

NIA 6 Updates



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Attendance Matters

| Year Group | Lates (This Week) | Lates (Previous Week) | Attendance (This Week) | Attendance (Previous Week) |
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| Year 12 | 32 | 29 | 97.2% | 95.1% |
| Year 13 | 14 | 14 | 96.9% | 91.3% |

Attendance is one of the most important factors in academic success. Students who attend regularly and arrive on time to lessons are far more likely to achieve strong grades and stay

on track with their studies. Missing lessons often means missing key explanations, discussions, and learning opportunities that can be difficult to catch up on later.

To ensure that attendance records are accurate, it is very important that students **sign in and out of the building correctly** whenever required. If students forget to do this, their attendance may be recorded incorrectly.

Students must also remember to **wear their lanyards at all times while on site**. If a student arrives without their lanyard, they must collect a **temporary one** and ensure they **sign in and out as both a visitor and a student**. This allows us to maintain accurate records and ensure that everyone on site is accounted for.

Attendance Incentive

A reminder of our **Dress Down Day incentive** to encourage excellent attendance and punctuality.

- **On time every day**
- **On time every lesson**
- **Attend every day for the next two weeks**

Students who meet this target will receive a **Dress Down Day on Friday 27th March**.



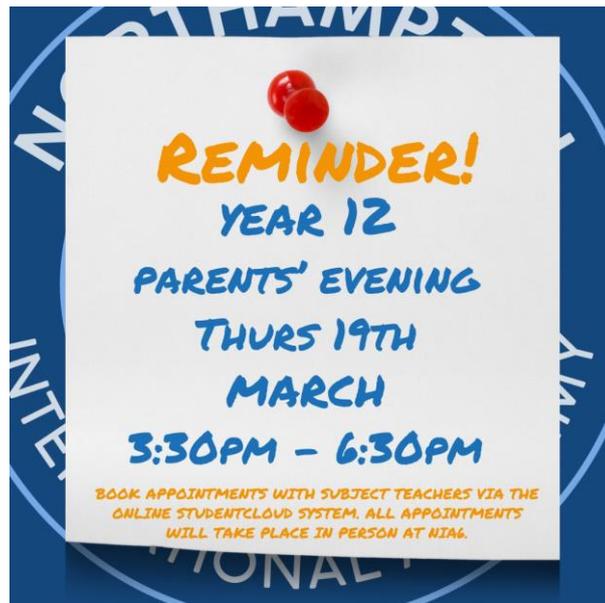
Year 12 Parents' Evening – Thursday 19th March

Year 12 Parents' Evening provides an important opportunity for students, parents, and carers to discuss academic progress and next steps.

Parents' evenings allow teachers and families to work together to support students as they continue through their sixth form studies. Teachers will provide feedback on current progress, highlight strengths, and discuss areas where students can continue to improve.

Parents and carers are asked to **make appointments with class teachers** in advance.

Appointments will be **face-to-face at NIA6**, allowing families to speak directly with teachers and ask any questions about progress, coursework, or future plans.



Unifrog and Work Experience

Unifrog is an online platform used by the sixth form to help students explore future pathways including university courses, apprenticeships, and career opportunities. It enables students to research options, compare universities, and keep track of their achievements and experiences.

Parents and carers can also access helpful guidance through Unifrog to support their young person when making important decisions about their future.

Upcoming Unifrog Events

Parents and caregivers session: choosing university courses and institutions

On Tuesday 17th March - Designed for parents and caregivers, this session will give a balanced introduction to higher education decision-making. With guidance from Lancaster University, we'll look at how to evaluate courses and universities, including reputation and the Russell Group, employability outcomes, course content, and teaching styles. You'll come away with more knowledge and confidence to support your young person to make informed, realistic choices.

<https://www.unifrog.org/parent/webinars/upcoming/1670-parents-and-caregivers-session-choosing-university-courses-and-institutions>

University Subject Discovery Fair

On Wednesday 18th March - From finance to nursing, law to creative arts, and engineering to teaching the Subject Discovery Fair is a great opportunity to find out all about studying at university and get all your questions answered by the experts. Join over 30 universities from across the UK to speak to their representatives via Q&A, and attend live sessions delivered by university academics to get an insight into the exciting subjects and trending topics you could be studying at university!

[Sign In - Unifrog](#)

The value of work experience

Work experience provides students with valuable insight into the world of work. It allows them to develop important employability skills such as communication, teamwork, time management, and professionalism.

Work experience can also strengthen **UCAS applications**, as universities value applicants who demonstrate initiative and real-world experience connected to their interests or career ambitions.

Students should ensure that all placements and experiences are **logged on Unifrog**, where they can record reflections and the skills they have developed. These records can later support **personal statements and university applications**.

Students who require help arranging work experience or logging placements on Unifrog should speak to **Mrs Silvestre**, who will be happy to support them.

Enrichment opportunities

Enrichment is an important part of sixth form life. It allows students to develop new skills, explore interests outside their academic subjects, and build experiences that support future university or employment applications.

Students will soon be selecting **enrichment options for next term**. The following activities will be available:

Charity

Work with local and national charities while organising fundraising events. This helps students develop leadership, teamwork, and organisational skills while supporting the wider community.

Work Experience

Gain insight into different career pathways through practical workplace experiences.

Primary

Assist within the primary school and potentially help Mr Wilson run primary house competitions. This is particularly valuable for students considering a career in teaching.

Board Games

Develop communication, teamwork, and strategic thinking skills in a relaxed social environment.

Music

Work with Mr Meadham on compositions, learn an instrument, or collaborate with others to start a sixth form band.

PE

Students currently take part in football at the University of Northampton or work out in the gym, supporting both teamwork and physical wellbeing.

Boxing

Students will be able to participate in coached boxing sessions aimed to build their skills and their physical and mental wellbeing.

Entrepreneurship

Students with business ideas can develop them with guidance from Mr Meadham, building creativity, innovation, and enterprise skills.

BSL

Learn British Sign Language and develop communication skills that promote inclusion and accessibility.

Reading

Read and discuss books with other students, helping to develop vocabulary, critical thinking, and wider knowledge.

NIA6 students gain interview experience

This week, our NIA6 students took part in **mock interviews**, giving them a valuable opportunity to practise their interview skills and experience what a real interview might feel like.

The sessions allowed students to develop their **confidence, communication skills, and interview techniques**, while receiving helpful feedback to support their future applications.

It was a fantastic opportunity for students to gain real-world experience and begin preparing for their **next steps after sixth form**, whether that be university, apprenticeships, or employment.



Charity update

Students recently supported the McCarthy-Dixon Foundation as part of their enrichment programme, helping to pack and distribute food parcels across Northampton.

Feedback from Jenna at McCarthy-Dixon was very complimentary about all of the students and said they had made a new record for the number of bags packed. We are hoping to make this a regular activity within Enrichment.

'Last week me and my peers joined the McCarthy-Dixon Foundation where we packed and loaded food parcels across Northampton. It was a rewarding experience as it allowed us to

give back to the community and see how small acts of teamwork can make a difference to others. It also reminded us how fortunate we are. Together we have packaged 72 within the hour. We have learnt communication, teamwork, problem-solving and time management skills.'

- Sumahyah





In class this week - A Level Biology

A-Level Biology provides an excellent foundation for careers in medicine, healthcare, biomedical science, environmental science, and research. Students develop strong analytical thinking, investigative skills, and practical laboratory experience.

Practical investigations are an important part of the course, helping students apply their theoretical knowledge and develop key scientific skills.

'On Thursday, year 12 A-level Biology were dissecting locusts for one of our required practical's. We were focusing on respiration in insects and how they differ to mammalian respiration. The practical allowed us to gain the skills required for dissecting small, intricate organisms, helping to give experience to those who wish to work in the medical field and give us the tangible evidence of the structures in insects that allow them to respire, improving our understanding for eventual exams. Additionally we had to consolidate our microscopy skills when preparing a slide of a section of the locust's abdomen, using stains and examining it under a microscope.'

- Layla





Comic Relief

Comic Relief is a UK charity that works to tackle poverty and social injustice both in the UK and around the world. Through campaigns such as Red Nose Day, Comic Relief raises funds that support projects designed to improve opportunities, provide essential services, and create lasting change.

To ensure celebrations take place **after Ramadan**, the sixth form will be holding its **Red Nose Day activities on 24th March**.

The sixth form is celebrating Red Nose Day to support the Comic Relief Charity. We are doing this to support the positive change through power of entertainment and to create a just world free from poverty. The day will consist of a bake sale at break and lunch and a raffle at lunch. The bake sale will be homemade goods e.g. cookies, cupcakes, cake pops and pots of Biscoff cheesecake. The raffle will be a range of 15 gifts, you can win prizes as small as gift sets and as big as JBL headphones. 5 tickets will be £1 and 10 will be £1.50.

If you wish to bring additional items to be raffled or cakes please speak to Luna, Leah or Blessing in Year 12.



Thought of the Week

Respect is one of the most important values within our sixth form community. Showing respect through our words, actions, and attitudes helps create a positive environment where everyone feels safe, supported, and able to succeed.

By listening to one another, showing kindness, and appreciating different perspectives, we strengthen our community and help each other thrive.

“Respect for ourselves guides our morals; respect for others guides our manners.”

Reminder: Student Leadership Survey



Our Student Leadership Team has launched a Sixth Form survey to gather feedback about student experience. This is a fantastic example of students taking an active role in shaping Sixth Form life. We strongly encourage all students to complete the survey and have their voices heard - your opinions matter.