

Headteacher

# BREAKFAST BRIEFING



WEEKLY COMMUNICATION FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

## HALF-TERM 1

This is our weekly Newsletter which will be sent out each week throughout the school term. The same information is shared with all students during our whole-school Seminar.

*Families are to use this as well as our Twitter (X) to maximise home/school communication.*

## KEY INFORMATION LINKS

### Term Calendar

*An overview of the school year (subject to some changes (assessment periods))*



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KEY MESSAGES | CURRENT AFFAIRS | CONTEXTUALISED READING

Useful Links

*Remember to also go through your Head of Year if you need anything...*

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# HALF-TERM 1: 3 (A)

# WEEK COMMENCING 18TH SEPTEMBER 2023

# WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES



# Newsome Academy

## WEEK 3 (A)

W/C 18TH SEPTEMBER



# WEEK AT A GLANCE

- All students will be having their **photos taken** on Thursday. Any students that we don't get to will be taken next Monday.
- **School clubs** - overview will be sent out this week – make sure you sign up to some.
- **Corridor expectations** – remember we always walk to the left and keep calm. This adds extra care for less mobile students.
- **Remember to use ClassCharts** - there are separate log-ins for students and families. Contact your head of Year if you want to know more.

RITA					IMPORTANT LINKS & KEY INFORMATION  <a href="#">23/24 CALENDAR</a> <a href="#">SCHOOL CLUBS</a> <a href="#">LETTERS HOME</a>
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
	<i>Open Evening.</i>		<i>Student photos – day 1. Next day will be Monday.</i>		

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Services Mr Shahzad Ms Gaye Mr Holmes	Safeguarding Ms Robinson Ms Wood Ms LeRoy Ms Brook PC Woods
Ms Crossland	Ms Fletcher	Ms Sykes	Mr Naeem	Ms Hallworth Ms Carter*		

# School calendar 2023/24



2023					2024						
August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
1 Tu	1 Fr	1 Su	1 We	1 Fr	1 Mo <small>New Year's Day</small>	1 Th	1 Fr	1 Mo <small>Easter Monday</small>	1 We	1 Sa	1 Mo
2 We	2 Sa	2 Mo	2 Th	2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Fr	2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Th	2 Su	2 Tu
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6 We	6 Sa	6 Mo	6 We	6 We	6 Sa	6 Tu	6 We	6 Sa	6 Mo <small>Early May Bk. Hol.</small>	6 Th	6 Sa
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15 Th	15 Su	15 Tu	15 Th	15 Fr	15 Mo	15 Th	15 Fr	15 Mo	15 We	15 Sa	15 Mo
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24 Fr	24 Mo	24 We	24 Fr	24 Tu	24 We	24 Sa	24 Su	24 We	24 Fr	24 Mo	24 We
25 Tu	25 Th	25 Su	25 Tu	25 We	25 Mo <small>Christmas Day</small>	25 Tu	25 We	25 Mo	25 We	25 Sa	25 Th
26 We	26 Sa	26 Mo	26 We	26 Sa	26 Tu <small>Boxing Day</small>	26 Fr	26 Mo	26 Tu	26 Fr	26 Su	26 Fr
27 Th	27 Su	27 Tu	27 Th	27 Mo	27 We	27 Sa	27 Tu	27 We	27 Sa	27 We	27 Sa
28 Fr	28 Mo <small>August Bk. Hol.</small>	28 We	28 Fr	28 Tu	28 Th	28 Su	28 We	28 Th	28 Su	28 Tu	28 Su
29 Tu	29 Th	29 Su	29 Tu	29 We	29 Fr	29 Mo	29 Tu	29 Th	29 Mo <small>Spring Bk. Hol.</small>	29 We	29 Mo
30 We	30 Sa	30 Mo	30 We	30 Th	30 Sa	30 Tu	30 We	30 Fr <small>Good Friday</small>	30 Mo	30 We	30 Mo
31 Th	31 Su	31 Tu	31 Th	31 Su	31 We		31 Su		31 Fr		31 We

**WE ARE HERE**

3 weeks  
37 HT weeks

make every day count.



Follow us on Twitter (X)



**NEWSOME ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**

what do we learn about the characters?

- Read through the remainder of the staging
- Complete the table to analyse the initial characterisation of the Birling family

Character	Role and Class	Key Phrases	Characteristics / Information
Mr Arthur Birling	Upper middle class	...I'm a hard-headed, practical man of business.	...I'm a hard-headed, practical man of business.
Mr Sybil Birling	Upper middle class	...I'm a hard-headed, practical man of business.	...I'm a hard-headed, practical man of business.
Eric Birling	Upper middle class	...I'm a hard-headed, practical man of business.	...I'm a hard-headed, practical man of business.
Sheila Birling	Upper middle class	...I'm a hard-headed, practical man of business.	...I'm a hard-headed, practical man of business.
Gerald Croft	Upper middle class	...I'm a hard-headed, practical man of business.	...I'm a hard-headed, practical man of business.
Eddie	Upper middle class	...I'm a hard-headed, practical man of business.	...I'm a hard-headed, practical man of business.
Sheila Birling	Upper middle class	...I'm a hard-headed, practical man of business.	...I'm a hard-headed, practical man of business.
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**LEARNING SKILLS FOCI:** (Icons for various skills)



# Social Time Eating

- Some (especially Y7) are getting used to systems at social times.
- Remember that there are several areas which you can use – most students are using the Canteen.
- Remember to also use the Dining Hall.
- If in doubt – ask a member of staff or student.



# Agenda



## **Attendance & Punctuality**

*Why it's important, what support is in school and what the processes are to ensure you get the best education possible.*

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

6 days or less  
absence per year

97% or above

**VERY GOOD  
THIS IS YOUR  
TARGET**

Between  
7 and 19 days  
absence per year

90% - 96%

**BELOW  
EXPECTATIONS**

More  
than 19 days  
absence per year

Under 90%

**POOR  
ATTENDANCE**

Those that **attend, achieve!**



## Attendance

- Every moment in school counts, and days missed add up quickly. For example, a child in Year 10 who is absent for three days over a half term could miss 15 lessons in total. The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments.
- There is a direct link between those that have high attendance and that succeed in their studies – this is especially a fact for those that attend Newsome.
- Schools are (rightly) challenged for ensuring every child understands and attends regularly. This sometimes means the Local Authority issuing fines for those regularly absent.



# Prepared for a Resilient Winter

- **Nights are drawing in** – you will struggle getting out of bed.
- The days are getting colder, you won't want to leave the house.
- **Sniffles, headaches and seasonal viruses** will be doing the rounds – you'll feel poorly.
- **Transport** - roads might be a challenge including delays.

## How School Supports You

- Before/After School activities
- Free breakfast everyday
- Education on aspiration
- Home Calls/Visits
- Family meetings
- Pastoral support
- Referral to various services
- Counselling
- Safeguarding
- Rewards



# HINTS | TIPS | ADVICE | GUIDANCE

## Achieve Amazing Attendance

- **Running late?** Just get here as soon as you can - better late than never - let us know with a phone call if possible.
- **Make doctors and dentists appointments during the school holidays or after school.** If you can only make an appointment during the school day, make it for the afternoon and get into school first to get the correct mark in the register. Appointments shouldn't last all day.
- **Have good hygiene** - regular hand washing and using a tissue will help prevent them picking up or passing on bugs that lead to absence due to illness.
- **Avoid holidays during the school term** – students are not automatically entitled to any leave. If your family is planning one, they will be asked to complete a request for absence from school form. All requests will be assessed on their own individual merit. You may be issued a penalty notice by the Local Authority if you continue with leave that is not authorised by the school.

## Punctuality Pointers

- Remember **school opens at 8:00 AM** and all students should be at line-ups before 8:30 AM.
- Don't let **waiting for mates** make you late into school.
- Get your child their own **alarm** clock.
- **Get everything ready the night before** - uniform, packed lunch, PE kit ... Don't forget the breakfast things.
- Come even earlier and **join us for FREE breakfast** at 8:00 every morning in the Dining Room.
- **Set that alarm** clock five minutes fast.
- Don't allow **TV or computer games** before everyone is ready - if at all.
- Remember if you are late, a detention is issued at social time.

## Too Sick For School – Additional Guidance

- Children get colds and headaches often but **don't always need to miss a full day of school**. Try getting them to eat something, drink plenty of water or if necessary give a suitable medication according to packet or GP instructions. If they feel better later on, bring them to school, even if they have missed the morning - just give us a quick call to let us know when to expect you.
- **Use us**. It is better to send your child to school in all circumstances. If we feel they are too unwell to stay we will send them home. You cannot be referred for poor attendance if the school makes the decision for your child to remain at home.
- Remember, flu is a serious illness and very different to a cold, if your child has flu, you will be asked to provide medical evidence.
- You may be asked to provide medical evidence for other absences. We know that it is not easy to get a note from the GP. Evidence can be in the form of; an appointment card, attendance note, prescription or prescribed medication (Labelled and dated).
- If your child is likely to be absent due to a long term illness, please come and speak to us so that we can put a plan of support in place.
- If your child breaks a bone, they should be able to attend school very soon after a cast or splint is applied, if this is not the case, you should provide an explanation – and evidence, including how long they will likely be absent for. Remember, alternative arrangements can be made to ensure your child is safe in school while they are healing. If they can't write, they can still listen and learn in other ways.



# Lots of prizes to be won for high attendance!



HELLO  
September

A graphic featuring the word "HELLO" in a simple, black, sans-serif font above the word "September" in a black, cursive script font. To the right of the text are several stylized autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and brown.

*Vouchers, Speakers, Trips, Rewards & more!*

# Attendance Team Wars Competition

## Queue Skipping Passes

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11



# Breakfast Briefing Exit

## Wave 1

Year 7 – Gym exit to Zone 4 (Maths).

Year 11 – Sportshall exit to Zones 1-3 and PE.

## Wave 2

Year 8 – Gym exit to Zone 5 (Science).

Year 9 – Sportshall exit to Zones 1-3

## Wave 3

Year 10 – Sportshall exit to Zone 6 (VTC)



*thank you*

*We have had lots of kind  
messages and praise from  
our new families – it means  
a lot!*