOROUGH	<b>4th</b> HAWKING	<b>3rd</b> HOLMES	<b>2nd</b> ROWLING
Attenborough	Hawking	Holmes	Rowling
<b>3407</b>	<b>3361</b>	<b>3372</b>	<b>3392</b>

## Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin?

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

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## Upcoming events

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

### 5th June

Second Summer half term begins (Week A)

### 7th June

GCSE Art & Design Exhibition 5pm – 7pm

### 19th June

Year 10 Mock Exams start

### 21st June

HPV vaccinations (Year 10 outstanding)

### 22nd June

Opening of the Orchard 5pm - 6.30pm (by invitation)

### 28th June

Professional Drama and Dance visitor specialist workshop (selected Year 8 students)

### 25th June

F24 Electric car race at Lotus Race Track

### 27th June

Primary Team Maths Challenge

### 29th June

KS3 Drama Trip to see Blood Brothers

### 30th June

Year 10 Mock Exams finish (Art, Graphics, Photography and Textiles full day exams in July)

HPV Vaccinations (Year 8 + 9)

### 30th June – 2nd July

Duke of Edinburgh Assessed Expedition to Hunworth



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### Year 9 Art Exhibition

Year 9 students have been exploring the theme Identity in a number of ways since September. People use art to express their own individuality, but also to connect with others in their culture and express a shared identity.

Miss Hickey, who organised the exhibition said, 'Year 9 students have worked incredibly hard throughout the year investigating Portraiture and Identity. Students have developed skills with drawing and painting. Watching the exhibition come to life and seeing students go above and beyond to finish work has made me very proud of them and all their achievements. Well done to everyone.'

Tonal shaded portraits and self-portraits - Students have developed tonal shading drawing skills to create portraits of famous people or themselves.

In the personalised silhouettes, students have explored their own identity within past events, present and future ambitions.

They have investigated hobbies, possessions, cultural influences, the importance of places, historical events, cultural values, traditions and anything dear to them to create a unique and individual composition that explores their own idea of self within their own silhouette. Students have finished the work with various watercolour painting techniques, colour pencil work and fine liner.



### Northgate's Community Choir

We were excited to announce last month the formation of a new community choir at Northgate! Already, just two weeks in, the choir has brought together a number of people from the community.

Our goal is to bring together individuals of all ages and skill levels who share a love for music and singing. Those who can't sing, can sing and those who do not know whether they can or can't sing.

The choir meets every Monday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at the Northgate Music Room. If you would like to attend there is no cost.

The first project they will be working on is called "Lullaby for Our Little Angels". This project will comprise learning and singing 50+ lullabies from across the world, and is dedicated to the children who have lost their lives this year. The choir will also involve learning to read music as it is written in other parts of the world: Solfa Notation, Indian Sargam, etc.

We believe that music has the power to bring people together and create a sense of community. We hope that you will join us in this exciting new venture. We can't wait to share more of what they all get up to – you never know, there might even be some videos on our social media.



## Mrs Gill's Recommended Reads

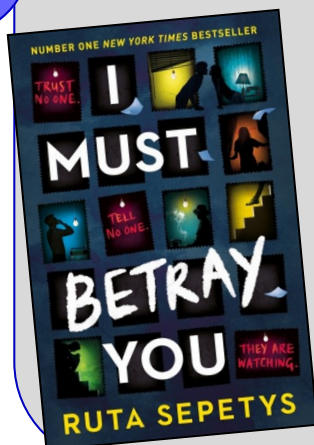
### **KS3: When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle**

It's 1941 during the Second World War ..

Joseph finds himself in the centre of the Blitz, where bombs rain down every night. The only thing Mrs F cares about is the rundown zoo that she owns, and particularly a huge silverback gorilla called Adonis. Adonis and Joseph at first seem to take an immediate dislike to each other but over the course of the story, their bond deepens to a remarkable relationship.

Joseph has other battles with school, in particular bullying and his serious troubles with reading. Like so many children of his generation, his dyslexia is not recognised or understood.

Based on a true story that is powerful, kind and adventurous.



### **KS4: I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys**

Cristian has lived his entire life in the grips of a repressive dictatorship. The country is governed by fear. When the secret police blackmail him, Cristian has an impossible choice. Save the life of his sick grandfather by informing on his family, or risk his life – and all of theirs – by resisting?

At 17, Cristian dreams of being free but doesn't know where to turn. In this climate of constant suspicion, can he trust his best friend, his girlfriend or even his family? A powerful story based on the Romanian Revolution of 1989 – highly recommended!

## Junior Maths Challenge Success

Back in April, a number of our Year 7 and 8 students took part in the UKMT Junior Maths challenge. The challenge aims to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. Thank you to Mrs Chalmers for organising the challenge and giving our amazing mathematicians the chance to prepare during lunchtime study sessions. They were certainly all ready to take on the challenge, so congratulations to everyone that took part.

Special mentions go to Kayla F who gained Gold and Best in Year 7, as well as Charlotte B who gained Gold, Best in Year 8, and Best in School!

Certificate winners were:

Gold: Kayla F (Year 7), Charlotte B (Year 8)

Silver: Aiden B, Freddie C, Lily J, Martin V (Year 7), Bartosz W (Year 8)

Bronze: Zak B-N, Cassidy D-G, Ben F, Finley K, Nora R, Oliver S, Mayte S, Elliot W (Year 7), James A, Rhys B, Lily D, Jessica F, Jake G, Melissa H, Oliver H, Freya N, Isaac R, Ella W and Zuzanna Z (Year 8)



Later this half term, two teams of Year 9 students will be taking on the Advanced Maths Support Programme's Year 9 Summer Snack Maths competition. We wish them lots of luck!



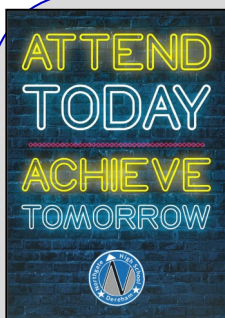
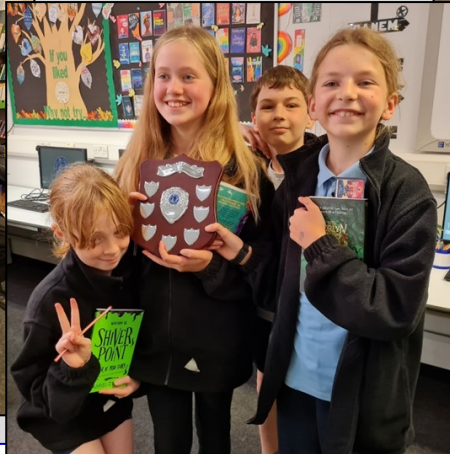
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### Battle of the Bookworms

In May we held our annual Battle of the Bookworms Quiz for primary schools with teams from Garvestone, Mattishall, Scarning, Toftwood Junior, Thomas Bullock and Dereham Junior taking part. It was fabulous to see so many enthusiastic children taking on the challenge and also exploring our library in their breaktime.

Co-hosting the event were some of our Year 7 and 8 Library Assistants who were brilliant with reading the question rounds, scoring and of course greeting and escorting the schools with their friendly smiles. Scarning once again won the trophy but all who took part left with big smiles and book prizes.



### Attendance Matters

Congratulations to 7DNI, 7MM, 8KPE, 8NC, 9NA, 9HH, 10AGR, 10KM, 10SE and 11AS who all won the fortnightly attendance competition last half term. Trophies and certificates are proudly on display in tutor rooms.



Well done also to our half termly attendance raffle winners - Elliot W (Year 7), Akhina R (Year 8), Shannon B (Year 9), Nathan H (Year 10) and Sam N (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 the positive impact it has on progress so would like to thank all Northgate parents and carers for supporting excellent attendance.

### Merit Update

The end of the first summer half term saw 3559 bonus merits awarded for excellent attendance and no negatives. We are on the home stretch now with chances to cash in merits starting to run out. Please remember that merit totals will reset over the summer so any merits not cashed in will disappear - use them or lose them! There is limited stock on some merit prizes so please don't leave cashing in to the last moment.

We now have 2 students who have passed the 250 merit mark, 12 at 200 merits, 66 at 150 merits and 278 with 100 or more merits - an amazing achievement with a half term still to go.

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](#).

Remember, all merits count towards the overall House competition so keep working hard!

Hawking	Rowling	Attenborough	Holmes
88.60	87.39	86.34	84.98