



Newsome Academy

GCSE Press Release & Summer Update - 24th August 2023

# Congratulations

Newsome Academy is pleased to report another year of outstanding achievements by our amazing students in their GCSEs and other qualifications this summer. Over the past 4 years and pre-pandemic, the Academy has grown from strength to strength and this year is no exception! We are immensely proud of our students and include some success stories for our families and community below.



- There was a total of 62 grade 9's, 42 grade 8's and 45 grade 7's achieved.
- We usually publish individuals but not all have opened their results and are waiting to celebrate with their families so I will publish this in another statement when we return.

- This year, students returned to the second year of 'normal' exams following the adjusted previous two years during and after the pandemic. This brought some surprises for students - whether it be the experience of having formal exams or the (in some areas) adaptations of examined topics. Overall, students have demonstrated resilience and maturity, and this has been personally heartwarming to watch as Headteacher. Another needed mention is the tremendous support and care that our families offer their child - having worked in 5 secondary schools, Newsome families stand out by far and I congratulate you on the effort and lengths taken to ensure the right support and challenge that you have offered your child through the exam season. It is only by working together that we can make the biggest and most positive difference in our children's lives, and we certainly have that within our community.
- A special mention also needs to go out to our dedicated staff - teaching and non-teaching. I have witnessed relentless time, passion and dedication by them to ensure your child has had every opportunity to prepare for their exams. Whether it be in the classroom, pastorally or the administration offices, they have worked tirelessly to ensure students are all able to progress onto further education and study, and we look forward to seeing what they will achieve in the future. Newsome Academy prides itself on outperforming other schools locally and nationally in those that secure and move onto further education and training.
- Over the last academic year, we have had 7 formal external reviews – all expressing how wonderful our Academy, Students and general climate is. This is something we will continue to grow and improve.



**Well done to everyone for all their hard work and remember - being a Newsome Student is for life, not just your time when at school - we are always here for you!**



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## Exciting News!

Our new and current students have lots to look forward to when they return in September. The building has had FURTHER investments including...

**Here's what to look forward to in September:**

- More drinks facilities in social areas so students can get fresh and chilled water.
- Our new Library and Learning resource Centre.
- New Pastoral Hub where students can get access our increased Team and support.
- Our £300k Southgate Learning Campus for 2 small groups of Southgate Students.
- Improved car parking facilities to support our growing Academy Campus.
- Improved outdoor spaces for students to socialise.
- More updated classrooms to support our ongoing curriculum development.
- New Technology Workshop and Suite for Design Technology.
- New learning spaces, eating spaces, toilet facilities and new classrooms with cutting-edge technology. We are excited to see students take full advantage when they return to school.
- We will be welcoming 15 additional staff including increased teachers and Pastoral support including some talented Canadian Teachers which have been hand-picked by us.



## Start of Term Info

Key information about when your child returns.

**Here's a reminder of when students return. Please remember the uniform policy so students are fully equipped and ready to get back to learning.**

- **Wednesday 6th September:** NEW Year 7 students ONLY.
- **Thursday 7th September:** All students return at usual Academy times (08:30 line-Ups).

Remember to refer to our new academic year calendar ([click here](#)) with holidays included. Please note that there may be slight additions outside of these times for any events we plan during the school term.



**Our Twitter for Communication – Now 'X' (!?). This is a hard one to get used to!**

- Remember to follow us on X (previously Twitter). All our families should use this as the one-stop-shop for all news and information.
- Key reminders will be uploaded on here so please download the free App or use our [homepage feed](#) where you can see posts from us.

Have a wonderful remainder of the summer break and I very much look forward to working with you to ensure the new Academic Year of 2023/24 is another amazing one!

**Mr D Watkin** - Headteacher



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