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Accelerated Reader Success

All students in Year 7 and 8 have now been enrolled on our Accelerated Reading Programme with engagement in choosing fabulous fiction and intriguing information books suited to their interests. It's been a fantastic start to the programme – Mrs Gill and Mrs Warrington-Price have certainly been impressed with the effort and enthusiasm shown so far.



Year 7:

Words Read - 8,311,256
Quizzes taken - 248

Year 8:

Words Read - 3,599,079
Quizzes taken - 107

Congratulations to our fortnightly accelerated reader draw winners, Ben G (Year 7) and Amelia S (Year 8).

Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin?

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

[September Bulletin](#)

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Upcoming events

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

1st November

Year 7 Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm

3rd November

Year 11 GCSE Fine Art Trip to the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts

4th November

First Nature Bishop of Norwich Awards – attended by two Orchard Committee members

6th - 10th November

GCHQ National Language Competition 2023 - Year 9 teams of 4

7th November

Norfolk Maths Symposium at The Space – selected Year 11 students

9th November

Year 11 Geography Trip to Cambridge

10th November

Northgate and Dereham Sixth Form Remembrance Service

13th - 17th November

Children in Need and School Council fundraising week
Anti-Bullying week

16th November

GCSE Presentation Evening 6.45pm – 8.30pm

20th, 23rd + 24th November

French and Spanish mock GCSE speaking exams

22nd November

Year 11 Parents Evening 4pm – 7pm



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Northgate Team Race at Goodwood

Back in June our team of racers headed to the Lotus race track to compete in one of the regional F24 green power electric car race competitions. Their first time racing, they managed to qualify in the top 40 schools across the regional events meaning they qualified for the international finals! The finals day arrived and the team headed to Goodwood, with Mr Mottley and Mrs Mottley. Over 140 teams were competing from all over the world. At one point in the race, after about 7 laps, Team Northgate reached 10th position in their category however sadly, due to an incident which was out of their hands, their race had to come to an end. The team are determined though, to come back even better.

Denver, Year 8, was part of the team. Here she tells us why she got involved and about the whole racing experience. 'I joined the F24 green power car club because I like cars and I thought it would be fun. My friend Talli told me about it, so we joined together. I liked the idea of learning more about cars and how they worked and especially the thought of racing!'

'We spent our time at the after school club, learning about the green power electric car and getting it ready for our first race day. There were four of us working on the project, me, Talli, Jensen and Malachi, and our teachers, Mr Mottley and Mr MacDonald.'

'We were ready and excited for the finals, and had done our practice runs, but unfortunately quite soon after the race began, we had an accident with the car and couldn't carry on. But what a fantastic experience anyway! I'm so proud of us as a team and how we've worked together so well. My favourite part has actually been racing the car, but I've really enjoyed working on the car too and we're still working on it, getting it ready again for the next race.'

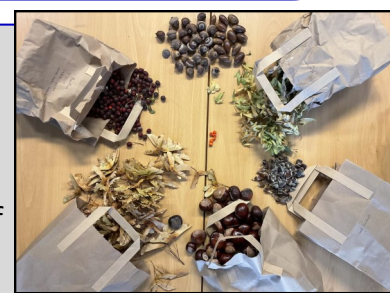
You can read more from Denver, and teammate Malachi in our latest [blog](#) on the website.



Updates from The Orchard

It's been a productive half term for members of the Orchard Committee. They have welcomed six new recruits and started their preparations for the coming year. This includes collecting and sorting different varieties of seeds, nuts and berries, ready for stratification in November.

The group has also raked away the cut grasses and flowers from the wildflower areas, to prepare them for next spring. The Orchard Committee are also excited to represent Northgate at the upcoming First Nature Bishop of Norwich Awards.



New Computing Ambassadors appointed

Mrs Woods, Head of Computing, was delighted earlier in the half term to appoint the new Year 7 Computing Ambassadors. She said they were all successful in their application of this much coveted position and there is also a long waiting list of applicants in all year groups. Computing Ambassadors represent the subject of Computing around school but also in the community when they visit the feeder schools. They are also allowed to use CO1 as their base during lunchtime and break time.

Congratulations to the following students, we are sure you will make Mrs Woods proud in your new role! Yoana A, Poppy-Mae A, Keira B, Lacy B, Poppy C, Ruby C-E, Inoke D, Charlotte E, Lola F, Jaxon G-H, Freddie H, Freya M, Gracie M, Indy P, Grace R, Mason R, Dominic T, Robyn W, Josh W, Zach W.



Updates from the Library

This half term has been a bumper couple of months of activities in the library. During September we celebrated Roald Dahl month with a week of lunchtime readings from the staff and a lunchtime Dahl quiz which was won by 8RH. In Year 9 library lessons, we have been reading an engaging verse novel called Crossing the Line which will be followed up later in the year with a visit from the author Tia Fisher.

During October we promoted Banned Books Week with lively discussions on the freedom to read and World Mental Health Day encouraging students to choose mindful lunchtime activities including recycled book pumpkins, colouring, puzzles all with relaxing background music. Black History Month has also been celebrated with displays and book recommendations. National Poetry Day featured our first Poetry Slam with our budding poets performing their poems in front of the library audience.

Well done to Robyn in Year 7 for winning the trophy.

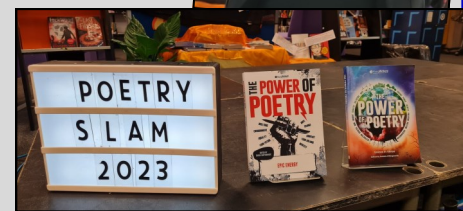
We celebrated Harry Potter Book Day with a magical community

Harry Potter Quiz and Chip Night

with over 120 people attending and raising over £300 for National Literacy Trust and the non-fiction section of the school library.

31st October saw spooky stories and an invasion of zombies in the library at lunchtime, with a book character pumpkin competition taking place. We will shortly be competing in the National 'What on Earth?' quiz for Non-Fiction November plus plenty of activities to celebrate all the wonders found in non-fiction/information books.

Finally, our Student Librarian of the month was Sophie (Year 9). She is always eager to help with loans during our busy lunchtimes.





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Word Millionaires!

Congratulations to our top 3 readers in Year 7 (which includes two Word Millionaires): Tess C (1,300,044 words read), Mason W (1,056,534 words read) and Phoebe L (622,448 words read). We've never awarded Word Millionaire prizes so early on in the school year - what an amazing achievement!

Well done also to our top 3 readers in Year 8: Colette P (329,334 words read), Millie-Rose L (326,833 words read) and Mayte S (298,632 words read).



Youth Parliament Elections

Are you 11-18 years old? Do you want to represent people's views on a local, regional and national level and have the chance to speak to decision makers in Norfolk about the issues that matter to you? This might be the opportunity for you!



Become a Youth Parliament member. Youth Parliament members are elected every two years, with young people in Norfolk voting for their local YPM through a democratic process. The next elections are in 2024, however the application process is now open. We have previously had students from Northgate and Dereham Sixth Form stand for election and it would be a really positive experience for anyone interested.

If you think this is something you would be interested in, find out more from [Become a Youth Parliament Member - Norfolk County Council](#) and scan the QR code to complete an application form. Applications should be submitted by 24th November.

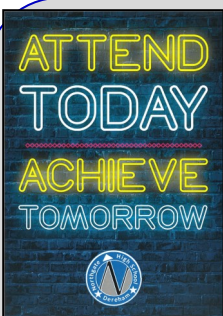
Merit Update

It's been a busy half term with lots of bonus merits having been awarded. 1520 bonus merits were awarded for 100% attendance, 642 for >95% attendance and 1600 to students who received no negatives for the first half term. This means students have now passed the 20,000 merit mark which is a fantastic achievement! Plenty of merit certificates have also been handed out to students. Merit cashing in takes 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 continue to hold the lead in the House merit competition.

<u>Attenborough</u>	<u>Rowling</u>	<u>Hawking</u>	<u>Holmes</u>
31.63	30.72	30.38	29.60

Attendance Matters



Congratulations to 7OM, 8RP, 9TG, 10SO and 11AGR who have all won the fortnightly attendance competition recently. Trophies and certificates are proudly on display in tutor rooms. Well done also to our attendance raffle winners for the first half term Gracie M (Year 7), Amelia S (Year 8), Archie C (Year 9), Keira G (Year 10) and Matthew H (Year 11). For every two week period a student has 100% attendance, a virtual raffle ticket is awarded. The winners will receive 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.

