

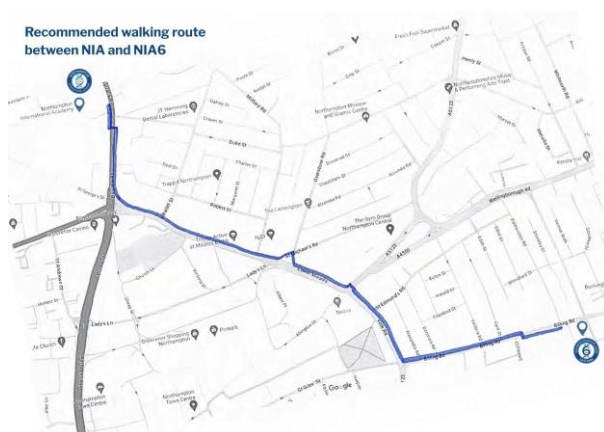
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NIA 6 Updates



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

Walking between NIA and NIA6



Recommended walking route between NIA and NIA6

To help keep everyone safe when travelling between school sites, we've worked with Northamptonshire Police to identify the best route for anyone walking between NIA and NIA6.

The recommended route runs along the Barrack Road, Campbell Street, Campbell Square, Upper and Lower Mounts, York Road and Billing Road. This is considered the safest route as it takes the most direct path between the two sites, along main roads which have a good level of street lighting, pelican crossings and is easy to follow.

Please follow the steps below and make sure you keep to the recommended side of the road as these have been specifically chosen as the best route.

Travelling from NIA:

- Turn right out of the school and walk south along Barrack Road to the first pedestrian crossing. Cross to the opposite side of the road, turn right and continue south along the Barrack Road.
- Follow the curve of the road left on to Campbell Street and continue along this road which will merge into Campbell Square then Upper Mounts. Continue along Upper Mounts all the way to Aldi.
- Follow the curve of the footpath round the front of Aldi where you will see a pedestrian crossing. Take this crossing to cross St Michaels Road and continue forward walking round in front of Northampton College on to Lower Mounts.
- Continue to the end of Lower Mounts and walk round the corner past The Old Savoy Theatre. Take the second pedestrian crossing across Abington Street towards Steffans Jewellers. Continue straight past Steffans and down York Road.
- At the end of York Road follow the path round to the left and continue onto Billing Road.

- Continue along Billing Road to the first pedestrian crossing (just past Cliftonville). Cross to the opposite side of the road, turn left and continue along the Billing Road until you reach Elgin House on your right. **Travelling from NIA6:**
- Turn left out of the school and walk west along Billing Road to the first pedestrian crossing. Cross to the opposite side of the road, turn left and continue west along Billing Road.
- At the crossroads walk round the corner onto York Road and continue along York Road to the end.
- At the junction take the second pedestrian crossing directly onto Abington Square. Turn left and walk past The Old Savoy Theatre continuing round the corner onto Lower Mounts.
- Continue along Lower Mounts, when you reach the black railings follow the path round past Northampton College where you will see a pedestrian crossing in front. Take this crossing over St Michael's Road and turn left following the footpath past Aldi.
- Continue straight along Upper Mounts which will merge into Campbell Square then Campbell Street.
- At the crossroads continue to follow the path which bends round to the right onto Barrack Road.
- Continue along the Barrack Road to the first pedestrian crossing. Cross here onto the opposite side of the road, turn right and continue to the NIA.

End of Year Student Survey – Now Live!



Our **NIA6 End of Year Student Survey** is now up and running. We value your voice, and your feedback helps us shape the sixth form experience. Please take a few minutes to complete it via your **Teams channels**. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Barclays Life Skills Trip – Student Reflection

On Tuesday 9th, a group of our sixth formers had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a **Barclays Life Skills** workshop. One of our students, **Roshaan**, shared their experience:

“Upon arrival, we were able to speak with a range of experts, each with their own unique and inspiring journey to working with Barclays and The Trust Foundry. We learnt about different aspects of life and how these professionals approached challenges when they were young.

We received a booklet to reflect on our experiences, mistakes, and aspirations—whether we dream of becoming musicians, lawyers, police officers, or authors, there was someone there to guide us.

We took part in several activities that allowed us to talk to every individual in the room. The staff were incredibly friendly and supportive, and they even provided food—the chicken tikka mini wraps were the best!

At the end of the session, we focused on our aspirations and gained fresh perspectives on taking the steps needed to reach our goals. The whole day was extremely beneficial, and I cannot wait for our next visit to their headquarters in Brackmills. Hopefully they have the chicken tikka wraps there too.”

A huge thank-you to Barclays Life Skills for an inspiring day!



Crime Scene Investigation Experience in Applied Science

As part of the **BTEC Applied Science National Diploma**, students took part in a hands-on forensic investigation this week with **Dr Aston**. One student shared their thoughts:

“I took part in a forensic investigation practical that made me feel like a real crime-scene detective. I dusted for fingerprints, tested unknown samples, and pieced together clues. It was exciting, hands-on, and boosted my confidence in the lab. It’s made me even more interested in forensic science.”



Enrichment Opportunities

This term we have offered a wide range of Enrichment activities, including:

- EPQ
- Football at the University of Northampton
- Duke of Edinburgh’s Award
- Work Experience in NIA Primary

In the **first week back after the holiday**, students will have an opportunity to **change their Enrichment activity** where appropriate. More information and options will be shared soon.

Enrichment next term?

- EPQ/ CCF/ D of E ongoing
- Charity
- WEX
- Primary (this will include running house competitions)
- Reading warriors
- Music (6th Form band)
- PE (Gym/ football at UoN)
- Debate team
- Board games
- Entrepreneurship
- Any other ideas come and speak to Mrs Silvestre



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Work Experience & Unifrog

All students should now have access to **Unifrog**, where they can browse and apply for work experience placements. These can take place either:

- Throughout the year during Enrichment, or
- During the main Work Experience Week starting **6th July**.

Please explore the opportunities available and use the information on Unifrog to contact employers.

If you need any help, please speak to **Mrs Silvestre**.



1 - This weeks thought for the week

Monday Morning Sign-In Reminder

A reminder to all students that on **Monday mornings**, you must sign into the correct building for your Period 1 lesson by **8:25am** so you can attend assembly:

- **Year 12** with Ms McLeary in Room 109
- **Year 13** with Mr Cooper in Room 146

Assembly will take place either at NIA or in the NIA6 Meeting Room.

For the rest of the week, sign-in is expected by **8:45am**.

Candy Canes of Kindness

Our sixth formers spread festive cheer this week by delivering **Candy Canes of Kindness** to students and staff across the whole school. Thank you to everyone who helped make the atmosphere warm and joyful!



Candy Canes

On Monday and for the rest of the week at NIA6 students will be able to purchase a 'Candy cane of kindness' to send for 20p. The proceeds will go to the McCarthy Dixon Foundation.



Year 13 Parents Evening – 15th January

A reminder for Year 13 students and families: **Parents Evening will take place on Wednesday 15th January.** Please make appointments with your subject teachers and your mentor.

This week's attendance

	Late week	Late previous week	Attendance	Attendance previous
Year 12	49	41	94.2%	96.9%
Year 13	25	31	98.1%	97.2%