

Headteacher

BREAKFAST BRIEFING

KEY MESSAGES | CURRENT AFFAIRS | CONTEXTUALISED READING

HALF-TERM 1 WEEK 6 (B)
W/C 9TH OCTOBER 2023

Useful Links

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

Term Calendar

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



Our Twitter (X) is our key info sharing platform. All families should be using this.

Letters Home

All the letters sent to our families. Please also add us on Twitter (X).

Our Trust Our Family



Our family of academies work collaboratively to create a trust Where Hearts & Minds Connect with value-driven partners to ensure education impacts positively on students, staff and communities we serve.

WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

3

weeks until Half-Term Break.

34/24(Y11)

weeks until summer break.

make every day count.

WE ARE HERE

School calendar 2023/24



2023					2024						
August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
1 Tu		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 Mo	2 Th	2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Fr	2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Th	2 Su	2 Tu
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6 Su		6 Fr	6 Mo	6 We	6 Sa	6 Tu	6 We	6 Sa	6 Mo <small>Early May Bk. Hol.</small>	6 Th	6 Sa
7 Mo		7 Sa	7 Tu	7 Th	7 Su	7 We	7 Th	7 Su	7 Tu	7 Fr	7 Su
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28 Mo <small>August Bk. Hol.</small>		28 Th	28 Sa	28 Tu	28 Th	28 Su	28 We	28 Th	28 Su	28 Tu	28 Fr
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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%

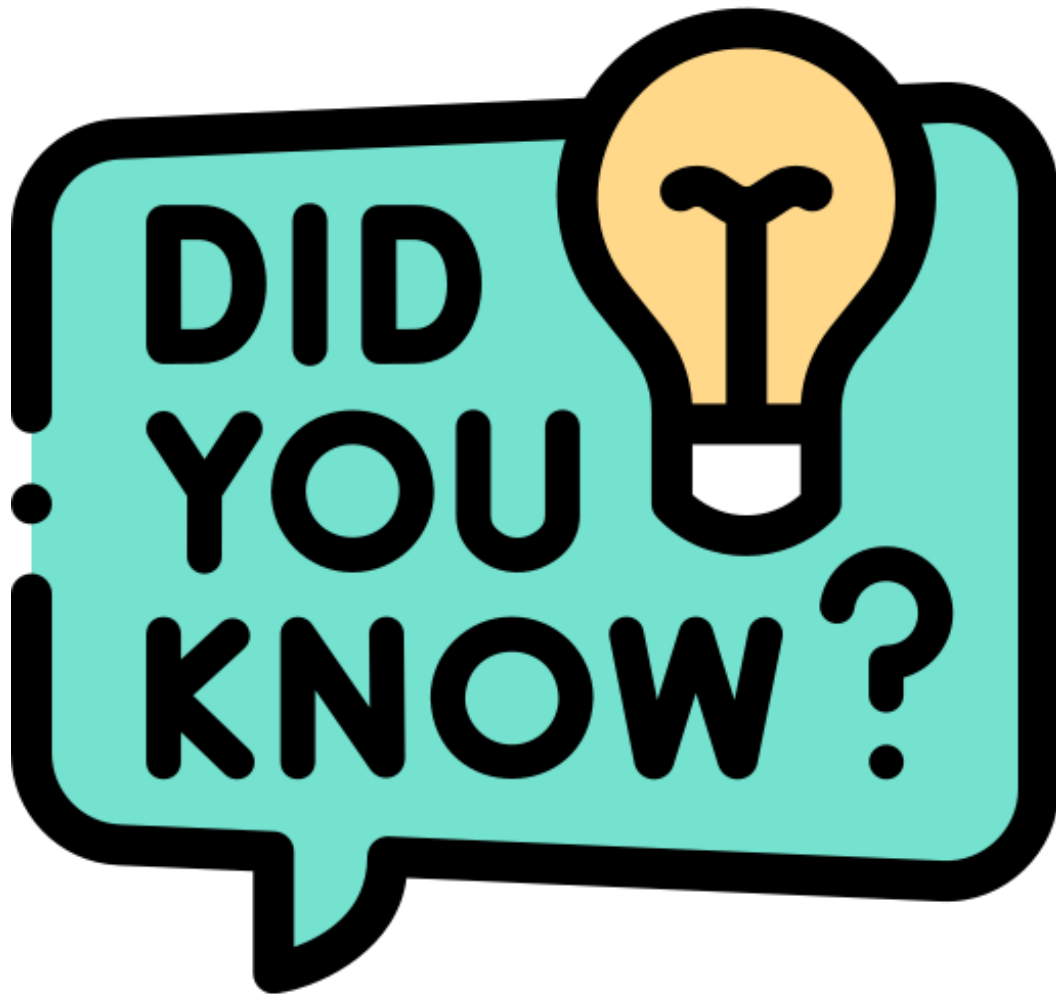
**BELOW
EXPECTATIONS**

More
than 19 days
absence per year

Under 90%

**POOR
ATTENDANCE**

Those that **attend, achieve!**



Newsome Academy **attendance was higher than schools nationally** last year.

Newsome Academy students achieved their **best-ever results** last year.

Can you see how improved attendance improves your child's attendance?

Please support us in supporting your child to achieve by ensuring they have high attendance to open more 'doors of opportunity in their futures.



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WEEK AT A GLANCE

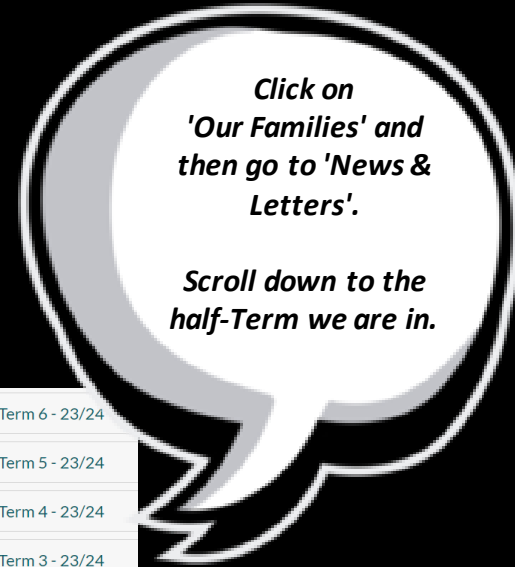
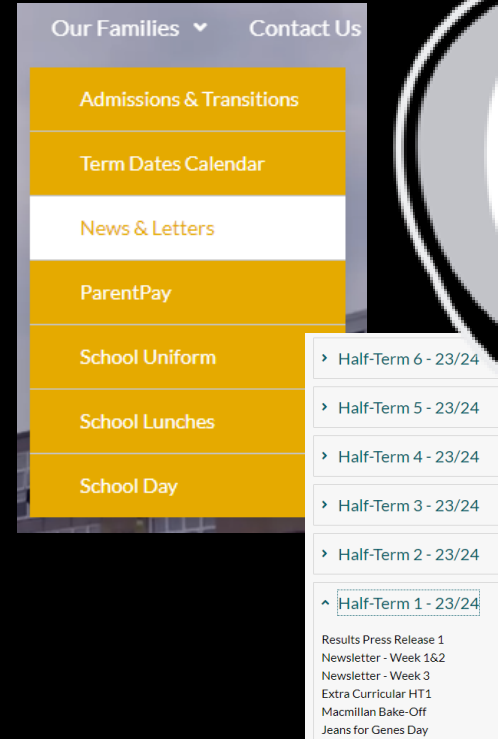
REFLECTIONS

- **Another great week with high standards and students eager to learn.** I walk around, with a great big smile because of how lovely our climate for learning is. Common colds and Covid has been doing the rounds again which has led to staff absence but
- **We have welcomed 100 additional students** since summer due to our great reputation and our offering - above and beyond that of many local schools. It's lovely to hear little snippets of students that have moved to our school saying "students aren't fighting all the time" and "you learn more here".
- **Remember to download the Class Charts App** to ensure you see your child's progress.
- **Remember to download Twitter (X)** to see the great things we do. Please also compare this to other schools!

RITA					IMPORTANT LINKS & KEY INFORMATION 23/24 CALENDAR SCHOOL CLUBS LETTERS HOME
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Tempest photography 11.30 onwards for new/missed students	Y7 Tutor Evening Open Evening 2 (SLT) 4:30-6pm			Flu Vaccinations – (Y7 – 11) all day Y11 Huddersfield New College Seminar	

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

Remember to keep a check on the letters section of our website. This can be located by...





Mobile Phone

Expectations & Reminders

NOTHING NEW

KEY STUDENT REMINDERS

- Mobile phones should be **switched off and out of sight in school.**
- While on school premises, **mobile phones are not to be seen or used** by students, unless instructed by an adult.
- Unless express permission is granted, mobile phones should not be used to make calls, send SMS messages, surf the internet, take photos or use any other application during the school day or while on school premises.
- **If using a mobile phone in absolute emergencies, a staff member should be present and it should be in a non public area.**
- The Bluetooth function of a mobile phone must be switched off at all times and **not be used to send images or files to other mobile phones.**
- Using mobile phones to bully and threaten other students is unacceptable. **Cyber bullying will not be tolerated.**
- Mobile phones are not to be used or taken into changing rooms or toilets or used in any situation that may cause embarrassment or discomfort to their fellow students, staff or visitors to the school.
- **It is unacceptable to take a picture of a member of staff without their permission.** In the event that this happens the student will be asked and expected to delete those images.
- Mobile phones will be confiscated if seen.
- Students must adhere to the guidelines and protocol set out by the school when using their devices. If this is not adhered to a suitable sanction will be put in place. **Mobile phones and other electronic devices are only to be used in school when instructed by a member of staff and to complete work/research tasks in an allocated period of time.**



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- Sometimes it makes situations worse if a student contacts home instead of informing staff.
- This causes unnecessary stress to family and doesn't allow school to support the student as/when needed and even heightening the situation.
- Support the us in supporting your child by instilling our rules. We have amazing staff on hand - please allow them to do their job whilst supporting children to respect rules.

Thank You
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT

5th October 2023

Dear parent/carer,

Our vision at Newsome Academy is to support our students in being exceptional every day and having the very highest of aspirations. Assessments are a key feature of a pupil's educational journey and are ultimately the final challenge that students must conquer in year 11.

To support our students to develop their independent study, revision and time management skills we will be facilitating year 11 mock examinations beginning on November 6th. These assessments will take place in the sports hall for the majority of subjects and students and will offer a valuable experience of the routines and procedures involved in the real GCSE examinations.

These are the first of two mock assessments students will sit before the real, external examinations that begin in May. Therefore, this is an excellent opportunity for students to demonstrate their ability and practice revision and exam techniques in the same setting as the GCSE exams. The importance of the assessments cannot be understated, as their proximity to the real GCSE papers means students results here will impact the interventions they receive and the content and skills teachers deliver in lessons.

The assessments are designed not only to allow students to experience exam preparation but also to ensure any misconceptions and gaps in knowledge are identified and students receive the support and intervention they need in order to be successful in year 11.

We ask that you assist us where possible by using the timetables on our academy website to support your child in managing their revision schedule and preparing for any assessments they will sit as best they can. The timetables can be found on the school website [here](#) via the Students – Assessment tab, with other resources such as useful websites and revision lists where appropriate.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,



Joshua Jesson
Assistant Headteacher



INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2023

Following our successful Open/Presentation Evening in September, we are holding an additional 'Info Evening' to hear more about our 'journey to exceptional' and how we are set apart from other local schools. This won't include classroom demonstrations but more to 'hear' about us and our awesome Academy. There will be opportunity to chat to key staff in an informal setting to get a vibe of what we stand for.

This is for future families in any year group.

5.00pm	5.30pm	6.00pm
Academy Tour and refreshments. An informal look around the building and facilities.	Information Talk by the Leadership Team about our journey and what we offer.	Academy Tour and refreshments. An informal look around the building and facilities.



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Homework Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	Maths	Science	French 7W/7O/7M	French 7N	English
					French 7E/7S
Year 8	Science	French		English	Maths
Year 9	French		English	Maths	Science
Year 10	Option Block A	English	Maths	Science	Option Block C
	Option Block D				Option Block B
Year 11	English	Maths	Science	Option Block C	Option Block A
				Option Block D	Option Block B

Period 6 Timetable (Y11)

	Week A (HODs Meeting)	Week B
Monday	Algebra III & German	Science
Tuesday	CPD	
Wednesday	French	English
Thursday	Geography & History	Maths
Friday	VTC (Art, PE, Food)	VTC (Art, PA, IT, Music)

November Mock Timetable (Y11)

Week beginning 6th November (A)					
	Monday 6th Nov	Tuesday 7th Nov	Wednesday 8th Nov	Thursday 9th Nov	Friday 10th Nov
P1	Science 1H45/1H15	MFL Listen Option block B 45/35	Science 1H45/1H15	English Literature 2H15	Science 1H45/1H15
P2		MFL Listen Option block A 45/35			
Break					
P3	History 1H30 / Geography 1H30	Maths 1H30	Business 1H30	MFL Reading 1H/45M	Maths 1H30
P4					
Lunch					
P5					

Week beginning 13th November (B)					
	Monday 13th Nov	Tuesday 14th Nov	Wednesday 15th Nov	Thursday 16th Nov	Friday 17th Nov
P1	RE 1H45	History 45M / Geography 1H	English Language 1H45	Drama 1H45 / Food 1H30 / Health and Fitness 1H30	Science 1H (Triple only)
P2					
Break					
P3	Science 1H (Triple only)	MFL Writing 1H20/1H15	Science 1H (Triple only)	RE 1H	Maths 1H30
P4					
Lunch					
P5					

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: AUTUMN TERM 23/24 (3PM-4PM)



Day	CLUB	Location	Staff Lead
MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Netball Y7 – Y10 Football Y7 GEA/JDA and Y8 BOA Homework Club – All years Music Club TLC time KS3 Girls scooters (12.30-1.00) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Hall/Top Astro Field 606 401 TLC Sports Hall 	CPA/MHO GEA/JDA/BOA MYA RHA SEND LST
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wheelchair Basketball Club (by invitation only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Hall 	LST / SCU
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework Club Drama Club TLC time EAL / culture club Programming Club Dance Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 606 Lecture Theatre TLC EAL / 408 608 Dance Studio 	DF DT SEND SMU / TA AAH SMT
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCSE Art catch up Yr10 Cooking Club Drama GCSE Craft club Choir Club Homework Club Football Y9 DHO and Y10 JDA/GEA Chess Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 601 602 Lecture Theatre 202 401 606 Library 	NPR DF DT CRI ECO MYA DHA
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball Club Limited 20 Places 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JDA

ACTIVITIES



Follow us on Twitter (X)



Another jam-packed week of enrichment, exciting learning and achievement.

Agenda

*Ms Brook, as mental health lead, sharing information on the importance of maintaining good mental health and how we can all help ourselves and each other...**MENTAL HEALTH IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS!***



The theme for 2023, set by the World Foundation of Mental Health, is ‘Mental health is a universal human right’.

- World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone’s mental health.
- Wellbeing Champions – student voice at Newsome Academy...**COMING VERY SOON!**

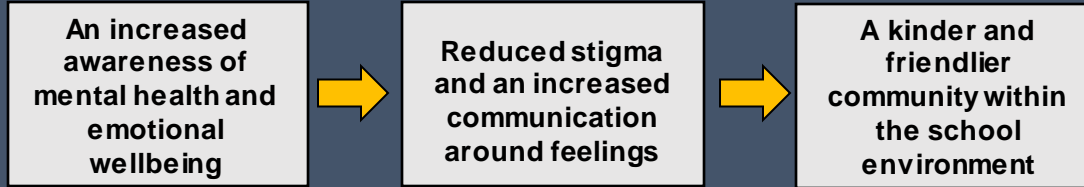
NEWSOME
ACADEMY
WELLBEING
CHAMPION
PROJECT



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THE PROJECT

Outcomes



The Wellbeing Champion Project aims to help our young people to be able to increase their awareness and knowledge around mental health, express feelings comfortably, support others and know where to go for help.






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THE ROLE OF A WELLBEING CHAMPION

YOUNG PEOPLE

- Have knowledge and awareness of mental health and emotional wellbeing
- Be a positive identifiable role model and practise kindness and empathy
- Have supportive / positive conversations
- Understand the boundaries of their role, as well as safeguarding and confidentiality

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BECOMING A NEWSOME ACADEMY WELLBEING CHAMPION

A recruitment process will take place through an **application of interest form** where students can express why they think they would be suitable for the role!

There will be **two training sessions of 1.5 hours** delivered over a two-week period by the **Wellbeing Champion Mentors**, then a termly check-in to see how the champions are finding the role.

The champions will also meet regularly in school for supervision meetings with Ms Brook to check-in on their own wellbeing, discuss anything about the role and come up with exciting ideas for moving forwards!



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USEFUL INFORMATION

<https://kirklees-keep-in-mind.nhs.uk/i-work-with-young-people/>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/professional/>

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