

NIA 6 Updates



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Sixth Form life at NIA6: learning in action

Across Sixth Form it's been fantastic to see students so engaged in their learning — whether that's through group study, collaborative discussion, or focused silent revision.

Sixth Form life at NIA6 continues to be a real pleasure to see, with students working together, supporting each other and enjoying the learning process. These moments reflect the positive culture we're building.





New term, new enrichment choices

This term, Sixth Form students had the opportunity to select a brand new Enrichment subject. Following an assembly introducing the exciting range of options available, students were able to choose the activity they would like to take part in over the coming weeks. Students also attended an additional assembly with Mr Meadham, focused on finance and future planning, helping them build key knowledge and understanding that will support them well beyond Sixth Form.

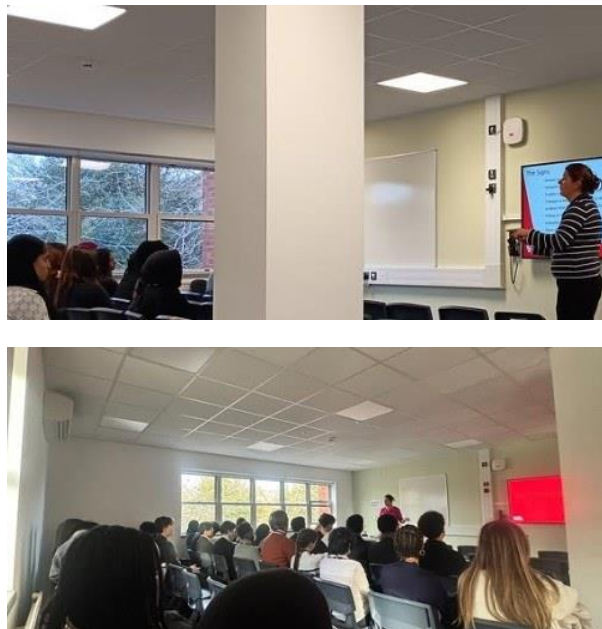


Stand Against Violence workshop: Gangs, Grooming & County Lines

Our sixth form students attended an impactful session delivered by **Stand Against Violence**, focusing on gangs, grooming and County Lines. The workshop supported students to explore the reasons individuals may become involved in serious and organised crime, the consequences and strategies to help young people avoid exploitation and seek support when needed.

Students were able to:

- Explain reasons some people may become involved in serious and organised crime
- Describe the far-reaching consequences of involvement
- Understand strategies to avoid exploitation and access support when needed



DebateMate workshop

This week our NIA6 students took part in an online debate workshop with DebateMate – they learned about the structure of competitive debating and how arguments can be presented. They enjoyed the session which created a strong competitive spirit between schools, and helped students to understand more about debate format, speaking structure and persuasive delivery.

Here are some student reflections from the workshop:

“The debate workshop gave an educational and valuable insight to how competitive the school districts would be and how a debate functions between two parties...”

“I enjoyed the competitive nature between schools and how the structure of debates was given in order to allow students to gain a full understanding...”

"I would definitely do it again if the opportunity came."

Another student added:

"On the 14th of January we received the opportunity to debate against many other schools... topics included whether protests are the most effective means of change, whether students should have 4-day weeks, and a 'survival of the fittest' exercise... speeches got heated and it showed us how each individual persuades others..."



Barclays LifeSkills praise for NIA6 students

We're delighted to share some brilliant feedback from **Barclays LifeSkills** following a recent session. Staff were hugely impressed by our students mature attitudes and participation:

"We were all really impressed with the students behaviour; it was like we had a member of staff from Northampton International Academy in the room with us. They were so happy to get involved, interacted well with each other and the Stratton students — they should be really proud of themselves."

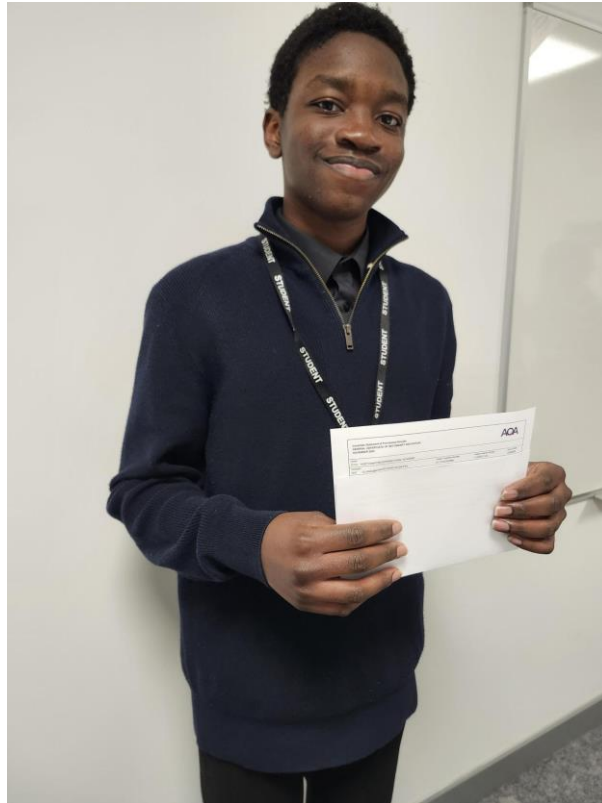
Well done to all students involved — you represented NIA6 superbly!

November resits success

A huge WELL DONE to those students who took resits in November. An AMAZING 70% of students gained a 4 or above in English and 29% of students gained a 4 or above in Maths - these are both significantly higher than the national average, particularly in English. Several students saw a significant improvement in their grades, including going from a 3 to a 6 in English, a 3 to a 7 in English and from a 4 to an 8 in English.

Keep up the hard work – we are very proud of you!





UCAS Update: applications submitted and offers are rolling in!

A huge congratulations to all Sixth Form students - **every student has now submitted their UCAS application** ahead of the equal consideration deadline, this is a fantastic achievement.

Even more excitingly, a strong number of our students have already received **5/5 offers** back from universities. Well done to students and staff for the hard work and support throughout the UCAS journey — we can't wait to celebrate the next steps.

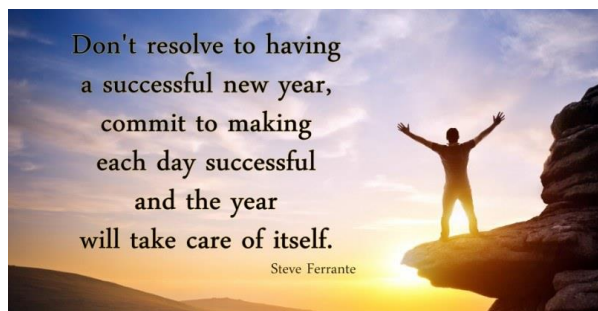


Work experience update

We are now beginning to organise work experience placements for students. If you already have a placement in mind, please come and speak to Mrs Silvestre as soon as possible so we can start the arrangements.

Currently, students are applying for placements within the **NHS, pharmacies and law firms**, which is fantastic to see.

Thought for the week



1 - It's a new year and a new start. Make this the year where you take the steps to be as successful as you can be. Try a new enrichment, speak to Ms Best about Careers and UCAS, speak to Mrs Silvestre about work experience. Whatever your ambitions are, we are here to help you be successful and motivate you to make the next steps.