

Headteacher

# BREAKFAST BRIEFING

KEY MESSAGES | CURRENT AFFAIRS | CONTEXTUALISED READING

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).

HALF-TERM 2 **WEEK 3 (A)**  
W/C 20TH **NOVEMBER 2023**

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**

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<b>FRIDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art &amp; DT Catch up KS3 &amp; KS4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 609</li> </ul>	DB (Diane Barker)

# School calendar 2023/24



Newsome Academy

5

weeks until Half-Term Break.

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 Su	6 We	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 Th	7 Sa	7 Tu	7 Th	7 Su	7 We	7 Th	7 Su	7 Tu	7 Fr	7 Su
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9 We	9 Sa	9 Mo	9 Th	9 Sa	9 Tu	9 Fr	9 Sa	9 Tu	9 Th	9 Su	9 Tu
10 Th	10 Su	10 Tu	10 Fr	10 Su	10 We	10 Sa	10 Su	10 We	10 Fr	10 Mo	10 We
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25 Fr	25 Mo	25 We	25 Sa	25 Mo <small>Christmas Day</small>	25 Th	25 Su	25 Mo	25 Th	25 Sa	25 Tu	25 Th
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27 Su	27 We	27 Fr	27 Mo	27 We	27 Sa	27 Tu	27 We	27 Sa	27 Mo <small>Spring Bk. Hol.</small>	27 Th	27 Sa
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	28 Su
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WE ARE HERE

make every day count.

# 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

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

# REFLECTIONS

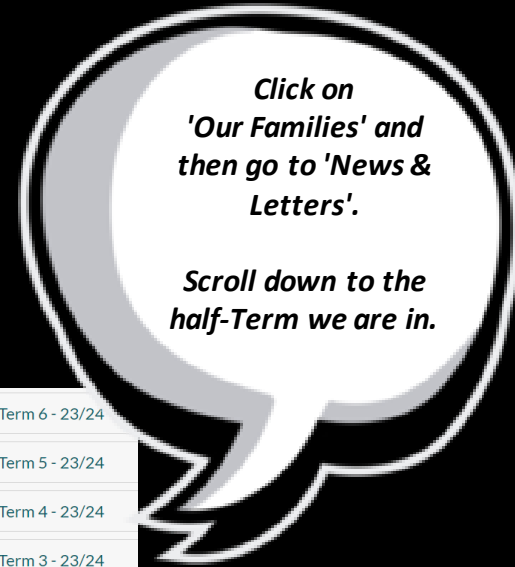
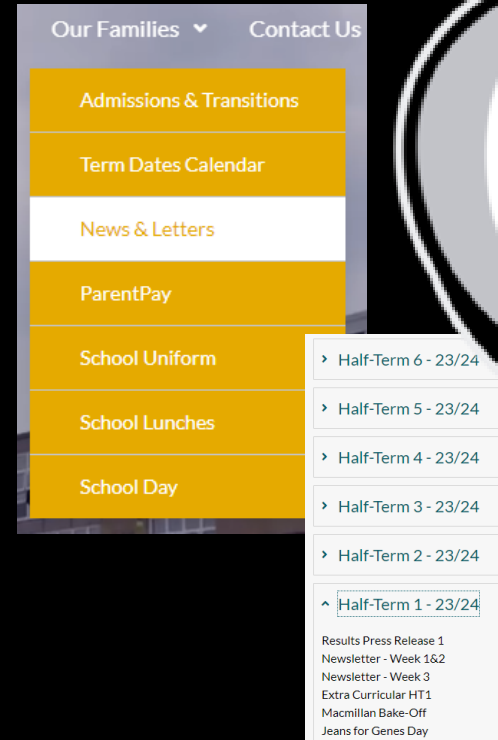
- This week I want to reach out to all families to get your child reading as much as possible!
- We promote the importance of reading and opportunity to read in our beautiful, brand-new Library and lots of other opportunities in lessons and social times.
- I have included a special page which you can use at home to promote the importance of reading and the advantages this has on education.
- **A quick and easy way to do this is to use our Knowledge Organisers to ask your child questions on their learning and reading through key vocabulary. Knowledge Organisers can be found [here](#) for each year groups.**



LETS TAKE A LOOK AT THIS WEEK.					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	
Y11 Greenhead applications		The teenage Brain course – hosted by TNA JBrook – 9.30am	Yr 11 College Seminar – LLS	Christmas Craft Fair (Sports Hall) 3.30pm - 5.00pm	

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*		

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





# Letters/Key Messages...

Discuss the events below with your children

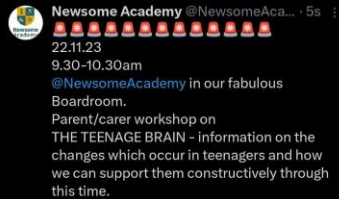


## Use our Library!

Our Library is looking fab and is a great space to escape and read a book.

## Mock Exams Over!

Year 11 have finished their Mocks and now Teachers are hard at work marking the papers. Students will get their results on Tuesday 5th December at a special event during the day. This will be followed by a Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 7th December – PLEASE attend!



## Teenage Brain Session for Families

On Wednesday 22nd November we are holding a session for families by our Mental Health Lead. Please come!

NEWSOME ACADEMY

COMMUNITY

# CHRISTMAS FAIR!

FRIDAY  
24TH NOV

3.30PM - 5PM





## **A Prime Examples of our Values**

Our wonderful students and staff gathered to pay tribute for Remembrance Day whilst Mr Hardy played the trumpet. We were so proud!





The Newsome Academy  
Elves are hard at work  
preparing for the  
'Christmas Vibe' with a host  
of lovely and festive events.

### **Christmas Fair**

Friday 24th November

### **Christmas Tree and decorations**

Coming soon!

### **Christmas Jumper/Colour Day**

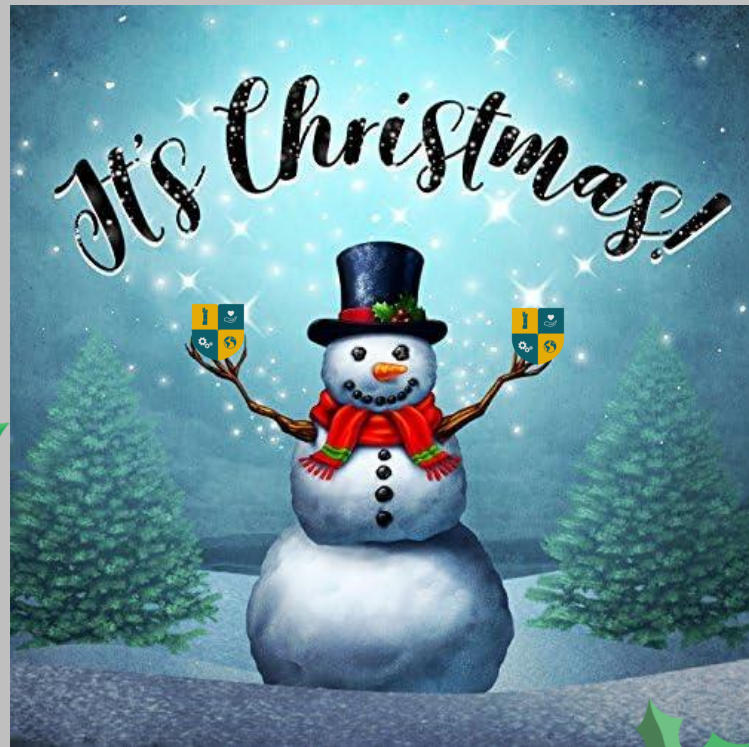
Friday 8th December.

### **Candlelight Concert**

Wednesday 13th December

### **Christmas Dinner**

Wednesday 20th December



**Christmas is  
Coming!**



# 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.**

# 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)

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# ACTIVITIES

# Agenda

SEMINAR

*Today we will  
hear about the  
advantages of  
reading by Mr  
Watkin...*

a love of  
**READING**

Have you ever wondered what the benefits of reading are aside from leisure and education? From learning new words to maintaining your mental health, books can do it all! In case you needed a reminder of how important regular reading is for our wellbeing and literacy, here are the top 10 benefits of reading for all ages:



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**Here are some  
famous people  
who I have  
recently been  
reading about...**

*Kind of looks like  
Mr Watkin!*

# Inspiration

- **Beyoncé Giselle Knowles-Carter** ([/biˈɒnsər/](#) <sup>[1]</sup> [bee-ON-say](#); <sup>[4]</sup> bom September 4, 1981) <sup>[5]</sup> is an American singer, songwriter and businesswoman. Known as "[Queen Bey](#)", she has been recognized for her boundary-pushing artistry, vocals, and performances. Named one of the greatest singers of all time by [Rolling Stone](#), her contributions to music and visual media and her concert performances have led her to become a prominent [cultural icon](#) of the 21st century.
- Beyoncé started performing in various singing and dancing competitions as a child. She rose to fame in the late 1990s as a member of the R&B girl group [Destiny's Child](#), one of the [best-selling girl groups of all time](#). Their hiatus saw the release of her debut album [Dangerously in Love](#) (2003). She then released the commercially successful solo albums [B'Day](#) (2006), [I Am... Sasha Fierce](#) (2008), and [4](#) (2011). After creating her own management company [Parkwood Entertainment](#), Beyoncé achieved acclaim for releasing the sonically experimental [visual albums](#) [Beyoncé](#) (2013) and [Lemonade](#) (2016), which explored multiple societal themes such as [feminism](#), relationships and [womanism](#). Following the release of the [queer](#)-inspired [dance](#) album [Renaissance](#) (2022), she became the first solo artist to have their first seven studio albums debut at number one in the United States.
- Some of Beyoncé's most successful songs include "[Crazy in Love](#)", "[Baby Boy](#)", "[Irreplaceable](#)", "[If I Were a Boy](#)", "[Halo](#)", "[Single Ladies \(Put a Ring on It\)](#)", "[Run the World \(Girls\)](#)", "[Love On Top](#)", "[Drunk in Love](#)", "[Formation](#)", "[Break My Soul](#)", and "[Cuff It](#)." Her collaborative music ventures include [Everything Is Love](#) (2018), an album with her husband [Jay-Z](#), as [the Carters](#), and the [musical film](#) [Black Is King](#) (2020), inspired by the music of the film soundtrack [The Lion King: The Gift](#) (2019). [Homecoming: The Live Album](#) (2019), which chronicles her [2018 Coachella performance](#), has been heralded as one of the best live albums of all time, lauded for wide-reaching curation from many eras of black musical history. Outside of music, she has starred as an actress in multiple films such as [Austin Powers in Goldmember](#) (2002), [The Pink Panther](#) (2006), [Dreamgirls](#) (2006), [Cadillac Records](#) (2008), [Obsessed](#) (2009), and [The Lion King](#) (2019).
- Having sold over 200 million records worldwide, Beyoncé is one of the [best-selling music artists of all time](#). <sup>[6]</sup> <sup>[7]</sup> Her [accolades](#) include 32 [Grammy Awards](#) (the [most Grammys won by any artist](#)), 26 [MTV Video Music Awards](#) (including the 2014 [Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award](#)), 24 [NAACP Image Awards](#), 35 [BET Awards](#), and 17 [Soul Train Music Awards](#), all of which are more than any other artist in the music industry. Her success during the 2000s earned her recognition as the [Recording Industry Association of America](#) (RIAA)'s Top Certified Artist of the Decade and [Billboard](#)'s Top Female Artist of the Decade. <sup>[8]</sup> In 2014, [Billboard](#) named her the highest-earning black musician of all time. She is the most successful black touring act in history and the top touring artist of the 2010s according to [Pollstar](#). <sup>[9]</sup> <sup>[10]</sup> [Time](#) included her as one of the 100 women who defined the 21st century. <sup>[11]</sup>



# Inspiration



## World's #1 Vocal Coach

Cheryl Porter is a formally trained opera singer with more than 20 years of experience as a performer in Italy, Germany, France, Mexico, England, Israel, Poland, Indonesia, Austria, Switzerland, Singapore, and America. Cheryl is best known for:

- Solid classical training in opera
- High control of vocal technique
- Excellent stylistic versatility of various musical genres: opera, jazz, soul, musicals,
- Advanced experience as a live solo artist
- Matured experience in artistic direction in the recording studio
- 20 completed albums record production
- Skilled in planning, organizing and executing a training path
- Ability to identify and fix defects, internal or technical and develop a direct and effective solution
- Clarity and simple solutions easy to understand





# Find Reading a Chore?

1. **Stop thinking of it as a task/chore.** You need to rewire your thinking to firstly stop thinking of reading as a task. Reading should be something you do out of love, not out of external peer pressure or FOMO.
2. **Make a List.** Draw up your notepad on your phone/or a paper & write down all things you do **naturally**. Do you like discovering new songs/artists? Are you into inventions and the creation of things? Maybe you animate & you love it? Or do you love cooking new things? By making this list, you're rewiring your brain to remind yourself of all things that make you happy - genuinely - from the inside.
3. **Don't pick a book.** I know! Quite unconventional. but trust me on this one. Don't go and just pick a book because someone says you should. NO. Instead, pick a set of poems/news online. Read them. Next move over to Blogs & articles on the topics you love knowing more about. Finally go for an incredibly small book(I've made a post of books you can read in a day on our Instagram, in case you need some direction). Start SLOW.
4. **Find your herd.** If you really are serious about reading, it's incredibly important to pick a bunch of people who can nurture & lift you up.
5. **Try to read about your favorite things first.** Means if you like to dress well then read about the models or designer's view about fashion. If your favourite thing is food then start reading about regional food, food recipe etc. Start small so that you'll avoid getting bored by reading, since you don't like reading.
6. **Reading small quotes about your favourite person** will increase your hunger for reading. Favourite actor, politician, sports person or any other historical personalities you might know, start reading their quotes.
7. **If you like to watch movie start reading subtitles.** This will encourage you to read more.
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