

NIA 6 Updates



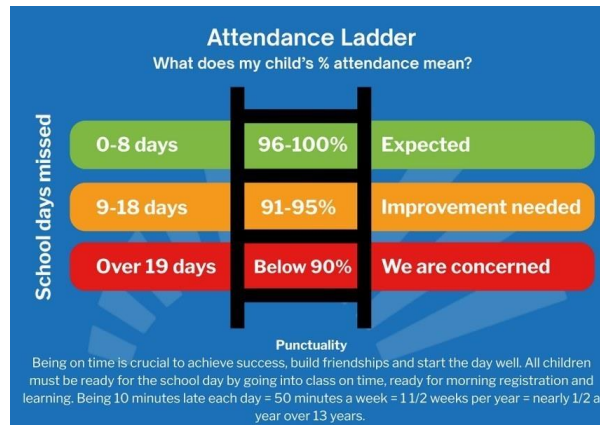
All of the previous NIA6 newsletters can be found in the news section on the [Sixth Form](#) website.

Attendance Matters

Attendance plays a vital role in student achievement at Sixth Form. Regular attendance ensures that students fully access lesson content, teacher explanations, and opportunities to practise and consolidate learning. In both A Levels and BTECs, missed lessons can quickly lead to gaps in understanding, which can impact coursework, assessments, and final grades.

Beyond Sixth Form, universities and employers place significant value on reliability, punctuality, and commitment. Strong attendance habits developed now reflect the expectations students will encounter in higher education and the workplace.

As a reminder, students who maintain 100% attendance and punctuality to school and all lessons will qualify for our Dress Down Day on Friday 1st May. We encourage all students to uphold these expectations as part of their professional development.



Unifrog and Work Experience

A reminder that **Year 12 Work Experience Week** will take place in the **first week of July**.

Work experience is an essential part of preparing for life beyond Sixth Form. It provides insight into potential career paths, builds professional confidence, and strengthens UCAS applications and CVs. All Year 12 students will take part in Work Experience Week during the first week of July, and should now be actively securing placements.

Students should log their placements and reflections on Unifrog, a platform designed to help them explore routes into university, apprenticeships, and employment. Mrs Silvestre is available to support students in this process; however, securing placements requires proactive communication from students themselves.

Work experience and volunteering are essential components of preparing for life beyond NIA6. These opportunities allow students to develop employability skills such as communication, teamwork, organisation, resilience, and professionalism. They also provide valuable insight into potential career pathways and significantly strengthen university applications, apprenticeships, and CVs.

Students are able to complete work experience on a Friday afternoon as part of their Enrichment choices. Unifrog can also be used to search for placements, record experiences, and reflect on skills gained, helping students build a strong evidence base for future applications. Please see some opportunities below at West Northamptonshire Council.

At West Northamptonshire Council, it is all about our people. People who are curious, eager to learn, and ready to explore new possibilities. That is why we created the West

Northamptonshire Council Workplace Safari - a unique work experience programme designed to open your mind to the many careers in local government that help our communities thrive.

Please contact Mrs Silvestre for further information.

Opportunity - Young Professionals summer conference in London

A Work Experience and Careers Conference will take place in London on Saturday 18th July, 2pm–6pm, aimed at students in Years 11–13, university students, and parents.

Students will have the opportunity to meet representatives from leading global employers across business, banking, finance, law, engineering, and technology, take part in workshops, hear from senior leaders, and build professional networks. Attendees will also receive a professional LinkedIn headshot and digital resources to support future applications.

Further details and registration can be found here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Summer26_PM

Volunteering and Supporting Local Charities

This week, NIA6 welcomed Jenna from the McCarthy-Dixon Foundation, who delivered an informative and inspiring talk to students. This followed on from volunteering carried out last term, where students supported the charity by packing food parcels at their Northampton food hub.

The McCarthy-Dixon Foundation is a local charity founded in 2020 in response to increasing food insecurity within the community. It supports individuals and families across Northamptonshire through its Food & Essentials Hub, working closely with schools, social services, healthcare providers, and community organisations.

NIA6 will continue to support the McCarthy-Dixon Foundation throughout the year. Students who are interested in getting involved can either contact the charity directly or join the Charity Enrichment this term.

For more information, please visit: <https://mccarthydixon.org.uk>

Spotlight on a subject – A Level Maths

A Level Mathematics is a highly regarded subject that develops logical reasoning, problem- solving, and analytical thinking. It supports progression into a wide range of degree courses including engineering, economics, finance, computer science, sciences, psychology, and social sciences. The skills developed through A Level Maths — accuracy, perseverance, structured thinking, and numerical confidence — are highly valued by universities and employers alike and are applicable across many professional sectors.

“Mathematics is the study of patterns, structures, relationships and logical reasoning using numbers, symbols and abstract concepts. Personally, I find Math fun because it challenges

my critical thinking and allows me to view things from a different perspective. Most things wouldn't make sense if not for Math which is why it's important.” - Teyyi

STEAM Northants – University of Northampton Trip

A trip to STEAM Northants has been launched this week. The event will take place on 11th June at the University of Northampton and will showcase careers and pathways across Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.

Students will engage with interactive activities, employers, universities, and professionals, gaining insight into future study and career options. Parental consent must be given via Arbor for students to attend.

Student Finance and University – Information for Parents and Carers

As your child approaches the university application stage, understanding student finance is essential. It ensures higher education remains accessible and manageable, regardless of background.

What Student Finance Covers:

- Tuition Fee Loan – paid directly to the university
- Maintenance Loan – to assist with living costs
- Additional support – such as grants for students with disabilities

Repayment is income-based and only begins once the graduate earns above a set threshold, making it both fair and affordable. [Your guide to Student Finance England - Student Finance England](#), [Student Finance 2026/27 — How Much You'll Get and How to Apply | PocketWise — Your UK Personal Finance Guide](#)

📅 Key Dates & Urgency for Year 13

April 2026 - Student Finance England applications for 2026–27 open. Students can apply without a confirmed university place [Going to uni in 2026 - Student Finance England](#), [Apply online for student finance - GOV.UK](#).

By 15 May 2026 - Deadline for new full-time applicants beginning in September 2026 [Student schedule - Student Finance England](#).

By 3 June 2026 - Final deadline to reply to any UCAS offers [Student schedule - Student Finance England](#).

September 2026 onwards - Payment of maintenance loans begins once enrolment is confirmed [Student schedule - Student Finance England](#), [Student Finance 2026/27 — How Much You'll Get and How to Apply | PocketWise — Your UK Personal Finance Guide](#).

☐ It is vital Year 13 students apply by 15 May 2026 to ensure funds are in place for the September start. Late applications can result in delayed payments and reduced entitlement

at the start of term. [Student finance: how to apply: When to apply - GOV.UK](#), [Apply online for student finance - GOV.UK](#)

✔ What You Can Do

- Support them in creating a Student Finance account at [Apply online for student finance - GOV.UK](#) .[Apply online for student finance - GOV.UK](#)
- Ensure National Insurance numbers and household income details are ready. [Getting ready to apply for student finance - Student Finance England](#)
- Help them monitor deadlines and submit their application early.
- Encourage them to upload supporting documents promptly and check application status regularly. [Getting ready to apply for student finance - Student Finance England](#)

🔗 Useful Links

- Apply online: [Apply online for student finance - GOV.UK](#)
- Check deadlines: [When to apply – GOV.UK \[gov.uk\]](#)
- Estimated funding: [Student Finance Calculator guide \[studentfin...ign.gov.uk\]](#)

Exam countdown - 18 days to go until the first exam!

Date	Start Time	Year group	Subject	Exam	Concath/Min/Durations
05/05/2026	13:30	13	Applied Science	60317T Principles & Applications Of Chemist : 60317T01 Principles & Applications Of Chemist (60317T01)	1h
06/05/2026	13:30	13	Applied Science	60318T Principles & Applications Of Physics : 60318T01 Principles & Applications Of Physics (60318T01)	1h
11/05/2026	09:00	11	English	8702 English Literature : 8702/1 English Literature Paper 1 (8702/1)	1h 45m
11/05/2026	13:30	12	HLSE	60409 I Human Lifespan And Development : 60409/01 Human Lifespan And Development (60409/01)	1h 30m
11/05/2026	13:30	11	Business	1850 Business : 1850 01 Investigating Small Bus. (1850 01)	1h 15m
12/05/2026	13:30	11	Science	8464F Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F : 8464/B/1F Combined Sci:Trilogy Biology P1F (8464/B/1F)	1h 15m
12/05/2026	13:30	11	Science	8464H Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier H : 8464/B/1H Combined Sci:Trilogy Biology P1H (8464/B/1H)	1h 15m
12/05/2026	13:30	11	Science	8461H Biology Tier H : 8461/1H Biology Paper 1 Tier H (8461/1H)	1h 45m
13/05/2026	09:00	12	Applied Psych	21331L Psychological Approaches And Applica : 21331/01 Psychological Approaches And Applica (21331/01)	1h 30m
13/05/2026	13:30	13	Business	9850 Business : 9850 01 Market, people & Global Bu (9850 01)	2h
13/05/2026	13:30	12	Sport	31524H Anatomy And Physiology : 31524/01 Anatomy And Physiology (31524/01)	1h 30m
14/05/2026	09:00	11	Maths	1MA1F Mathematics Option F : 1MA1 1F Non Calculator (F) (1MA1 1F)	1h 30m
14/05/2026	09:00	11	Maths	1MA1H Mathematics Option H : 1MA1 1H Non Calculator (H) (1MA1 1H)	1h 30m
14/05/2026	09:00	12	Travel and Tourism	20207K The World Of Travel And Tourism : 20207K01 The World Of Travel And Tourism (20207K01)	1h 30m
14/05/2026	10:50	12	Travel and Tourism	20207K The World Of Travel And Tourism : 20207K01 The World Of Travel And Tourism (20207K01)	1h 30m
18/05/2026	09:00	11	Science	8464F Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F : 8464/C/1F Combined Sci: Trilogy Chemistry P1F (8464/C/1F)	1h 15m
18/05/2026	09:00	11	Science	8464H Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier H : 8464/C/1H Combined Sci: Trilogy Chemistry P1H (8464/C/1H)	1h 15m
18/05/2026	09:00	11	Science	8462H Chemistry Tier H : 8462/1H Chemistry Paper 1 Tier H (8462/1H)	1h 45m
19/05/2026	09:00	11	English	8702 English Literature : 8702/2 English Literature Paper 2 (8702/2)	2h 15m
19/05/2026	09:00	13	Business	9850 Business : 9850 02 Activs, decision & Strats. (9850 02)	2h
19/05/2026	13:30	12	Applied Science	60316T Principles & Applications Of Biology : 60316T01 Principles & Applications Of Biology (60316T01)	1h
21/05/2026	09:00	11	English	8700 English Language : 8700/1 English Language Paper 1 (8700/1)	1h 45m
21/05/2026	09:00	13	Polish	7687 Polish Adv : 7687/1 Polish Adv Paper 1 (7687/1)	2h 30m
21/05/2026	13:30	11	English	8700 English Language : 8700/1 English Language Paper 1 (8700/1)	1h 45m
21/05/2026	13:30	11	Business	1850 Business : 1850 02 Building A Business (1850 02)	1h 45m
01/06/2026	09:00	13	Polish	7687 Polish Adv : 7687/2 Polish Adv Paper 2 (7687/2)	2h
01/06/2026	13:30	13	Polish	7687 Polish Adv : 7687/2 Polish Adv Paper 2 (7687/2)	2h
02/06/2026	09:00	11	Science	8464F Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F : 8464/P/1F Combined Sci: Trilogy Physics P1F (8464/P/1F)	1h 15m
02/06/2026	09:00	11	Science	8464H Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier H : 8464/P/1H Combined Sci: Trilogy Physics P1H (8464/P/1H)	1h 15m
02/06/2026	09:00	11	Science	8463H Physics Tier H : 8463/1H Physics Paper 1 Tier H (8463/1H)	1h 45m
02/06/2026	09:00	13	Chemistry	H432A Chemistry A : H432/01 Chem A: Prdc Tble Elmnt Phy Chem Wtn (H432/01)	2h 15m
03/06/2026	09:00	11	Maths	1MA1F Mathematics Option F : 1MA1 2F Calculator (F) (1MA1 2F)	1h 30m
03/06/2026	09:00	11	Maths	1MA1H Mathematics Option H : 1MA1 2H Calculator (H) (1MA1 2H)	1h 30m
03/06/2026	13:30	13	Maths	9MA0 Mathematics : 9MA0 01 Pure Mathematics 1 (9MA0 01)	2h
04/06/2026	13:30	13	Biology	H420A Biology A : H420/01 Biology A: Biological Processes Wtn (H420/01)	2h 15m
05/06/2026	09:00	11	English	8700 English Language : 8700/2 English Language Paper 2 (8700/2)	1h 45m
08/06/2026	09:00	11	Science	8464F Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F : 8464/B/2F Combined Sci:Trilogy Biology P2F (8464/B/2F)	1h 15m
08/06/2026	09:00	11	Science	8464H Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier H : 8464/B/2H Combined Sci:Trilogy Biology P2H (8464/B/2H)	1h 15m
08/06/2026	09:00	11	Science	8461H Biology Tier H : 8461/2H Biology Paper 2 Tier H (8461/2H)	1h 45m
09/06/2026	09:00	13	Polish	7687 Polish Adv : 7687/3 Polish Adv Paper 3 (7687/3)	2h 30m
09/06/2026	09:00	13	Chemistry	H432A Chemistry A : H432/02 Chem A: Synth & Analytl Tchngs Wtn (H432/02)	2h 15m
09/06/2026	13:30	13	Business	9850 Business : 9850 03 Investigating Business (9850 03)	2h
10/06/2026	09:00	11	Maths	1MA1F Mathematics Option F : 1MA1 3F Calculator (F) (1MA1 3F)	1h 30m
10/06/2026	09:00	11	Maths	1MA1H Mathematics Option H : 1MA1 3H Calculator (H) (1MA1 3H)	1h 30m
11/06/2026	13:30	13	Maths	9MA0 Mathematics : 9MA0 02 Pure Mathematics 2 (9MA0 02)	2h
12/06/2026	09:00	11	Science	8464F Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F : 8464/C/2F Combined Sci:Trilogy Chemistry P2F (8464/C/2F)	1h 15m
12/06/2026	09:00	11	Science	8464H Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier H : 8464/C/2H Combined Sci:Trilogy Chemistry P2H (8464/C/2H)	1h 15m
12/06/2026	09:00	11	Science	8462H Chemistry Tier H : 8462/2H Chemistry Paper 2 Tier H (8462/2H)	1h 45m
12/06/2026	09:00	13	Biology	H420A Biology A : H420/02 Biology A: Biological Diversity Wtn (H420/02)	2h 15m
15/06/2026	09:00	11	Science	8464F Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier F : 8464/P/2F Combined Sci:Trilogy Physics P2F (8464/P/2F)	1h 15m
15/06/2026	09:00	11	Science	8464H Combined Sci: Trilogy Tier H : 8464/P/2H Combined Sci:Trilogy Physics P2H (8464/P/2H)	1h 15m
15/06/2026	09:00	11	Science	8463H Physics Tier H : 8463/2H Physics Paper 2 Tier H (8463/2H)	1h 45m
15/06/2026	09:00	13	Chemistry	H432A Chemistry A : H432/03 Chem A: Unified Chemistry Wtn (H432/03)	1h 30m
16/06/2026	09:00	13	Biology	H420A Biology A : H420/03 Biology A: Unified Biology Wtn (H420/03)	1h 30m
18/06/2026	13:30	13	Maths	9MA0 Mathematics : 9MA0 03 Statistics & Mechanics (9MA0 03)	2h

Thought for the Week

The words of Malcolm remind us that success is built through consistent focus and effort. This message aligns strongly with the values of NIA6 — working hard, being kind, acting professionally, and committing fully to everything we do.

