NORTHGATE NEWS

WELCOME BACK- AUTUMN TERM 2026

A NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER, MRS FRANCESCA SHEARS:

It has been really lovely to welcome everyone back to Northgate after the summer break. Our pupils have settled back into school incredibly well, and it has been wonderful to see them reconnecting with friends and staff and getting back into the rhythm of school life.

The start of the year has not been without its challenges, particularly around staffing, but what has really stood out to me is the way our whole Northgate team has pulled together. Despite these challenges, we continue to move forward and thrive, and I am incredibly proud of the commitment, care and positivity I see across the school every day.

I would like to say a heartfelt **thank you to all our staff**, including our teachers, job coaches, learning support, medical and pastoral teams, administration, site and catering staff. Everyone plays an important part in making Northgate the special community it is. I am enormously grateful for their hard work, flexibility and, above all, the care they show our pupils every day.

As well as recognising the fantastic work of our existing team, this term has also brought some new faces to Northgate, and it has been a pleasure to welcome them to our school community.

I look forward to welcoming staff and pupils back on the **2nd November 2026** for the start of the new term.







SWEET SUCCESS FOR THE MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING STAFF AND PUPILS

We had a lovely morning and were so pleased to see such a good turn out and enjoy the delicious cake that the pupils from all year groups have been busy making this term.
Thank you to everyone that supported the event, we raised a massive £745.88 for such an important cause. We want to give a big shout out to **Dexter A** who raised £337 of the final total by selling his crochet gifts, **well done!**

Reporter: Kirsty Skears-Harvey

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF NORTHGATE BY WELCOMING NEW FACES

This term we have welcomed **Mrs Moore**, **Mr Brennan and Mr Pursar** to our Year 7 teaching team, alongside **Miss Akinci** in Science.

We have also welcomed **Miss Nielson** and **Miss Bason** as Learning Support Assistants, **Miss Chamberlain** to our Family Support Worker team and **Mrs Blainey** to our administration team.

We hope they have all enjoyed settling into life at Northgate and already feel very much part of our community.

STAFF UPDATE

At the end of the Autumn Term (18th December), **Mr Robinson**, our English Lead and Year 11 Class Tutor, will be leaving Northgate to take up a new opportunity with Creating Tomorrow Trust.

We will work closely with him over the remainder of the term to ensure a smooth transition. We are making arrangements for his successor and will ensure continuity in teaching and support, particularly for our Year 11 pupils during this important year.

FOOTBALL FESTIVAL - TEAMWORK, COHESION AND RESILIENCE

Congratulations to the group of year 8/9 pupils; Ed K, Bradley O, Annabeth F, Ethan M, Jayden W, Harvey B, Filip S, Tom L, Lyla B and Sasha W who represented the school recently in a fun football festival. A great day was had by all, with everyone displaying great team work, cohesion and resilience. Well done everyone!

Reporter: Miss Natasha Folwell

SCHOOL TERM DATES

TERM 1 - 2026	STAFF TRAINING DAY	Tuesday 1st September
AUTUMN 1	School Re-opens to pupils	Wednesday 2nd September
	School Closes – Term ends	Friday 16th October
TERM 2	**School Re-opens to pupils**	**Monday 2nd November 2026**
AUTUMN 2	School Closes – Term ends	Friday 18th December
TERM 3 - 2027	School Re-opens to pupils	Monday 4th January 2027
SPRING 1	School Closes – Term ends	Friday 12th February
TERM 4	School Re-opens to pupils	Monday 22nd February 2027
SPRING 2	School Closes – Term ends	Thursday 25th March
TERM 5	School Re-opens to pupils	Monday 12th April 2027
SUMMER 1	School Closed - Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May
	School Closes – Term ends	Friday 28th May
TERM 6	School Re-opens to pupils	Monday 7th June 2027
SUMMER 2	School Closes – Term ends	Friday 23rd July
	STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 26th July 2027

YEAR 10 & 11 BUDDING ACTORS TO TAKE TO THE STAGE AT THE CASTLE THEATRE IN NOVEMBER

The year 10 and 11 drama students are proud to present their upcoming production of **Macbeth** at the Catle Theatre, Wellingborough on the 4th November 2026. This exciting performance showcases the hard work, dedication and creativity of our students as they bring Shakespeares famous tradegy to life.

Audiences can look forward to a powerful and engaging interpretation of the play, featuring strong character performances, dramatic storytelling and effective use of staging and atmosphere. Throught the rehersal process, students have developed their acting, teamwork and communication skills while exploring the themes of ambition, guilt, fate and power.

This production offers a fantastic opportunity for students to perform in a professional theatre setting and demonstrate the progress they have made in their Drama studies.

We are incredibly proud of their commitment and enthusiasm and look forward to sharing this memorable theatrical experience with family, friends and the wider community. The performance promises to be an evening of compelling drama and outstanding young talent.

Get your tickets now from the Castle Box Office, Wellingborough. Performance Date 4th November 2026.

Reporter: Mr Rob Valentine

REMINDERS

If your child is unwell, please call the school office by 8.30am to let us know.

Please remember to book breakfast club and lunches in advance via Parentpay.

The payment for Food Tech is due ready for next term. Please make payment via Parentpay if you havent already.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 4th Nov - no after school club due to staff training.

Thurs 5th Nov - school photo's

Parents Evenings

Tues 8th Dec - Year 10
Tues 12th Jan - Year 11
Tues 9th Mar - Year 8
Tues 23rd Mar - Year 9
Tues 23rd Mar - STEPS

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

Please help keep children safe this Halloween and Bonfire Night by ensuring they are supervised, stay safe online, and follow firework safety guidance.

If your child has any worries or concerns, please encourage them to speak to a trusted adult or contact our DSL Mrs Shears 07780 498284

Have a safe and enjoyable half term! 🎃✨🎆

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