



NIA STUDENT VOICE NEWSLETTER



Student Voice Messages

Student Leadership Applications Opening Soon!

As we head into the summer term, it's nearly time to begin the search for next year's Student Leadership Team. Full details about the application process will be shared in assemblies after half term.

If you're keen to get ahead and start preparing your application early, here are some helpful prompts to guide your thinking:

- What makes you suitable for the Student Leadership Team?
- Why do you want the opportunity to be a student leader?
- What do you think you can bring to the team?
- How can you stand out from the other applicants?

More guidance will follow soon, so start preparing your applications now if you're interested in taking on a leadership role next year!

Student Voice Newsletter *Edition 4 - Spring Term 2*

Amplifying Voices: Student Committees in Action

Below you will see a list of events that our Student Voice committees have been involved with this half term!

- Reading Pioneers led World Book Day assemblies across trust schools
- This Girl Can led assemblies in Primary and Secondary celebrating International Women's Day
- Student Council met with Mr Austen to share their peers feedback on teaching and learning
- Student Leadership presented at EMAT Pupil Parliament to present the value and impact of student voice and leadership
- The Cultural and Religious Inclusion committee have prepared assemblies and workshops to deliver at Castle Academy after half term as well as assemblies for NIA students
- Student Leadership attended the 4th annual Global Ambassador Conference (read more on Page 2)
- The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors attended training hosted at NIA with pupils from EMAT schools.

Assemblies this half term

This half term, our assemblies have explored a diverse range of themes designed to inspire and inform our students. From promoting positive behaviour both in school and within the wider community, to highlighting the value of structured learning in lessons, each session has aimed to build strong habits for success. We've also spent time focusing on careers and future aspirations, helping students reflect on their goals and the exciting pathways ahead.

We also had assemblies this half term delivered by Student Leadership on leadership skills and our This Girl Can committee delivered assemblies celebrating International Women's Day.





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NIA Student Leadership attend the 2026 Global Ambassador Conference

This half term, some of our Student Leadership Team had the amazing opportunity to attend the Global Ambassador Conference hosted by the students of Quinton House School. The conference topic this year was Social Media, you can read more about the conference mission and our students feedback on the event below. This was our fourth year attending the conference and we look forward to attending next year!



Global Ambassador Conference Mission and Vision

- Gain a deeper understanding surrounding social media and the effects it has on individuals and communities
- Receive practical resources and talks from leading charities and experts in their respective fields
- Engage in hands-on activities to build resilience and understanding of the world of social media
- Be empowered to bring change back to your schools



NIA Student Feedback

Charlie: *Personally, I found the Global Ambassador Conference very eye opening, with new looks on topics I hadn't seen myself. It was a unique day out, and really helped boost skills that will help me in the future.*

Vanessa: *My experience at the Global Ambassador Conference as my first time was amazing, I managed to listen to 6 speakers which taught us some very valuable information about social media. The day itself was packed with speaking to people from different schools to listening to someone from the council, I was able to acquire a handful of new skills from this event which I ensure will benefit me therefore making this trip a really good day out.*

Nadya: *I think it was a good experience to meet new people and see other peoples views on different topics.*

Haneefa: *The Global Ambassadors Conference was an amazing opportunity. It spread awareness on topics that are sometimes overlooked and it gave both a positive and negative outlook on social media. Throughout the day, it was interesting to see how the speakers utilized social media and how their careers both influenced their view online and affected them. Overall, the day was very engaging and helped me obtain more understanding and skills for the future.*



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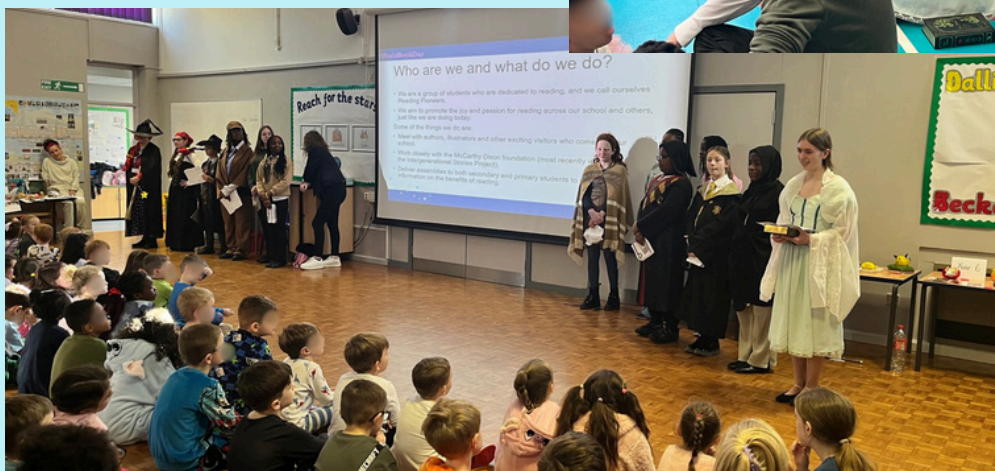


NIA Reading Pioneers take on World Book Day 2026!

This half term, our amazing Reading Pioneers went on tour, delivering World Book Day assemblies to pupils at NIA Primary, Castle Academy, Stimpson Avenue Academy and Hardingstone Academy to share their love of books and reading with younger pupils. Well done to the Reading Pioneers committee!



Why is World Book Day important?
Reading can be very fun, but it also has many benefits.
-Reading can make you happy.
-Reading can help you learn.
However, many children do not have access to books, and they therefore do not get to experience the joy of reading.
World Book Day is a way for every child to get a free book of their choice from the selection and a book token which allows them to get another book for free from the world book day selection or £1 off a book.



Who are we and what do we do?
- We are a group of students who are dedicated to reading, and we call ourselves Reading Pioneers.
- We aim to promote the joy and passion for reading across our school and others, and the way we are doing today.
Some of the things we do are:
- Meet with authors, illustrators and other exciting visitors who come to school.
- Read regularly with the McCarthy Owen Foundation (most recently the International Women's Festival).
- Exchange visits to both secondary and primary schools to learn more about the benefits of reading.





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SPOTLIGHT ON... NIA's Sports Captains



In this edition of our newsletter, we will hear from some of our **Sports Captains** committee members.

Sports Captains

This was launched to our learners at NIA in Y7-11 in Summer 2025. We hoped this would create a platform for our learners to take on more leadership and be good role models within our Academy. We celebrate a lot of sporting success all year round at NIA and this has really helped to increase student participation. On our Sports Captain Charter you can see a list of responsibilities that our Sports Captains have!

Upcoming events include our next PE House Competition for Y10 on Friday 20th March 3pm – 4pm as well as ongoing planning for our EMAT Olympics and Sports Days.

Sports Captains



Year 7

Ermela & Artur

Year 8

Zoey S & Jericho K

Year 9

Ella C & Logan M

Year 10

Shem & Alyiah

Year 11

Ugne & Panagiotis



Sports Captains Charter



- Termly meetings
- Student voice per term
- Attend PE house competitions either competing or supporting
- Report to office every Monday break time for upcoming fixtures/letters
- Good role models around the academy
- Follow all routines/expectations/DNA of NIA
- Deliver news of fixture results in Assembly





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Sports Captains Introductions



Ermela – my name is Ermela and I am the year 7 sports captain my favourite sports is football. I have decided to join the sports captain because I want to help create a bridge for the NIA sports teams

Artur – my name is Artur and I am the year 7 sports captain. My favourite sport is football. I have decided to join the sports captains because my favourite thing is sports and I want to encourage others to play different sports.

Zoey – My name is Zoey, and I am the year 8 sports captain. My favourite sport is gymnastics and netball. I joined the sports captain because I love sports and I wanted to encourage people with sports.

Jericho- My name is Jericho and I'm the year 8 sports captain. My favourite sport is flag football. I wanted to be a sports captain because I knew I could encourage other learners to start going outside and being active and also enjoying sports and PE.

Ella – My name is Ella and I'm a year 9 sports captain. My favourite sport is football. I wanted to be a sports captain as I wanted to share my love for sports for others and get more people engaged.

Logan – My name is Logan and I am a year 9 sports captain. My favourite sports are football and basketball. I joined sports captain because I've always liked sports and want to be a captain of NIA.

Aliyah - My name is Aliyah. I'm the sports captain of Year 10, and my favourite sports are basketball and netball, I joined sports captain as I've always had a strong passion for sports, I've been playing sports since I was young and play on all the available sports teams in school and some out of school. I love to encourage others to play sports, and I share a strong passion for leadership.

Shem – my name is Shem. I'm the sports captain for year 10. My favourite sport is basketball. I decided to be sports captain in NIA to promote sport inclusion in NIA and give everyone a chance to play sport in the school no matter what position their in.

Ugne – My name is Ugne. I am sports captain of year 11 and my favourite sport is gymnastics, I joined sports captain as it gives me the opportunity to help other kids in school and encourage lots of people to do sports, I've done many sports since I was a kid and knew I want to do something along the lines of sport when I grow up, being sports captain will help me get the idea of doing this when I'm older and brings lots of great communication skills.

Panagiotis – My name is Panagiotis. I am the sports captain for Y11. My favourite sport is basketball. I currently play National League basketball and also represent our U16 National Schools Basketball Team at NIA. Last year we were named top 4 in the country which is a huge achievement. I wanted to be a sports captain to be a good role model and inspire younger learners and encourage everyone to take part no matter their ability.



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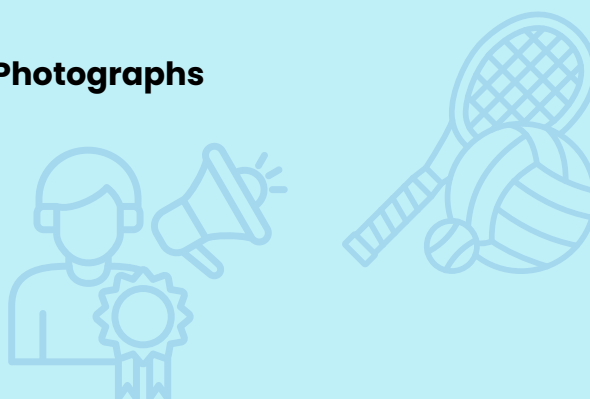
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Sports Captains Event Photographs





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NIA Reading Pioneers take 3rd place in the National Reading Championships quiz!

We competed against 25 schools in the heat, students came from years 7 – 9, ranging from selective schools, local schools and fee-paying schools. The students did an absolutely amazing job and were an absolute joy to work with, giving up their time after school every Thursday for months to practice. I am so proud of them and their commitment, they really are a credit to the school.

Mrs Broadbent.





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This Girl Can updates

This Girl Can NIA6 Committee

Thank you to our incredible NIA6 TGC committee members for designing the new display board for our NIA6 campus!

We hope to showcase the board and our campaign at the upcoming parents evening and future open days!

THIS GIRL CAN

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YOU GO GIRL!

GIRL POWER



ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to be part of the This Girl Can Committee!

Thank you to everyone for your applications, we had 22 this year which is amazing. If you were not selected, please remember you can still be a part of the campaign by joining us for Girls Club every Monday in the Primary Hall 3:15pm-4:15pm!



Year 5	Year 6
Molly C-D	Maja H
Olivia M	Dammy A



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