

NIA 6 Updates



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Attendance initiative – dress down reward

Our Sixth Form continues to thrive, and to ensure this we want to remind you that high levels of attendance enables students to access the very best quality of education, maximise every learning opportunity and achieve the grades they are capable of. Well done to all students who are showing such commitment and dedication to their studies.

We are excited to remind students about our attendance initiative. Those who attend all lessons on time and achieve 100% attendance will be rewarded with a dress down day. The

next dress down day will take place on Friday 6th March. Students will be informed next week if they have successfully met the criteria. Keep up the excellent effort — your commitment does not go unnoticed.



Charity Enrichment Group update

A huge well done to the Charity Enrichment Group, who raised £16.05 from the sale of heart-shaped lollies during the last week of term for Valentine's Day. The money raised will be donated to the Stroke Association. Thank you to everyone who supported this thoughtful initiative.

Look out for future events throughout the year as the group continues to raise money for a variety of charities and make a positive difference in our wider community. In addition, the Charity Enrichment Group will be visiting the McCarthy-Dixon Foundation on Friday 6th March to help put together food parcels as part of a work experience opportunity. This is a fantastic example of service, responsibility and active citizenship in action.



Student Leadership – Ramadan assembly

On Monday, **Temi, Cirine, Abdulqafar** and **Ahmed** delivered an informative and thoughtful assembly on Ramadan as part of our continued commitment to celebrating diversity and promoting understanding within our Sixth Form community.

They explained that Ramadan is the 9th month of the Islamic calendar and is considered the holiest month for Muslims. During this time, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset, meaning no food or drink is consumed during daylight hours. Ramadan is a time for reflection, charity and self-improvement — a time to strengthen faith and gain deeper knowledge and understanding.

Fasting helps develop discipline, patience and mindfulness. Going hours without food or water helps build empathy for those who may go days or weeks without access to food, encouraging charitable action and generosity.

Muslims fast to strengthen their relationship with God. It is seen as an act of worship, allowing individuals to step away from constant comfort and distractions in order to focus on gratitude, self-control and living with greater awareness and purpose.

Some of the core values of Ramadan include self-discipline, charity, patience, gathering with family and friends and spiritual purification.

Students also shared how non-Muslims can be supportive during this time: being respectful and understanding of fasting hours, avoiding pressuring friends to eat or making jokes about fasting, being patient if someone seems a little more tired than usual and asking respectful questions if they are curious and want to learn.

We are incredibly proud of our students for delivering such a meaningful and educational assembly.



Radio traineeship with the University of Northampton

NIA6 students have successfully completed a Radio Traineeship delivered in partnership with the University of Northampton.

As part of the programme, students have worked closely with University of Northampton staff and will also be taking part in an additional Media Discovery Day at the University's Waterside Campus. This upcoming visit will give students the opportunity to hear from Media academics, learn from faculty technicians, and explore the range of facilities available.

The traineeship and discovery experience together provide students with valuable insight into media related courses and career pathways, supporting them as they consider future opportunities within the creative industries.



NIA6 students visit Barclays

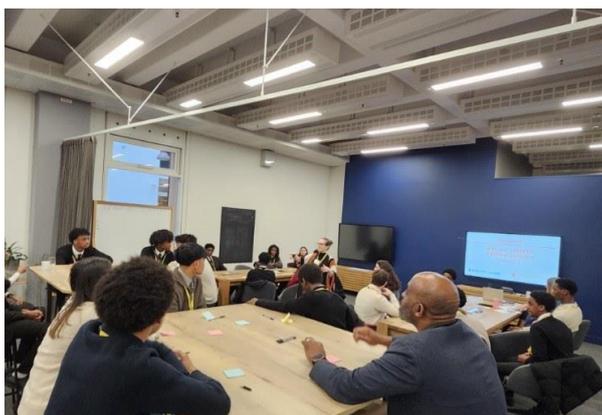
NIA6 students recently took part in a work experience visit to Barclays, where they gained valuable insight into the corporate working environment and developed key employability skills.

Students took part in activities focused on teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and professional behaviour, while also receiving guidance and advice from supportive staff and volunteers.

Reflecting on the experience, Abdulrahman said:

“It was very insightful and gave me a good view into the proceedings of the corporate world. The experience helped develop my confidence, workplace skills, and interest in future career opportunities.”



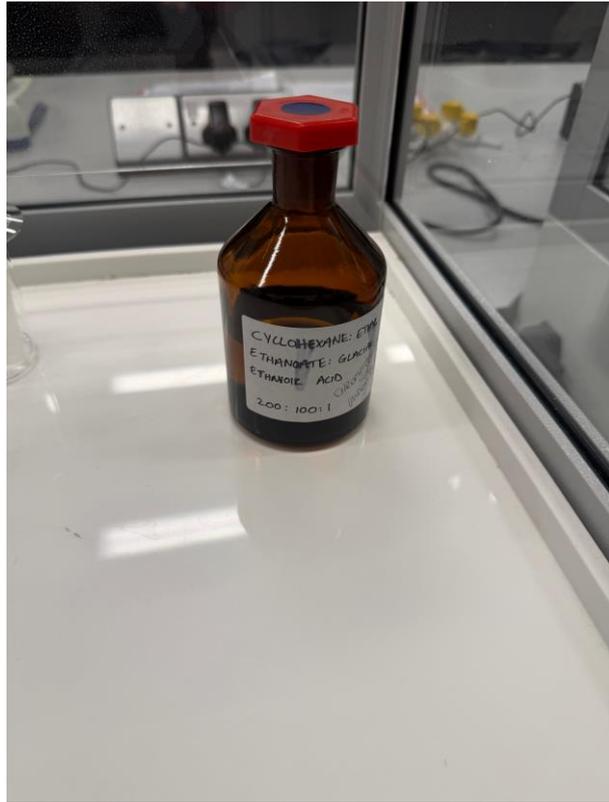


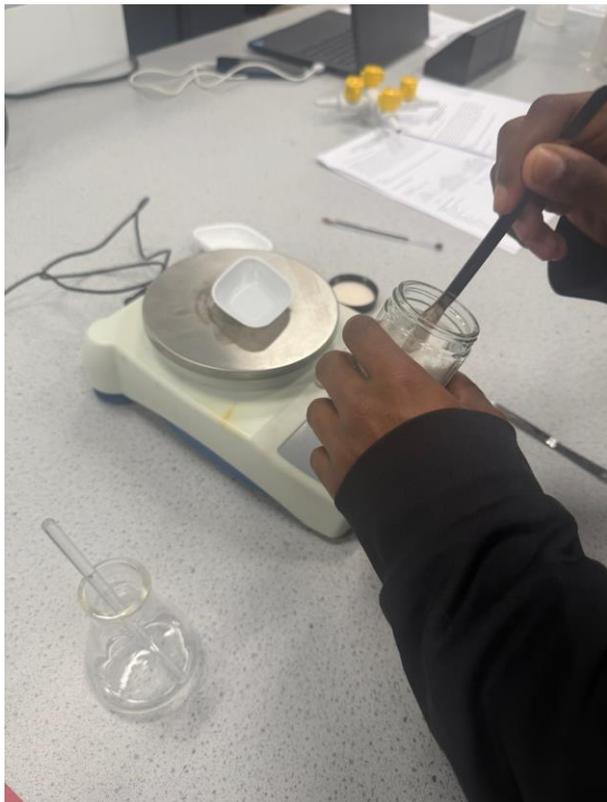
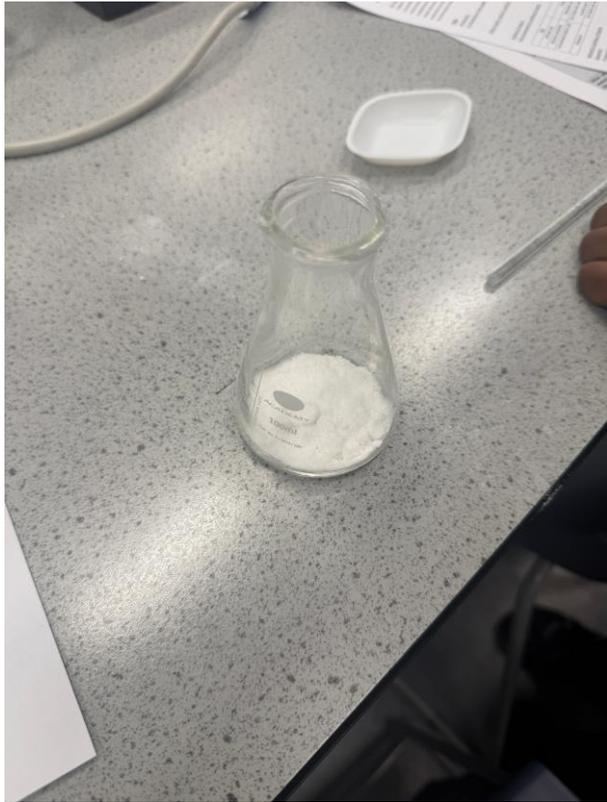
Year 13 Applied Science students in action

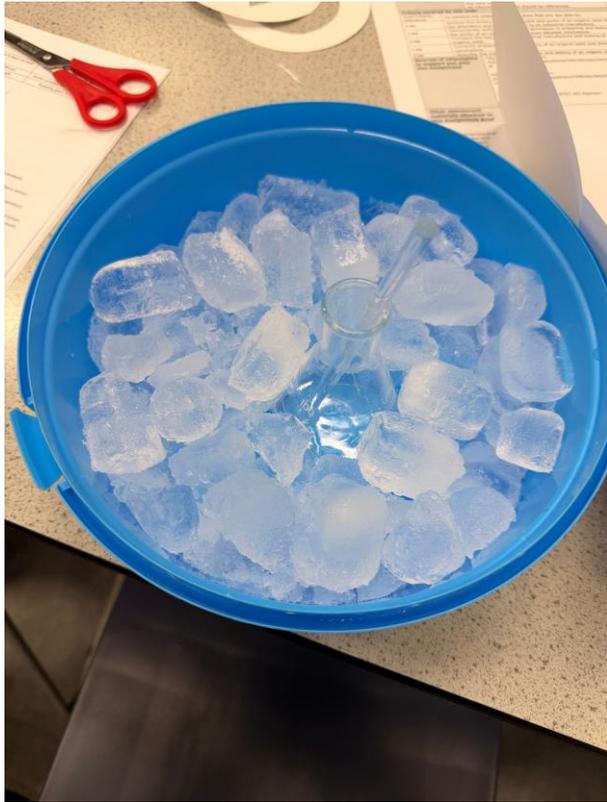
Our Year 13 Applied Science students recently completed another successful practical, synthesizing aspirin in the laboratory. This exciting hands-on session allowed students to experience how chemistry is applied in the real world, while developing confidence, precision, and excellent practical skills.

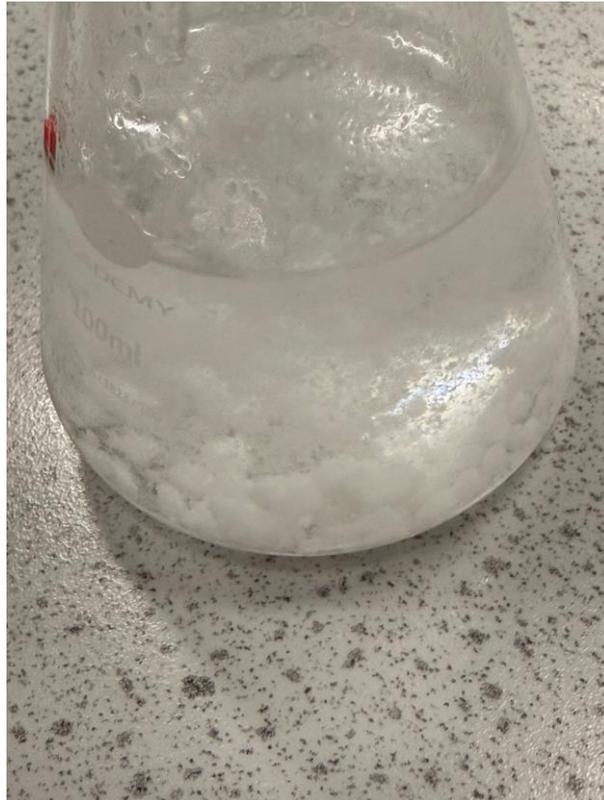
We are incredibly proud of their focus, teamwork, and professionalism throughout the session, a fantastic example of Applied Science in action!











Student spotlight – Georgia’s outstanding achievement

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Georgia and her recent accomplishments.

Before half term, Georgia conducted a live interview for a Northampton radio station to speak about her experience at NIA CCF and her prestigious new role as a First Sea Lord Cadet.

She shared:

“Before half term I had the pleasure of conducting a live interview for a Northampton radio station. Whilst it was quite daunting, it was a new experience for me and helped build my confidence in that environment. I was asked to do this interview to talk about my cadet experience here at NIA CCF, but also my new role as a First Sea Lord Cadet.

After my recent investiture in Portsmouth and my ambassador training in London last month, I have learnt so much about the experience and have an insight into the exciting year ahead. The role allows me to be an example of, and advocate for, the CCF organisation, act as a representative for the First Sea Lord, and attend high-profile events, having the opportunity to engage with new people within the Royal Navy and other cadet organisations.”

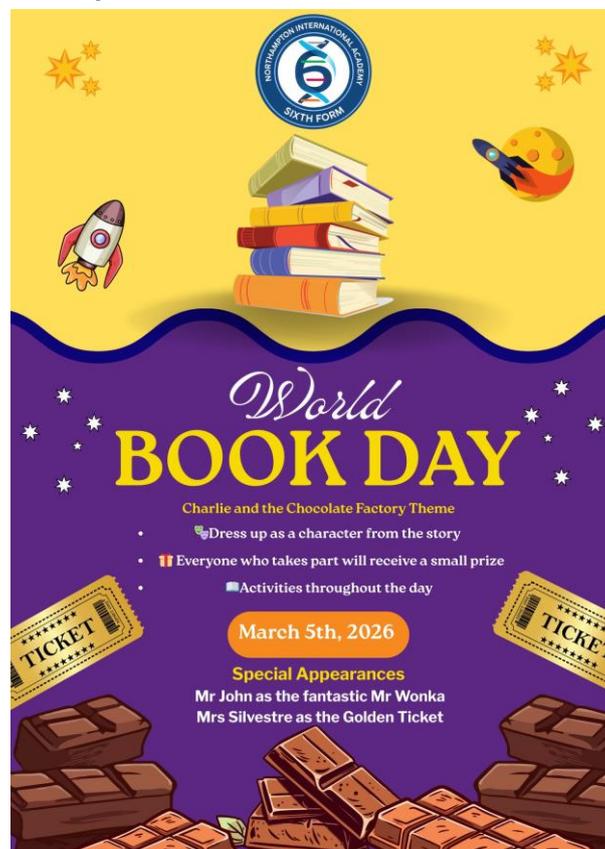
Georgia’s confidence, leadership and commitment are a true credit to herself and to our Sixth Form community. We look forward to seeing all that she achieves in the year ahead.

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.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March



We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March.

This year, NIA will be celebrating with a Charlie and the Chocolate Factory theme. Students are encouraged to dress up as characters from the story, and anyone who takes part will receive a small prize. There will also be a variety of activities throughout the day to celebrate the joy and importance of reading.

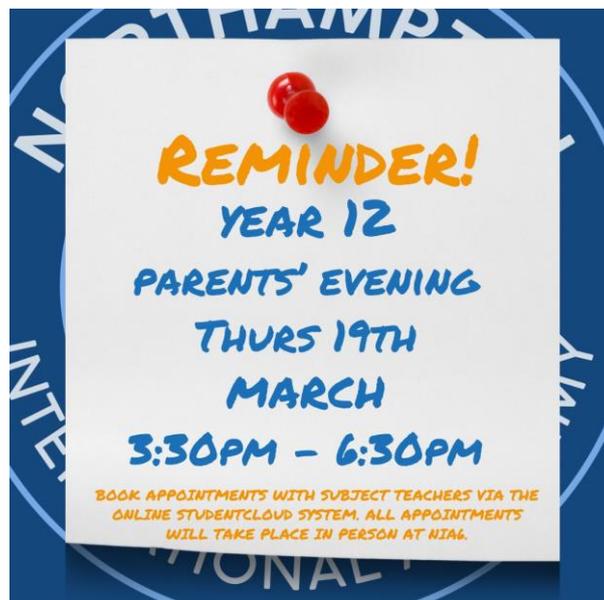
We are especially excited that Mr John will be transforming into the fantastic Mr Wonka and Mrs Silvestre will be appearing as a Golden Ticket.

We cannot wait to see the creativity, enthusiasm and school spirit on display.

Year 12 Parents' Evening – Thursday 19th March

Year 12 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 19th March. This is a valuable opportunity to celebrate progress and discuss next steps as students continue their Sixth Form journey. Please book appointments with subject teachers via the online StudentCloud system. All appointments will take place in person at NIA6.

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers into Sixth Form.



Thought for the Week: what does success really look like?



When we think about success, it is often measured in grades, results or achievements. But is that the full picture?

Success can also be measured by the effort we put in when things feel challenging, the way we treat other people, the support we give to friends and classmates, the resilience we show when something does not go to plan and the pride we take in doing our very best.

Making the most of our opportunities means showing up consistently, saying yes to new experiences, stepping outside our comfort zones and being willing to learn from both success and setback.

Being proud of ourselves might look like knowing we gave something our full effort, choosing kindness even when it is not the easiest option, helping others to succeed alongside us, setting goals and working steadily towards them and growing in confidence because we challenged ourselves

As a Sixth Form community, let us continue striving not only for academic achievement, but also for character, compassion and contribution. True success is not only about what we accomplish — it is about who we become along the way.