



NIA6 NEWS



Student Leadership Tour with Melanie Barnett, Director of Children's Services

We had the honour of welcoming Melanie Barnett, the Director of Children's Services, to NIA6. Our Year 12 Student Assistant Head, Ismail, alongside Year 10 Student Leadership representatives, guided her through the sixth form facilities. The tour highlighted various student spaces, academic resources, and social hubs within NIA6. This was a great chance for our Student Leadership team to share their experiences and showcase what makes NIA6 such a dynamic environment for learning and personal growth.

Media Traineeship Opportunity with the University of Northampton

We're thrilled to announce a new Media Traineeship with the University of Northampton! Christine Webster from UoN will be visiting NIA6 next week to introduce this hands-on opportunity in video production, digital content, and storytelling. This is perfect for students wanting practical experience and a strong media portfolio.

Stay tuned for details on Christine's visit.

Calling All Year 12 Students! Help Us Create the NIA6 Newsletter

Would you like to gain experience in journalism, digital media, or communication? We're offering Year 12 students the chance to take control of the weekly NIA6 newsletter. You'll work closely with the NIA6 team, develop editing and design skills, and bring fresh perspectives to each issue. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain practical experience and have your voice heard in our community! If you're interested, email Mrs Hayward to join the team.



Interested in Joining NIA6 in September 2025? Register Your Interest Now!

If you're considering joining NIA6 next academic year, you can now register your interest using our online form at <https://nia.emat.uk/sixthform>. This is the first step into providing future students with a comprehensive introduction to the sixth form. Registration of interest will be open for a limited time, with full application forms becoming available later this half term.



Find out more about NIA6 on our website



NIA6 Varsity Jackets Available!



Don't forget about our varsity jackets! Designed specifically for our sixth formers, these jackets offer a unique way for students to express school spirit while adding a personal touch with custom colours and their names/nicknames. To support our students, learners who qualify for a bursary are eligible to receive one jacket, which will be provided upon confirmation of size and colour choice. Please note, each bursary-eligible learner is entitled to only one jacket.

The jackets have been very popular among students, so be sure to talk to our NIA6 team if you are interested in ordering!



Year 12 Football Match at the Racecourse



This morning, Year 12 students kicked off their Core PE session with an exciting football match at the Racecourse. Demonstrating NIA's commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles, the session provided an excellent opportunity for physical activity and team-building. Students brought plenty of energy, enthusiasm, and a strong sense of teamwork to the field. Core PE is one of many ways NIA6 supports student well-being and physical health, and today's game was a fantastic display of our commitment to exercise and camaraderie.



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Positive Feedback on Counsellor Sessions



School Counselling Available!

Need someone to talk to? Our school counsellor is here to help with confidential, caring support. Your well-being matters!

Schedule a session now!

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This week marked the start of on-site counselling sessions with Lizanne Hudson, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Having a dedicated counsellor on campus allows students to access support for personal and academic challenges in a comfortable, confidential setting. Here is a quote from a student who attended the initial drop-in sessions:

"I had a very good experience overall. The counsellor was incredibly kind, understanding, and easy to talk to. They really took the time to listen and made me feel comfortable throughout the session."

Lizanne is available for appointments during Week A Thursday, Period 3, and Week B Tuesday, Period 3. To schedule a session, email Lizanne.Hudson@nia.emat.uk.

Inspiring Talks from UCL and University of Hertfordshire

This Tuesday, Year 12 students had the opportunity to attend insightful presentations by representatives from University College London (UCL) and the University of Hertfordshire. Each session covered key areas such as the university experience, potential career pathways, and the unique advantages of each institution.

UCL's session delved into topics like personal statements, the value of debates, why students might choose a Russell Group university, and tips on selecting the right institution. The University of Hertfordshire emphasised the importance of balancing academic success with a vibrant social life, highlighting how a supportive environment contributes to overall student well-being.

Here's what some of our students had to say:

"The UCL meeting changed my outlook on university and gave me a wider understanding about universities and how to make an appropriate choice for university." – Oleg

"The UCL workshop on personal statements was inspiring. It showed me how unique experiences and passions make applications stand out. The tips and tricks given were insightful and helpful." – Rayyan

These talks aim to prepare our students for the decision-making process around their next steps. We encourage all students to explore the broad spectrum of options, keeping an open mind as they shape their future plans.

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