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Northgate goes spotty for Pudsey!

The whole Northgate Community came together as it always does for our fundraising week for Children in Need. Mr Carter and the Social Team organised the events for the week which included selling Pudsey merchandise, a hugely popular bake sale, 'guess the dice in the jar' competition and a non-uniform day. It was great to see so many students sporting Pudsey ears! We are proud of how generous everyone was and are pleased to announce that we raised £805.12 for Children in Need. A further £336.13 from half of the non-uniform money will go towards School Council projects. Thank you to everyone who contributed in one way or another and to the Social Team for their amazing efforts.



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Upcoming events

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

4th - 15th December

Year 11 Mock Exams

6th December

A Level Art and Design Exhibition in the school foyer 5pm - 6pm. The Northgate Christmas card competition entries will also be on display

6th – 12th December

Scholastic book fair in the Library

7th December

A Midsummer Night's Dream, Shakespeare performance – 6pm in the Dance Studio
Christmas Jumper Day – wear your Christmas jumper alongside your normal uniform and give £1 in PART for Save the Children

12th December

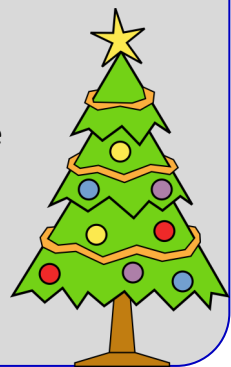
Christmas Lunch

14th December

Christmas Concert at St Nicholas Church, Dereham – 6.30pm – Northgate's STEAM/Business enterprise team will be selling Christmas wares

20th December

End of term



Northgate News

Missed our last Northgate Bulletin?

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



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Northgate Remembers

Friday 10th November saw Northgate hold its annual Remembrance Service.

Organised once again by Mr MacDonald, the service involved students, staff and visitors to the school including trustees and members of Unity Education Trust. Head Boy Emmanuel read For the Fallen by Robert Laurence Binyon before Mr Brook played the Last Post. The school fell silent to show their respects. Head Boy Owen and Head Girl Poppi then read In Flanders Fields by John McCrae.

Representatives from each year group were invited to lay their crosses and poppies as a mark of remembrance, alongside Deputy Head Boys Blake and Hugo and Deputy Head Girl Abi. Students from uniformed groups such as cadets, Scouts and Guides, gathered for the service, wearing their uniforms with pride. Heads of School, Dr Hone and Mrs Galley laid their crosses and read Kohima Epitaph, attributed to John Maxwell Edmunds. Mr Hambling, CEO of Unity Education Trust, and Mr Alan Jones, Chair of Trustees laid their crosses, followed by members of staff. The service was accompanied on the piano by Mirren and Lilly (Year 9). Thank you to all those involved in the service. We are always proud of how our students mark this day.



Boys Football round up

As we reach the winter break in the season due to the dark nights all year groups have played a number of games.

Year 7: Unfortunately, the Year 7 team have lost both their games so far against Attleborough and Wymondham High School but all good things come to those who wait. The makings of a good team that just need time to gel together - well done boys.



Year 8: The Year 8 boys started the season well beating Wayland academy (3-1). They then came back from 3-0 down against Attleborough only to lose 4-3 in the dying minutes. They also struggled against a very strong Wymondham High School team, losing 5-0.

Year 9: The Year 9 boys have had a very strong start to the season beating Wayland Academy 4-3 and Attleborough 2-1. A draw against Wymondham High School in the league saw them go into the break unbeaten. After a bye in the first round of the County Cup, a dominating performance against Open Academy saw them win 6-0 and face Broadland High School in the third round at the end of November.

Year 10: Unfortunately, the Year 10's start to the season has been hit by the weather, only managing to play one league game at this point beating Wayland 5-4 back in September. However, after a bye in the first round of the County Cup, a dominating performance against Diss High School saw them win 6-0 and now face Stalham High School in the third round on 7th December.



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GCSE Presentation Evening

Thursday 16th November saw our Class of 2023 return for their GCSE presentation evening. A chance to celebrate their achievements and catch up with those who have gone on to different Sixth Forms or colleges. The evening was organised by Mrs Bone and commenced with words from Heads of School, Mrs Galley and Dr Hone. They talked about the student’s achievements and resilience, particularly as they did not have an easy KS3 with home learning due to the Covid lockdowns. GCSE certificates were awarded by UET Trustee and former Northgate student, Bobby Copping, and Chair of Trustees, Mr Alan Jones. Progress award certificates were also awarded to students that had made exceptional progress from their starting points.

Then came Subject Awards. Each Head of Department consulted with their members of staff to nominate who they felt deserved their Subject Award. The student’s results were considered in the process, along with their general attitude towards learning and their achievements compared to target grades. Each winner collected their trophy and certificate.

Mr Darlow who was one of the Heads of Year for the Year 11s spoke about their time at Northgate. Dr Hone and Mrs Galley presented the Head Teacher’s Awards to Head Boys Milo and Oscar, Head Girl Emma and Deputy Head Boy Dexter as a thank you to them for their service to the school. The final awards of the evening were special prizes presented on behalf of Dereham Lions, Tim Kinnaird (former Chair of Governors), Governors and Trustees. A wonderful evening to celebrate a fantastic group of students. You can see all the winners and more photos in our blog about the evening [here](#).



Bishop of Norwich Awards

Congratulations to our Orchard Committee who were recognised at the First Nature Bishop of Norwich Awards early last month.

Annabelle and Stanley represented the group, alongside Miss Theobald. They received a runner up certificate from Bishop

Graham Usher. The award judges were impressed with the involvement and enthusiasm of the students and progress made so far. They ‘loved the degree of student participation and benefits gained from this varied, well organised project.’ Whilst Northgate did not win the award, we are proud to have been recognised and look forward to further developments in The Orchard.

During the last month the Orchard Committee has welcomed new members. They have cut and raked the wildflower areas ready for next spring, put up a new growing tunnel and potted up some of the stratified seeds and berries. There is still more work to be done over the winter but the group are working hard together, even in the cold and wet.





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Northgate receives Computer Award

We were delighted to announce earlier this month that Northgate High School has been recognised for delivering high quality computing education to young people, developing their digital skills, and preparing them for the future.

The school has achieved the national Computing Quality Mark after evaluating its computing education and demonstrating high-quality provision. The Computing Quality Mark is awarded by the National Centre for Computing Education and recognises excellence of computing education offered by a school as part of their curriculum development through the Computing Quality Framework (CQF).

Mrs Woods, Head of Computer Science, said: 'As a team, we have worked on developing a computing curriculum fit for the digital age. With much more still to come, I am honoured to be part of such an amazing and forward-thinking school.'

Northgate completed all seven aspects of the CQF in order to receive the Computing Quality Mark, which recognises achievement in:

Leadership and Vision, Curriculum and Qualifications, Teaching, Learning and Assessment, Staff Development, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and SEND, Careers Education and Impact on Outcomes.

Northgate is just one of only two schools in Norfolk to have been accredited with this award – a fantastic achievement!

Computer science is the fastest-growing STEM subject, and yet, despite its popularity, girls are consistently outnumbered by boys. In 2023, only one in five GCSE Computer Science and 15% of all A level Computer Science entries were from female students in England. However, at Northgate High School, we are consistently narrowing the gender gap, which has resulted in being recognised by the National Centre for Computing Education as having made great progress in encouraging girls into computer science.



Merit Update

Students have now earned over 30,000 merits since September and have been busy spending them. They took advantage of the 10% off stationery Black Friday sale too! Certificates are being prepared for celebration assemblies later this term - we look forward to celebrating the hard work and attitudes of our students. Merit cashing takes place on Mondays in the main hall from 12.30pm – 12.50pm. Take a look at what you can exchange your merits for in our rewards [catalogue](#). If you have any questions, please ask Miss Theobald.

Attenborough	Rowling	Hawking	Holmes
39.76	39.67	38.94	37.64



Attendance Matters

Congratulations to 7OM, 7CG, 8MM, 8VE, 9NC, 10SO, 10NA, 11SE and 11AGR 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.

