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HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Northgate High School. We place great emphasis on developing the resilience of our students to tackle challenges and achieve highly. We believe in supporting our students' social and emotional wellbeing, with a clear focus on developing character and the skills to ensure their future success. We are proud of the relationships and partnerships in learning between students and staff. This is a key part of our ethos and values. It is evident in our daily actions and palpable the moment you enter our school.

Our most recent Ofsted Report (May 2023) was a celebration of the ongoing support of our parents / carers, in partnership with the school and Sixth Form College, to achieve the best for all of our students academically and pastorally.

We invite you to visit our school to experience what Northgate can offer you and your child, as a foundation for their life-long success.

Zoë Galley and Duncan Hone
Headteachers

Our Values

Northgate High School and Dereham Sixth Form College aims to be an excellent school where students enjoy learning, achieve highly and are productive, responsible and compassionate members of society.

We take every opportunity to reward students and enhance their self-esteem whilst supporting one another in demanding the highest academic and social standards.

‘The school is well led and managed’

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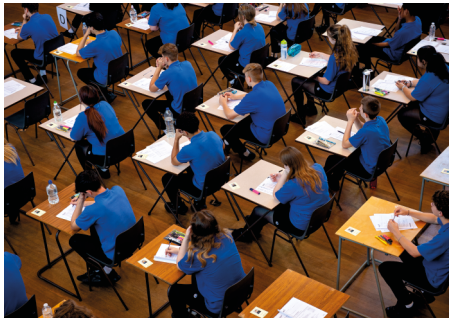


A Lifelong Love of Learning

As a school, Northgate recognises that academic achievement is crucial to a child's future success. We teach students to develop strong learning routines and skills and create a habit of resilience and tenacity. In addition to excellent teaching, all students are supported by a comprehensive programme of revision and support sessions to ensure that every child's individual needs are met.

Through the use of online learning platforms such as GCSEPod and SENECA, students are able to continue to learn outside of the classroom and develop independent learning skills.

We were pleased that Ofsted recognised that, 'Checks on the quality of teaching, learning and assessment are frequent and rigorous.' This allows our students to move on to the next stage of their life having achieved their potential in every subject.

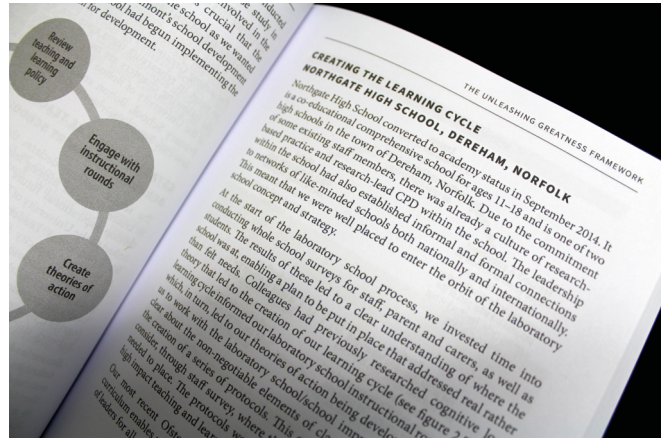
‘All the teachers are ready to help me be the best I can be’

Harriett (Pupil)

Laboratory School

We are proud to be the first school in Norfolk to become an accredited Laboratory School. This global network of schools, linked to a University, is committed to using research and collaboration to help every school grow even stronger.

We were approached to become a Laboratory School because of our Good OFSTED rating, our strong exam results, our ethos and our record of research-based pedagogy. By working alongside schools from such places as the USA, India, Sweden, Germany and Australia, we are preparing our students for the challenges of being effective 21st-century global citizens.



'Pupils at Northgate High School are polite and courteous'

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Progressive, Ambitious, Inclusive

Our active learning environment and the extra-curricular opportunities across the school are extensive. We believe that the creative and performing arts make a unique contribution to the education of young people. We enrich our students' experience of the Arts through visiting author presentations, art and design workshops, art exhibitions, ambitious drama productions, peripatetic music lessons and regular concerts.

We have developed our curriculum to allow all students to learn about our own country's rich history and culture, whilst also developing an awareness and respect for other cultures and communities.

Expert careers information advice and guidance gives students the opportunity to apply for the most appropriate courses and routes to employment. For those students who decide to continue their studies at Northgate, our vibrant and extremely successful Sixth Form College offers a stimulating variety of learning opportunities.

We know that many careers our students will follow do not exist yet, and the education and support students receive needs to prepare them for a fast-changing world.

'The curriculum enables pupils to achieve well. This is a result of the ambition of leaders for all pupils to succeed, and of effective provision for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) at all key stages.'

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Opportunities For All

The school has an ethos of positive participation which gives students the opportunity to showcase their talents, develop their social and personal skills and increase their self-esteem.

You can join the School Council; participate in our many sports teams; go abroad on our many overseas trips; meet inspiring authors and poets; take part in our outstanding theatre and music productions; be part of maths competitions or STEM club in addition to learning about lots of interesting subjects.

We know that literacy skills are vital for succeeding in life. We have over 10,000 books in our school library, with collections covering all subject areas and a large selection of fiction titles, and our Librarian runs our Homework Club after school.

We are delighted that award-winning author, explorer and film-maker Matt Dickinson has become 'Writer in Residence' at Northgate, spending a day each term working closely with our students enhancing their writing skills and promoting reading for pleasure across many subject areas.

‘Pupils have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities’

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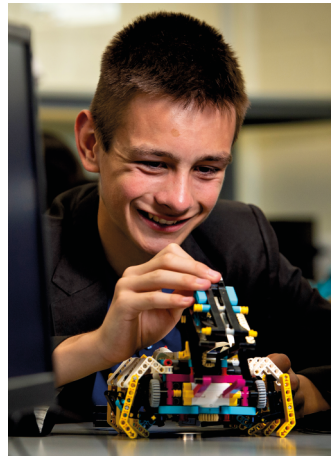
We Care

To us, kindness and good manners are of equal value as academic results. As a comprehensive school our intake comprises students of all levels of ability and need, and we value every one of our students.

To help build a feeling of community, our students belong to one of the four houses: Rowling, Holmes, Hawking and Attenborough. Every student has the opportunity to earn merits which can be exchanged for tangible rewards and also take part in House competitions that offer greater breadth than a traditional sports day.

Our students go on to successful careers such as running businesses, working in the creative and performing arts industries, caring professions such as medicine and charity work abroad, or studying at prestigious universities.



‘Pupils feel safe’

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Transition

Our aim to ensure that all students make the best possible start to their time at Northgate means that we offer a comprehensive programme of support during the transition from previous schools.

We offer an exciting Open Evening full of important information and fun activities, Parents' Evening whilst pupils are still in Year 6 to come and meet us, transition days at the end of the summer term so pupils can learn systems and routines and meet their new teachers and a welcoming Summer School during the holidays with activities to help build positive friendships.

Whilst the vast majority of students join us at the start of Year 7, we also welcome students from other High Schools where space is available in other year groups.

‘At Northgate there are prefects and teachers who will look after you and help you’

Jamie (Pupil)

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