



Welcome to the latest edition of our Northgate newsletter. I hope that you and your families are well.

It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you during interviews and your positive attitude has been fantastic. The next few months will be a testing time for you but you need to ensure that you are all prepared and you

will then have a long summer to look forward to! I hope to see you on our Induction day on Thursday 6th July and if you have any questions between now and then, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Take care,

Mr Alexander
Head of Sixth Form





Northgate does Matilda Jr. the Musical

Northgate Sixth Form and high school students took to the stage on 28th February - 3rd March with their amazing performance of *Matilda Jr. the Musical*. They performed to sell out audiences every night at Dance East on the Waterfront and it was a huge success.

Our very fabulous Will in Year 13 was the tremendous Trunchbull, Millie and Grace playing alternate performances as Miss Honey and the Acrobat, Eleanor as Mrs Phelps and Ned as the Escapologist.

Several students were in the Big Kid ensemble belting out songs such as Revolting Children and School Song to name but a few.

Staff have worked really hard to put the show together. Miss Patrick choreographed the energetic numbers, Mrs Eden directed the dialogue and Miss Jacobs was a stage manager.



The backstage crew were invaluable this year and were made up of students in years 8 to 13.

The school show is a great opportunity for students to get involved with props, scenery, lighting and sound. Mrs Rutter took responsibility for costumes. Thank you to Mrs Rutter, Mrs Baxter and Mrs Pycock who assisted in

chaperoning our students when in the dressing rooms. A huge thank you also to Mr Pettitt who operated the sound desk, supporting two of our students on how to use radio mics and to balance out the sound of the vocals and dialogue.

Three of our year 13s did an amazing job front of house giving out programs and selling raffle tickets in aid of Papyrus. Thank you to Grace, Annika and Flo. This charity is instrumental in promoting positive well-being in young people and supporting strong emotional health. At Northgate we take huge pride in the happiness and well-being of our students and we couldn't think of a more appropriate charity to raise money for with a cause very important to us.

#itcanwait

As part of our Year 12 enrichment programme we were delighted to welcome Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service into our Sixth Form.

They delivered their #itcanwait road safety package, focusing on mobile distraction to all of our Year 12 students.



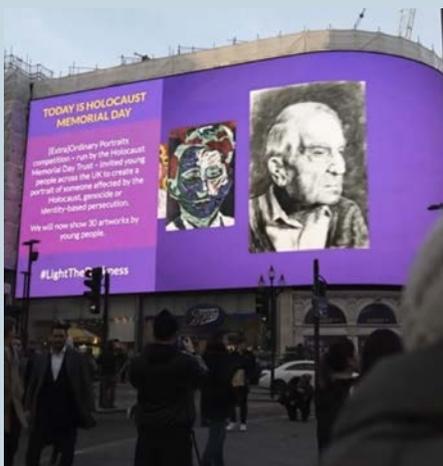
'Extraordinary elements of seemingly ordinary people'

We are delighted and proud to announce that the portrait of Frank Bright (MBE) Holocaust survivor, historian and friend of Northgate, drawn by our talented Sixth Form student Sophia, was chosen as one of the 30 nationwide winning entries submitted for the Holocaust Memorial Day (Extra) Ordinary People Portrait Competition 2023.

We were so incredibly proud to have seen Sophia's artwork feature on the big screen in Piccadilly Circus, London for Holocaust Memorial Day on BBC News.

"Extra]Ordinary Portraits is a collection of artworks that reveal the 'extraordinary elements of seemingly ordinary people.'"

Sophia chose Frank as her



subject for her personal portfolio A level coursework and was able to meet and interview him in school. Her stunning acrylic portrait of



Frank which was on display at the Ipswich Holocaust Memorial Day 'Act on Remembrance' held at The Hold in January.



Law and Careers Insight Day at Watson Farley & Williams in London

In February a group of Year 12 Law students visited Watson Farley & Williams, an international law firm, at their London offices.

The group did various workshops highlighting the importance of working together and considering different types of legal work and deciding which had the most potential for a business opportunity for the firm.

After lunch they spent time networking with some of the employees.

They then had an opportunity to develop their interview skills, by answering interview style questions.

"Overall, I think that the trip really helped us to learn how to work as a team as well as boosting our confidence with presenting ideas"

The students are looking forward to returning for another session in May when they will focus on research and presentation skills as well as how to prepare job and university applications.

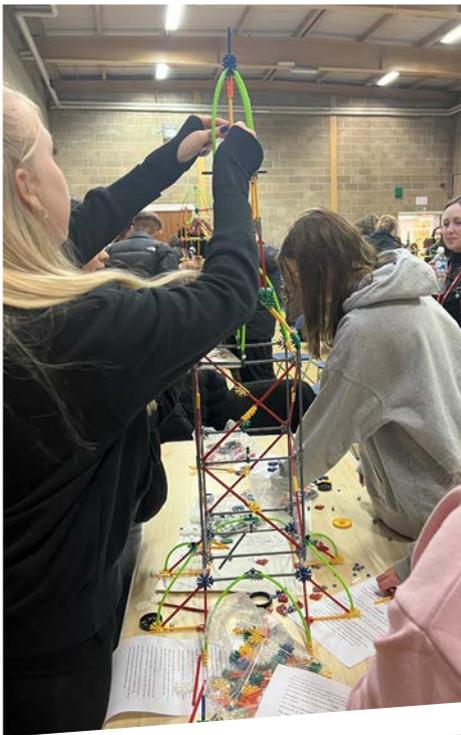


The National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain

Ned in Year 12 has gained a place in the National Youth Orchestra this academic year. He has studied Trombone with a County Music teacher whilst at Northgate High School and now in Sixth Form. He took GCSE Music here and is studying Music, DT and Maths A Levels.

His proudest achievement is when he got into Junior Guildhall at the end of 2020. At school he is part of all the ensembles and frequently plays in school concerts. He also plays 'The Last Post' every year for the Remembrance Day ceremony.

NYO is a big step for him as he would like to go into a career in music and the experience of playing in an orchestra as good as NYO is priceless.



An exciting and engaging activity

In January we invited a team from the National Grid 'Grid for Good' programme to work with the entire Year 12 cohort on employability skills.

The 'Grid for Good' team brought in several industry experts from across their business (corporate, engineering, marketing etc) to work with our students on an exciting and engaging activity designed to improve employability skills. The aim was to enhance students' skills beyond the curriculum, so that they will be better placed to progress into meaningful careers. They were set tasks creating and producing



models of electricity pylons using K'Nex kits; working as a team, problem solving, presenting and working to deadlines.

Immersing in the natural beauty of Cornwall

At the beginning of March, Mr. Coles, Ms. Turner and Mr. Ruddell took students from years 12 and 13 to Cornwall for four days.

Staying at the Cohort Hostel in St. Ives, we were able to fully immerse ourselves in the natural beauty that Cornwall and it's surrounding counties have to offer. On our way down, we stopped at Wookey Hole in Somerset to investigate some of the most spectacular caving systems in the UK. Our second day included a visit to St. Michael's Mount and a 4.5 mile walk along the coastal path from Britain's most southerly point, The Lizard to Kynance Cove. Wednesday saw us travelling to the spectacular Eden Project. Here our students were able to experience the tropical rainforest and Mediterranean biospheres, including a canopy walk which extended about 55 feet above the ground. Our final day saw us visiting one of our compulsory A Level case study locations – the beautiful village of Lympstone in Devon, before

heading back east to the stunning Cheddar Gorge in Somerset.

We would like pass on our best wishes and gratitude to all at the Cohort Hostel, our drivers John and Sean at Grange Travel for their nimble driving and excellent support, as well as our guides at all of our venues who were outstanding. Our sixth formers conducted themselves in an exemplary fashion and it was noted that our students were "a real credit" to us at Northgate.

We look forward to planning our next round of visits for 2024.

