

NIA 6 Updates



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Attendance Matters

Our next Dress Down Day took place today. This initiative recognises students who are on time every day, on time to every lesson, and who attend every day. With examinations now starting, strong attendance and punctuality are essential to ensure students are fully prepared and supported.

Year 12 attendance this week was 94%, with 28 late marks recorded. Year 13 attendance remained at 93.8%, with 23 late marks, with punctuality continuing to be a key focus.



Examinations



Examinations are a crucial part of the Sixth Form journey and provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge, skills and understanding developed throughout their courses. Being well prepared, organised and punctual is essential for performing at your best.

Students are reminded to continue with regular, planned revision, ensure they have the correct equipment for each exam, and arrive promptly for all examinations. Morning exams require arrival by 8.30am for a 9.00am start, and afternoon exams require arrival by 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Arriving early allows students time to settle, reduce anxiety and approach exams calmly and confidently.

Revision and Study Skills

Strong revision habits help students feel confident, organised and in control, while also reducing stress during the examination period. Effective revision should be active, structured and consistent rather than last minute or rushed.

Successful strategies include creating realistic revision timetables that prioritise weaker topics, using flashcards for key definitions and processes, completing past paper questions under timed conditions, and regularly self-quizzing. Producing mind maps or summary sheets can also help condense information and strengthen recall.

Good study skills also include revising in a distraction-free environment, breaking revision into manageable sessions, taking planned breaks, and maintaining a healthy balance between work, rest and wellbeing.

Highlight on a Subject – A Level Chemistry

A Level Chemistry is a challenging and highly respected subject that supports progression into medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, engineering and many other STEM related careers. It develops analytical thinking, problem-solving skills and scientific resilience.

“One of the lessons that I have chosen to study at NIA6 is a level chemistry. This is because I want to aspire in becoming a surgeon. Many other students that attend a level chemistry want to go into medical as well, hence why they are studying it. Currently, we are being taught 2 modules, one by Miss Acon and the other by Mr Tata. With Miss Acon, we are currently on module 4, where we learn about organic chemistry. Our recent topic was about organic reagents and types of reactions. In that lesson, we discussed about homolytic and heterolytic fission, how to tell the difference between them using curly arrows that are shown in structural formulas. Then, we talked about the different types of reagents being, nucleophiles, electrophiles, and radicals. We talked about how certain elements, ions or compounds can either give electrons or accept them, depending on whether which it is decides what the reagent is. Then, we talked about the types of reactions; addition, substitutional, and elimination. We all get involved with the lesson to make sure that any future tests that we get given, we will be ready for the questions given. With Mr Tata, we mention about Boltzmann theory and equilibrium. Overall, my lessons with them have been meaningful, fun and great experience for me to learn from them and by me and my peers.”

By Jordan

Opportunities – NHS Virtual Work Experience



Places are now available for the May intake of the free National NHS Virtual Work Experience programme, featuring Surgery and Dental Hygiene! Virtual work experiences have been accepted by the Medical Schools and Dental Schools Council as valuable alternatives to in-person shadowing, backed by the Health Education England Discovery report on the impact of virtual work placements.

This opportunity provides students with valuable insight into healthcare careers and is a strong addition to UCAS and apprenticeship applications.

Unifrog and Careers Opportunities

This July, we'll be launching Unifrog's first Virtual Summer School for your Year 12 students (2027 entry cohort). This is a free, three-day online programme to support students as they begin exploring university options and preparing for applications.

The Young Professionals Business & Accounting Virtual May Half-Term Work Experience

Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th May, 10am - 4pm

Two-day May half term Business and Accounting virtual work experience for students looking to get into the accounting and professional services industry. This two-day online event will take place during the May half term and feature some of the world's biggest companies, including KPMG, BDO, Grant Thornton, S&W, and more.

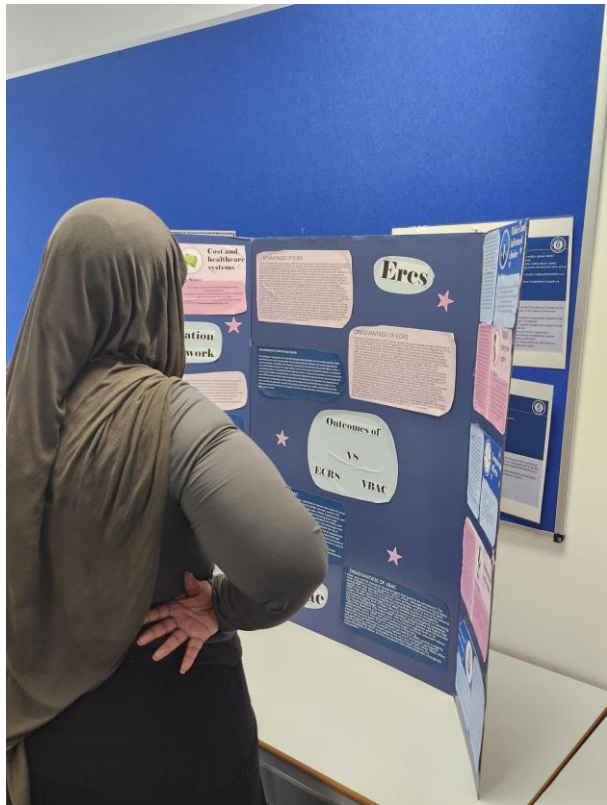
This is a free event to attend and a fantastic addition to your CV and LinkedIn profile.

Enrichment Relaunch

Enrichment has been successfully relaunched with a wide range of options including EPQ, CCF, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Charity, Work Experience, Primary, Board Games, Reading Warrior, Music, PE, Entrepreneurship, British Sign Language and Reading.

This is what Demeesha has to say about it, 'Being part of primary enrichment has been a really enjoyable experience in sixth form. It has given us the opportunity to work with younger students and help support them in different activities and lessons. At first it felt a little nerve-racking, but over time it became something I looked forward to each week. One of the best parts has been building relationships with the children and seeing their confidence grow. Whether it is helping them with reading, classwork, or simply encouraging them to participate, it feels rewarding knowing that even small actions can make a difference to their day. Primary enrichment has also helped me develop my own skills, especially communication, patience, and leadership. It has taught me how important it is to be positive, supportive, and a good role model for younger students as well as how to be more outgoing and less shy.'







Thought for the Week

Success in exams comes from consistent effort, preparation and determination. By working hard, staying focused and giving your best each day, you place yourself in the strongest position to achieve your goals.

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