

NIA 6 Updates



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Attendance Matters

Attendance continues to be a key focus at NIA6, as we know it has a direct impact on student progress, confidence, and future opportunities. Every lesson counts, particularly at this stage of the academic year, where students are preparing for assessments and making important decisions about their next steps.

Year 12 Attendance Data:

- Late Marks (this week): 22
- Late Marks (previous week): 23
- Attendance (current): 90.8%”

Whilst punctuality has improved again this week, attendance remains an area for improvement. Every lesson missed is a missed opportunity to learn new content, consolidate understanding, and receive support from teachers. Research consistently shows a strong link between attendance and academic achievement, and students with higher attendance are more likely to achieve their target grades and progress onto their chosen university, apprenticeship, or career pathway.

As we move towards the end of the academic year and begin preparing for Year 13, we encourage all students to make every lesson count and finish the year strongly.

World Cup Attendance Initiative

As the tournament moves into the knockout stages, congratulations to the teams that have successfully progressed to the next round. With every match now becoming a must-win fixture, the competition is becoming even more exciting.

A reminder that students assigned to the top three teams will receive prizes as a reward for their attendance. The key message remains clear — the better the team's attendance, the greater their chance of success.

The competition has created a fantastic buzz around the Sixth Form and has encouraged students to think carefully about the positive impact that attendance and punctuality can have. We look forward to seeing which teams continue their journey through the knockout rounds and ultimately lift the NIA6 World Cup trophy. Good luck to all remaining teams!

Work experience

Work Experience Week begins next week, and we are looking forward to hearing about the exciting experiences our students will have across a wide range of industries and workplaces.

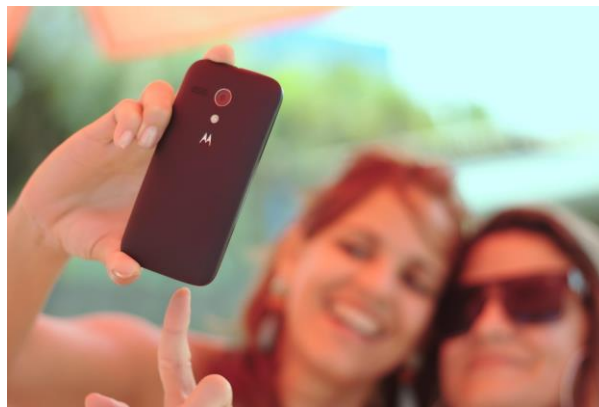
Work experience provides students with valuable opportunities to:

- Develop confidence and independence
- Improve communication and teamwork skills
- Gain insight into different career pathways
- Build knowledge and experience that can be used in UCAS applications, CVs, and interviews
- Develop professional behaviours and workplace expectations

Students should remember that while on placement they are representing both themselves and NIA6. We encourage everyone to:

- Arrive on time
- Dress appropriately
- Be polite and professional
- Show initiative
- Ask questions
- Be enthusiastic and willing to learn

Work experience photo challenge



We would love to see what our students get up to during the week. Students are invited to take photographs throughout their placements and send them to the Sixth Form team.

Examples could include:

- Wearing workplace PPE or uniforms
- Working alongside colleagues
- Using specialist equipment
- Office or workplace environments
- Team activities
- Projects they are involved in
- Interesting locations or facilities

We will award a prize for the most interesting and engaging work experience photograph.

This is what some of our students are looking forward to:

“I am really excited to take part in my work experience because it is a great opportunity to learn new skills and gain a better understanding of what it is like to work in a professional

environment. I am looking forward to meeting new people, building up my confidence, and developing valuable communication and teamwork skills. I am also excited to take on new challenges, learn from experienced professionals, and apply the knowledge I have gained in my studies to real-life situations. I believe this will help me improve both personally and professionally whilst giving me a clear view of my future career goals.” - **Deividas**

“I am extremely excited to take part in my work experience as I see it as an incredible experience to learn, develop new skills, and gain a real insight into the world of work. This is something I have been looking forward to for a long time, and I am genuinely excited to step into a professional environment where I can challenge myself and learn from experienced people. I am eager to meet new people, build relationships, and experience what it is to be part of a team. I enjoy learning new things, taking on responsibilities, and pushing myself out of my comfort zone, so I know this experience will help me grow both personally and professionally. I am determined to work as hard as I can, ask questions, listen carefully, and make most of every opportunity that comes my way. I hope to gain valuable knowledge, improve my communication skills, collaborate effectively, and develop my problem-solving skills. Most of all I am excited to contribute wherever I can, make a positive impression, and leave the placement knowing that I gave it my absolute best. I believe this experience will be both enjoyable and rewarding, and I cannot wait to get started.” - **John**

UCAS applications – Year 12



Year 12 students are continuing to make strong progress with their UCAS applications. Most students have now created accounts and begun engaging with the process.

Students will soon begin focusing on their personal statements, and it is important they understand how to write effectively.

Key advice for writing a strong personal statement:

- Clearly explain why you have chosen the course
- Provide evidence of interest, such as reading, work experience, or wider research

- Reflect on what you have learned from your experiences
- Structure writing clearly and professionally

How parents can support:

- Encourage students to discuss their ideas out loud
- Help proofread drafts for clarity and accuracy
- Support research into universities and courses
- Encourage good time management and deadlines

Students should also be using Unifrog to research courses and explore career pathways to ensure they are making well informed decisions.

Students are also encouraged to visit the NIA6 library, where a range of university prospectuses are available to help them compare courses, institutions, and entry requirements as they begin making important decisions about their future.

Highlight on a subject – A Level Chemistry



OCR A Level Chemistry is a highly respected qualification that develops students' understanding of physical, organic, and inorganic chemistry while building practical, analytical, and problem-solving skills.

The course combines theoretical knowledge with practical investigations, helping students understand how chemistry impacts the world around them. Topics studied include atomic structure, organic synthesis, reaction rates, equilibrium, and analytical techniques.

A Level Chemistry is highly valued by universities and provides an excellent foundation for a wide range of degree courses and careers, including medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, chemical engineering, biomedical sciences, forensic science, and environmental science.

Students studying Chemistry develop resilience, logical thinking, and scientific enquiry skills that are highly desirable to both universities and employers.

"Recently in chemistry we've been going over haloalkanes and their features such as , them having low boiling points which makes them useful for the creation of organic chemicals as they are great intermediates. On Monday we did a practical focusing on how to find unknown ions using different chemicals such as silver nitrate and sodium hydroxide. It was educational and interesting to see how the unknown solutions we tested changed when they reacted with the chemicals used. We also revised for our mocks going over alkenes , isomerism and electrophilic addition." - **Laura**

Year 12 students visit Amaravati Buddhist Monastery

Year 12 Religious Studies students recently visited Amaravati Buddhist Monastery in Hemel Hempstead as part of their studies.

The group were hosted by Ajahn Cittavīro, a senior Theravada Buddhist monk in the Thai Forest Tradition, who gave students a tour of the monastery and explained the meaning behind different works of art, Buddhist statues and images of important lineage masters, including Ajahn Chah.

Students visited the main temple, took part in a short breathing meditation, and were also able to observe and participate in the traditional meal offering in the Sala. The monks and nuns kindly gave a special dedication for Northampton International Academy before students joined the lay community for a buffet lunch.

The visit also included a question and answer session with Ajahn Cittavīro, where students were able to ask questions and make links to their classroom learning. Larisa also shared her anime book and discussed Buddhist influences in anime, which led to an interesting conversation. Students were also able to visit the monastery bookshop and take home free books to support their studies.

Reflecting on the trip, Larisa said: "The RE trip was wonderful! It felt so wonderful to be immersed in the culture of the religion I had been studying. I learned new things that I would not have gotten from a textbook. My favourite part was being there for their chant before their meal, it felt so intriguing seeing how life is in a monastery."





Culture Day

This week we celebrated **Culture Day**, providing students and staff with an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the diverse cultures, traditions, languages, and backgrounds that make up our school community.

Throughout the day, students engaged in activities that promoted understanding, respect, and appreciation of different cultures from around the world. Events such as these help strengthen our community by encouraging inclusivity and celebrating the unique experiences that everyone brings to NIA6.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the day such a positive and memorable experience.

“Culture Day was a great chance for everyone to celebrate the different cultures that make up our sixth form. There was something for everyone to get involved in team games and Blooket quiz where we had fun testing our knowledge and learning new facts about different cultures.

One of the highlights of the day was seeing students proudly represent their cultures while coming together to take part in the activities and learning more about each other's backgrounds. Today was a reminder on how important it is to celebrate and appreciate our different cultures.” - **Jennifer**





Opportunities



Do you see yourself as a future legal professional? Perhaps you'd like to become a partner at a huge international law firm?

On Wednesday, 22nd July, and Thursday, 23rd of July (Plus an extra day in-person in London on Friday, 24th July) from 10:00am - 2:30pm, we'll be hosting a Careers in Law Work Experience with the University of Law, the UK's leading institution for legal degrees and solicitor apprenticeships.

You will take part in mock legal lectures, work on projects and exciting legal tasks, and have the opportunity to ask questions and network with professionals.

Day 1 will be a virtual event, allowing you to participate from anywhere. Day 2 will be in person at one of their campuses in Nottingham, London, Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, or Bristol. You can choose which campus you'd like to attend. Please note that spaces at the venues are very limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

The University of Law is the UK's largest provider of legal education. They deliver legal training to over 90 of the top 100 law firms and will be running several lecture-style sessions designed to give you a taste of what it's like to study law at university or through a solicitor apprenticeship.

Join us for what's set to be a thoroughly engaging insight into the legal world this summer and hear from a range of elite solicitors and barristers from some of the world's most prominent organisations. Kick off this summer with an excellent addition to your CV/Personal Statement.

Click the following link to sign up:

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

Thought for the Week

“All change is hard at first, messy in the middle, and gorgeous at the end.”

As students begin transitioning into new year groups and our Sixth Form students start looking ahead to Year 13, examinations, university applications, apprenticeships, and future careers, it is important to remember that change can sometimes feel challenging.

Whether it is preparing for Year 13, starting work experience, writing a personal statement, or deciding on future pathways, periods of change often bring uncertainty. However, these challenges help us grow and develop.

At NIA6, we want to remind students that while some moments may feel stressful or difficult, they are only temporary. The effort, resilience, and determination shown today will help create exciting opportunities tomorrow.

Make the most of every day, enjoy the journey, and embrace the opportunities ahead. The future you are working towards is worth it.

External news and events

Children and Young
People Service

#weareNHFT



NHS
Northamptonshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Children's Wellbeing Drop-in

	Moulton Library: 27/07/26 10am- 12pm	
	Corby Library: 28/07/26 11:30am-1:30pm	
	Rothwell Library: 29/07/26 1pm-3pm	
	Towcester Library: 30/07/26 11am-1pm	
	Wootton Library: 04/08/26 11:30am-1:30pm	
	Duston Library: 07/08/26 10am-12pm	
	Irthlingborough Library: 10:30am-12pm	
	Desborough Library: 10:30am-12:30pm	
	Hunsbury Library: 2pm-4pm	
	Kettering Library: 10am-12pm	
	Brixworth Library: 10am-12pm	

Who we are

The Children's Wellbeing Practitioner (CWP) service sits within NHFT and offers early intervention, mild to moderate mental health support for children and young people up to the age of 18 in Northamptonshire.

Wellbeing Activities

Come and take part in some wellbeing activities:

- Games
- Creative arts and crafts
- Breathing techniques
- Making your own calming keyrings
- Making a worry monster

Making a difference, together

SUMMER WORKSHOPS

WITH
THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

MINDFULNESS AND RELAXATION

10:30AM-12:00PM ON 22ND JULY AT RECTORY ROAD CLINIC, RUSHDEN
10:30AM-12:00PM ON 26TH AUGUST AT NEWLAND HOUSE, NORTHAMPTON

MANAGING LOW MOOD

10:30AM-12:00PM ON 29TH JULY AT DANETRE HOSPITAL, DAVENTRY
1:00-2:30PM ON 20TH AUGUST AT ISEBROOK HOSPITAL, WELLINGBOROUGH

IMPROVING MY SLEEP

10:00-11:30AM ON 30TH JULY AT DANETRE HOSPITAL, DAVENTRY
10:00-11:30AM ON 24TH AUGUST AT SUDBOROUGH HOUSE, KETTERING

SUITABLE
FOR AGES
9-12

MANAGING MY WORRIES

10:00-11:30AM ON 3RD AUGUST AT KINGSTHORPE FAMILY HUB
10:00-11:30AM ON 13TH AUGUST AT RECTORY ROAD CLINIC, RUSHDEN

MANAGING MY EMOTIONS

12:45-2:15PM ON 6TH AUGUST AT ISEBROOK HOSPITAL, WELLINGBOROUGH
10:30AM-12:00PM ON 24TH AUGUST AT KINGSTHORPE FAMILY HUB

**FOR ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT**
CYP.MHST@NHFT.NHS.UK

SIGN UP HERE!



TIME 4 SUPPORT

Countywide support group for Parent Carers of children/young people aged 0-25 who have SEND.

When:

Monday 6th July
9:30am-11:00am

Where:

Hunsbury Park Primary,
Dayrell Road, NN4 9RR

Parking is in Camp Hill Community Centre next door to the school and the entrance gate to the school is on the corner to the left of the main gates.

West Northants SEND Support Service (SSS) and West Northants Voices in Partnership (WNVP) will join us at EVERY session!










DYSLEXIA WORKSHOP

with **AMANDA HORNBY**
from the British Dyslexia Association

FOR PARENT CARERS IN WEST NORTHANTS



MONDAY
13TH JULY



6PM – 7PM



ON TEAMS
Link provided day before



**SHARE THIS OPPORTUNITY
FAR AND WIDE!**

IN THIS WORKSHOP YOU WILL LEARN:

-  **Understanding dyslexia** – what it is and why children may struggle with certain tasks
-  **Lived experience and impact** – exploring how dyslexia can feel for a child
-  **Practical strategies** – simple, effective ways to support at home that make a big difference
-  **Support and reassurance from the BDA** – guidance for families navigating their journey

**BOOKING
ON IS
ESSENTIAL**



Let's make sure every parent and carer who could benefit knows about this valuable session.
TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE EMAIL
admin@wnvp.co.uk



Northamptonshire Carers PARENT CARER WELLBEING HUB WEST

held by Northamptonshire Carers and Family Hubs

We meet on 3rd Friday of the month

starting 20th March 2026

10.30am – 12.30pm

Enfold and WNVP (West Northants Voices in Partnership) will also be attending on alternative months, starting with WNVP in March.

Towcester Family Hub

The Forum

Moat Lane

Towcester

Northamptonshire

NN12 6AD

Booking is not essential but if you if you prefer you can book a place using the following link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/towcester-parent-carer-wellbeing-hub-northamptonshire-carers-tickets-1976583120321?aff=oddtcreator>

Join us for a break, enjoy refreshments, activities, a chance to share the load and make friends with other Carers.

Option to Join Parent Carer What's-App information only group

For further information phone Lucy at Northamptonshire Carers on 01933 677907.

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