



# Northgate Council Bulletin

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## Year 11 Leadership Team

We'd like to introduce our new Year 11 leadership team - Head Girl Poppi, Head Boys Emmanuel and Owen, Deputy Head Girl Abi and Deputy Head Boys Blake and Hugo. Year 6s who came to our Open Evening on Thursday had the chance to meet and hear from them. Over the coming weeks we are going to find out a bit more about each of them in profiles on our website and social media.



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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 - 5th October

Morning school tours for prospective Year 7 students and parents/carers

### 6th October

National Poetry Day - poetry slam in the Library at lunchtime

### 9th October

Northgate Post-16 Evening

### 13th October

Year 9 Geography trip to Sheringham  
Harry Potter Book Night Quiz at 6.30pm  
(more information in the Library)

### 14th October

Year 9 + 10 Music industry workshops

### 17th + 18th October

Flu vaccinations

### 19th October

Dereham Sixth Form Open Evening

### 23rd October

Half Term

### 30th October

New half term begins (Week B)

## Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin?

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

If you would like to share your achievements and successes from outside of school, please let your form tutor or Head of Year know or email Miss Theobald ([kttheobald@ng6.unity-ed.uk](mailto:kttheobald@ng6.unity-ed.uk)).

## Northgate Open Evening

28th September saw us welcome Year 6s and parents/carers to our Open Evening. It was a chance to visit the school and take a look at all we have to offer. Our Head Boy and Head Girl team spoke 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 a few weeks at High School we were incredibly proud of all of them. Year 6s also heard from our Heads of School, Mrs Galley and Dr Hone, as well as Mr Hambling, CEO of Unity Education Trust and met Heads of Year 7 and Transition, Mrs Richardson and Mr Lennard during the evening. Prefects and Sixth Form Ambassadors 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 available 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.

This week we will be welcoming some of you back to go on tours during the school day.

Missed something on the night? Why not take a look at our 360° virtual tour of the school? 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. There is also plenty of information for Year 6s on our [website](#), which may answer questions you have.

You can also 'like' our social media pages (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) to keep up to date with all of the news, events and activities going on at Northgate.



## SPARX Maths update

Our Year 9 and 11 Maths students have recently started back with their homework being completed on the online SPARX platform. SPARX Maths provides a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed. The SPARX homework is set weekly and it will appear on Satchel One to remind students to complete it.

Last year, students answered an incredible 182,500 questions correctly, completing over 4020 hours of personalised

learning. Some of our SPARX Stars were celebrated at the end of last year, for their hard work and progress. Already, just a couple of weeks into starting their homework, over 18,400 questions have been answered correctly and 407 hours of learning completed. We look forward to celebrating our SPARX Stars over the coming year!







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### Celebrating Success

We mentioned in our last bulletin that we like to hear about the successes and achievements of our students. Robyn W (Year 7) was recently awarded a certificate from Dereham Library for taking part in Dereham Library’s Share a Story Competition. Robyn said, ‘I wrote a short story, based on one of my favourite book series - Harry Potter. It was based on Harry Potter and his friends’ children who are all having their turn at Hogwarts. My story tells the reader about the classes they attended and the adventures they get up to.



I was invited to attend Dereham Library, to receive my certificate for taking part in the event - Share Your Story. The certificates were handed out by the Mayor of Dereham, and local author Heidi Swain. I felt very proud of myself. I often visit Dereham Library, but now I don’t have to rely on my Mum taking me, as I have one at Northgate which is better! Ms Gill is fun, helpful and kind and I am really looking forward to the Harry Potter theme night. I hope to also become a student librarian.’ Well done Robyn – we are sure you and many others at Northgate will have a great time discovering all that our Library has to offer!

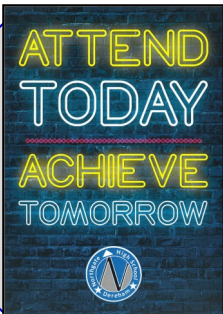
Over the summer holidays, Edward D (Year 7) and his dad challenged themselves to complete a sponsored bike ride by cycling 274 miles during August. The bike ride was in memory of Edward’s Uncle Chris, who sadly passed away in May at just 46 years old. Chris was a keen sportsman and cyclist, so it seemed a fitting tribute. Edward and his dad raised sponsorship in aid of Brain Tumour Research, a charity who have the vision of finding a cure for all brain tumours. They successfully completed the challenge and have raised a staggering £3,711 so far. Well done Edward - an amazing achievement, showing resilience and determination, whilst raising money for such an important charity. We hear that Edward and his cousin Charlotte H (Year 7) are already planning to take part in the Cancer Research UK Shine Night Walk in Norwich next month with family and friends. Good luck to you all!



### Merit Update

It’s been a great few weeks back at school and students have started the school year so positively. We have been really impressed with the efforts and attitudes on display and already more than 14,000 merits have been awarded. This includes over 3000 bonus merits for attendance and no negatives for the second summer half term. Merit cashing in is taking place on Mondays this year, in the main hall from 12.30pm – 12.50pm. Take a look at what you can exchange your merits for in our rewards [catalogue](#). Attenborough have taken an early lead in the House merit competition.

Attenborough	Rowling	Hawking	Holmes
17.88	16.85	16.84	16.83



### Attendance Matters

Congratulations to 7CC, 7TG, 8SP, 8RP, 9YC, 10SO, 11AGR and 11SE 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.

