

NIA 6 Updates



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Attendance Matters

Following feedback from students, we have introduced an updated reward system to continue promoting excellent attendance and punctuality. From now on, students will receive a Dress Down Day every other week, with a movie afternoon at NIA6 taking place on the alternate weeks.

This initiative recognises students who are on time every day, on time to every lesson, and who attend every day. With examinations now underway, strong attendance and punctuality are more important than ever to ensure students are fully prepared and supported.

Year 12 attendance this week was 95.5%, with 22 late marks recorded. Year 13 attendance remained at 90.2%, with 16 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 success.

Students are reminded to continue with regular, planned revision and to ensure they 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. All exams are based at NIA, so students should allow sufficient travel time.

It is also vital that students arrive with the correct equipment for each exam, including black pens, calculators (where permitted), rulers, pencils, and any subject-specific equipment. Being fully prepared helps reduce anxiety and ensures students can focus entirely on their performance.

Year 12 UCAS Applications Talk

On Monday, our Year 12 students welcomed a speaker from the University of Northampton for an informative talk on UCAS applications.

The session supported students as they begin to think carefully about their next steps after sixth form, offering helpful guidance on the university application process and what to consider when preparing for the future.

The talk promoted inclusion by ensuring all students had access to clear advice, encouraged innovation through forward thinking guidance, and made a real impact by helping students feel more confident about applying to university.

Thank you to the University of Northampton for supporting our students as they prepare for their futures.



University of Northampton Workshop

Students recently welcomed Dr Laura-Jane Devanny from the University of Northampton for an engaging classroom workshop.

The session gave students the opportunity to take part in a university-led learning experience, encouraging them to explore ideas, develop their thinking and engage with creative approaches to the future.

Thank you to Dr Laura-Jane Devanny and the University of Northampton for supporting our students and providing an inspiring session.



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 Biology

A Level Biology is a highly respected subject that supports progression into a wide range of university courses and careers, including medicine, nursing, biomedical sciences, veterinary science, physiotherapy, psychology, and environmental science. It develops analytical thinking, practical skills, and scientific literacy valued by universities and employers.

“Over the past 2 weeks in biology with Ms. Naiker we have been going over plasma membranes, their components and what substance can pass through them and how. It’s nice as it involves areas we covered in topics that we’ve done earlier in the year. The lessons are very entertaining as we do a lot of different tasks and interesting independent work and research. With Dr. Aston we’ve been going over the heart and circulatory system and its components such as arteries and how it differs to other animals. It can get quite complicated but its enjoyable as it involves learning about a part of our own body.”

Thought for the Week

The first step towards change is awareness. The second step is acceptance. By recognising who we are, accepting ourselves, and respecting one another, we create an environment where everyone can grow, improve, and succeed together.