

# 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

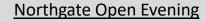
New half term begins (Week B)

## **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 (ktheobald@ng6.unity-ed.uk).



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.

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.

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

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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Year 7s make a positive start to life at Northgate

It's been 4 weeks since our new Year 7s started Northgate – it's certainly gone quickly!

As always, we have been really impressed with how well they have settled into High School.

They are working incredibly hard, approaching lessons with a positive attitude and embracing the Northgate Way. Many of them have also joined some of the numerous clubs on offer and gained over 3500 merits. Here's what they had to say about their time so far ....

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Charlie B (7Cour) - 'I have enjoyed my first few weeks. I was a little scared about getting lost or being late but I'm used to it now. The teachers are nice and coming on the Summer School helped me make friends.'

Darcy F (7Asp) - 'It's quite nice so far, everyone has made me feel like I belong. I was worried about catching the bus at first but that's fine now. I have joined netball club and signed up to be on one of the Team Councils.'

Evie G (7Ten) - 'The first two weeks have been really good. It wasn't stressful or hard and everyone at Northgate has been really welcoming.' Jack L (7Int) - 'It's not scary at all.
I'm really enjoying Science, Tech
and especially History. I'm glad I
chose Northgate!'

Isabel F (7Cour) - I thought
Northgate was really huge and
scary at first but now I feel
comfortable. The teachers are
really welcoming. I am enjoying
Maths and French and might join
football club.'

Layla N (7Mot) - 'My first few weeks at Northgate have been amazing. All the staff are very nice and kind here. I have made new friends which has been great!'

Annabella O (7End) - 'I used to be scared of getting lost but now I feel at home whilst in school.'

Mya J (7Asp) - The first few weeks have been fun. I have enjoyed Maths and Geography and like using the library - it's nice and quiet.'

Ben G (7Cour) - 'I have enjoyed Art and DT so far. I haven't got lost and can now find my way round without a map. The teachers have been really helpful.'

Jayden D (7Ten) - 'I have made some new friends already and joined the school football team. I have also earned lots of merits so it's been good!'

Lexi K (7Cour) - 'The teachers have been really helpful when we got lost and all the lessons have been really exciting.'

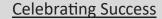
#### Northgate in 3 words

During September we asked students to describe Northgate in 3 words – easy you'd think! However, when you actually stop and think there are so many different words that could be used. We are proud of all our students, staff and the wider Northgate community, the vast range of

opportunities on offer, the positive relationships established and the pride students take in their work and have of the school as a whole. The graphic to the right shows the words our students used to describe Northgate. The bigger the word, the more frequently it was suggested. We hope these are words that you would use too, when you think of our school!

You can see a bigger copy <a href="here">here</a> so you can see all the words suggested.





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.



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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 <u>catalogue</u>. Attenborough have taken an early lead in the House merit competition.

<u>Attenborough</u>	<u>Rowling</u>	<u>Hawking</u>	<u>Holmes</u>
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.