

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 4 (B)  
W/C 27TH 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

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



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<b>THURSDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCSE Art catch up Yr10</li> <li>• Drama GCSE</li> <li>• Craft club</li> <li>• Choir Club</li> <li>• Homework Club</li> <li>• Fitness Y9/10</li> <li>• Chess Club</li> <li>• Algebra Level 3 Club (invitation only)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 601</li> <li>• Lecture Theatre</li> <li>• 202</li> <li>• 401</li> <li>• 606</li> <li>• Fitness Suite</li> <li>• Library</li> <li>• 407</li> </ul>	NPR DT CRI ECO MYA DHO/JDA/GEA DHA MAS
<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

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
3 Th	3 Su	3 Tu	3 Fr	3 Su	3 We	3 Sa	3 Su	3 We	3 Fr	3 Mo	3 We
4 Fr	4 Mo	4 We	4 Sa	4 Mo	4 Th	4 Su	4 Mo	4 Th	4 Sa	4 Tu	4 Th
5 Sa	5 Tu	5 Th	5 Su	5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Mo	5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Su	5 We	5 Fr
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
8 Tu	8 Fr	8 Su	8 We	8 Fr	8 Mo	8 Th	8 Fr	8 Mo	8 We	8 Sa	8 Mo
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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12 Sa	12 Tu	12 Th	12 Su	12 Tu	12 Fr	12 Mo	12 Tu	12 Fr	12 Su	12 We	12 Fr
13 Su	13 We	13 Fr	13 Mo	13 We	13 Sa	13 Tu	13 We	13 Sa	13 Mo <small>GCSEs</small>	13 Th	13 Sa
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15 Tu	15 Fr	15 Su	15 We	15 Fr	15 Mo	15 Th	15 Fr	15 Mo	15 We	15 Sa	15 Mo
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26 Sa	26 Tu	26 Th	26 Su	26 Tu	26 Fr	26 Mo	26 Tu	26 Fr	26 Su	26 We	26 Fr
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
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31 Th	31 Su	31 Tu	31 Fr	31 Su	31 We	31 Th	31 Su	31 Fr	31 Th	31 Mo	31 We

4

weeks until Half-Term Break.

30/20(Y11)

Left in total.

make every day count.

WE ARE HERE

# 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!**

### Reading Exercises the Brain

While reading, we have to remember different characters and settings that belong to a given story. Even if you enjoy reading a book in one sitting, you have to remember the details throughout the time you take to read the book. Therefore, reading is a workout for your brain that improves memory function.

### Reading is a Form of (free) Entertainment

Did you know that most of the popular TV shows and movies are based on books? So why not indulge in the original form of entertainment by immersing yourself in reading. Most importantly, it's free with your Markham Public Library card.

### Reading Improves Concentration and the Ability to Focus

We can all agree that reading cannot happen without focus and in order to fully understand the story, we have to concentrate on each page that we read. In a world where gadgets are only getting faster and shortening our attention span, we need to constantly practice concentration and focus. Reading is one of the few activities that requires your undivided attention, therefore, improving your ability to concentrate.

### Reading Improves Literacy

Have you ever read a book where you came across an unfamiliar word? Books have the power to improve your vocabulary by introducing you to new words. The more you read, the more your vocabulary grows, along with your ability to effectively communicate. Additionally, reading improves writing skills by helping the reader understand and learn different writing styles.

### Reading Improves Sleep

By creating a bedtime routine that includes reading, you can signal to your body that it is time to sleep. Now, more than ever, we rely on increased screen time to get through the day. Therefore, by setting your phone aside and picking up a book, you are telling your brain that it is time to quiet down. Moreover, since reading helps you de-stress, doing so right before bed helps calm your mind and anxiety and improve the quality of sleep.

### Reading Increases General Knowledge

Books are always filled with fun and interesting facts. Whether you read fiction or non-fiction, books have the ability to provide us with information we would've otherwise not known. Reading a variety of topics can make you a more knowledgeable person, in turn improving your conversation skills.

### Reading is Motivational

By reading books about protagonists who have overcome challenges, we are oftentimes encouraged to do the same. The right book can motivate you to never give up and stay positive, regardless of whether it's a romance novel or a self-help book.

### Reading Reduces Stress

Reading has the power to transport you to another world and away from the monotonous daily routine. By doing so, reading can decrease stress, lower heart rate and reduce blood pressure.

### Reading Sets a Positive Example

Reading is a key component of early literacy development and you can set an example of just how crucial this is by modeling the behaviour yourself. Children are excellent at mimicking the adults around them which means that if you regularly set aside some "me time" for reading, your children will learn to do the same.

### Reading Teaches Empathy

Books allow us to experience realities outside of our lives. They teach us to relate to others by often putting us in the shoes of the narrator. This simple technique is called empathy. Empathy is defined as the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. Reading builds on





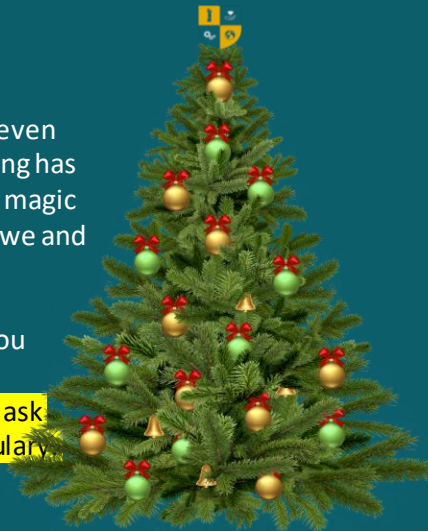


# Newsome Academy

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

# REFLECTIONS

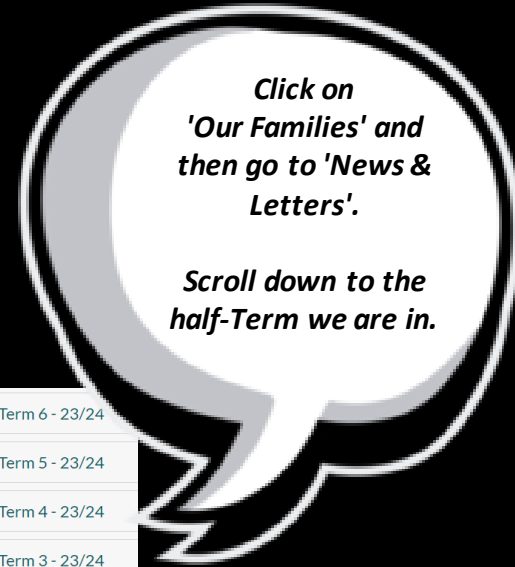
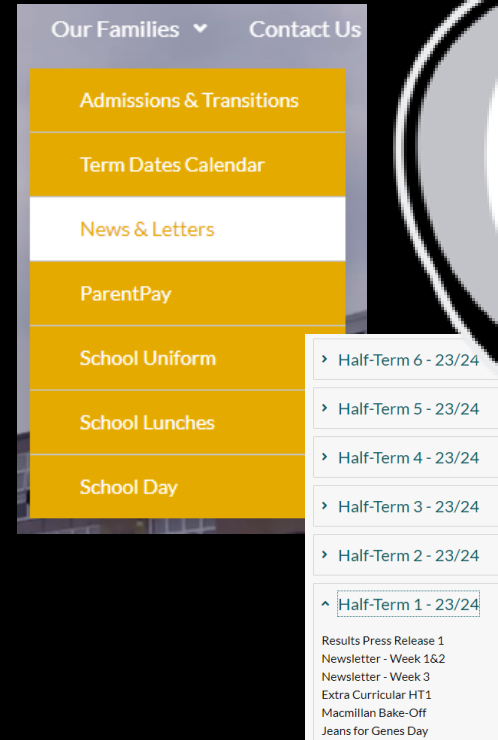
- We are well and truly in the festive spirit at Newsome and the vibe is even more enhanced! We have gone the extra mile this year and our building has turned into a proper winter wonderland –filling our children with the magic and inspiration they deserve. It's always a joy to see faces lit up with awe and wonder. Look at the Christmas breakdown of activities on offer in this Newsletter.
- Teachers are hard at work marking Y11 GCSE papers. Please ensure you attend the planned Progress Evening on Thursday 7th December.
- 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
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Year 10 Peace Museum (Prevent)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 – Peace Museum (Prevent)</li> <li>• Y10 IT</li> <li>• BTEC dropdown</li> </ul>				<a href="#">23/24 CALENDAR</a> <a href="#">SCHOOL CLUBS</a> <a href="#">LETTERS HOME</a>

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...





# Letters/Key Messages...

*Discuss the events below with your children*

## 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!



**Use our Library!**  
Our Library is looking fab and is a great space to escape and read a book.



Students have been given key discussion prompts in the Dining Halls to promote positive discussion and thinking.



## NEWSOME ACADEMY ARE DEMOCRACY FRIENDLY

We're thrilled that Newsome Academy are the very first high school in Kirklees to become Democracy Friendly. Newsome Academy agreed to be one of our pilot schools when we launched our programme back in early 2020. Their Democracy Friendly journey began at a challenging time for everyone, including our schools. Their dedication to becoming a Democracy Friendly School, by trying out new things and overcoming barriers, has been remarkable.

[Click here for official press release.](#)





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**

Up and stunning!

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

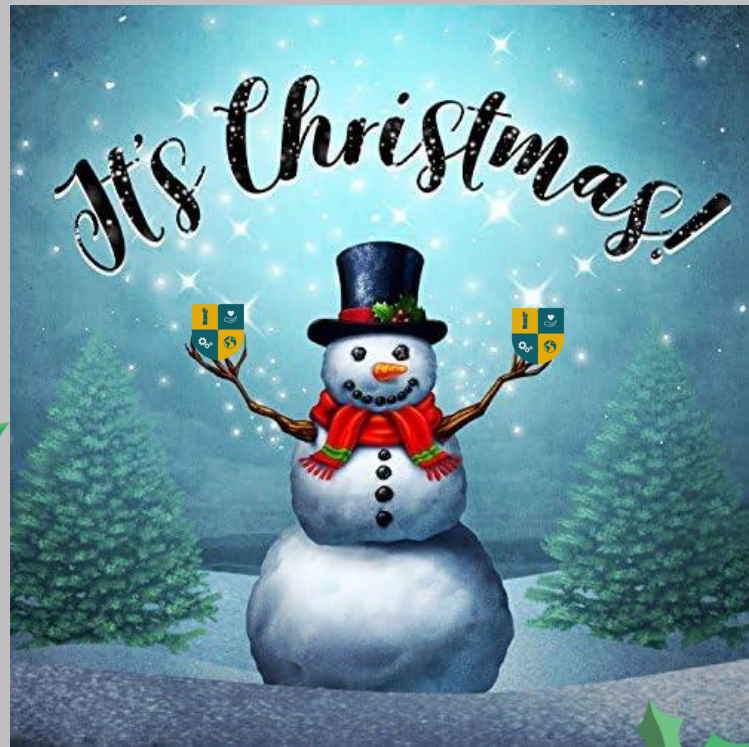
Friday 8th December.

### **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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FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Basketball Club Limited 20 Places</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sports hall</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>JDA</li></ul>

# ACTIVITIES



# Agenda

SEMINAR

Today we will  
have reminders  
of **Academy**  
**Language** by Mr  
Watkin...

WHY

DOES

VOCABULARY

MATTER?



Why words are important

What they say about you

What they mean

The effect they can have

# Slang Words

Self-awareness is your ability to perceive and understand the things that make you who you are as an individual, including your personality, actions, values, beliefs, emotions, and thoughts. Essentially, it is a psychological state in which the self becomes the focus of attention.

Focus on our Curriculum Skill...

## SKILLS TO DEVELOP LEARNING



MEMORY



META



COLLABORATIVE



LITERACY



NUMERACY



PROFESSIONAL

**T**EAMWORK

**A**SPIRATION

**R**ESILIENCE

**T**OLERANCE

# Slang Words



Newsome  
Academy

## What is Slang?

Although we might think of slang as any nonstandard language use, it actually has a fairly narrow meaning:

- It's considered informal and inappropriate in certain contexts.
- Only a certain "in" group of people are familiar with the slang term.
- It replaces a conventional term, usually to avoid taboo, and
- It consists of new or current words used in a novel way.

So, while the word *ain't* may be nonstandard English, it's actually not slang. *Ain't* is informal, but every English speaker knows what it means, it doesn't replace a taboo word, and it doesn't add a new meaning to a word.

## Tracing the Origins of Slang

- Slang can be difficult for editors of dictionaries to trace, usually because it is (or at least used to be) restricted to non-written language. Written language provides a record to study word origins. But most slang is created and used only in spoken language.
- However, the internet has made slang much easier to track. Social media is a great place to study slang because of the informal context in which people are writing.
- In addition to providing documentation of slang, the internet has actually created contexts where new slang is invented. Take 'lol' for example.



## We are proud to be an Oracy Champion School

- We promote the use of **language**.
- We promote to use of **professionalism**.
- We **educate** and **prepare** for the world of work and show how to be **exceptional** in every setting.

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# Important Language



## "Snitch" or "grass"

The oldest meaning of the informal snitch is "to betray" or, as a noun, "informer." This probably stems from 18th-century underworld slang, in which snitch meant "nose" — perhaps because a snitch is really nosy.

- The term "snitch" is often used in a negative or derogatory way to describe someone who reports another person's wrongdoing or provides information to authorities. In some cases, it may be used to shame or criticize someone for betraying trust or breaking an unwritten code of silence.



## "What" in response to being asked something

Whilst we may use this with friends and family, we need to be educated in what is appropriate in formal settings.

- This can be seen a very rude in the workplace and professional settings and could put you at a disadvantage. Use "pardon" instead or "could you repeat that please".



## "Fam"

Short for 'family', this is also a form of informal language that you would not use in a formal setting.

- Get yourself into the habit of using the full word 'family' and think about other forms of endearment when referring to friends that aren't your actual family.



## "Bro"

Short for 'brother', this is also a form of informal language that you would not use in a formal setting.

- Get yourself into the habit of using the full word 'brother' and think about who, why and the setting you are in. This can also be rude in the workplace and professional settings and could put you at a disadvantage





# Common Academy Language

- "Prepared to learn"
- "Tracking Me"
- "Actively listening"
- "Walk with purpose"
- "PRIDE"



These are all deliberate to ensure you are well-rounded and fully prepared for a successful life.

**We structure learning with a business conscience & creative approaches to prepare learners to be successful global citizens...**