

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 6 (B)  
W/C 11TH DECEMBER 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)



Day	CLUB	Location	Staff Lead
<b>MONDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Netball Y7 – Y10</li> <li>• Fitness Y7/8</li> <li>• Homework Club – All years</li> <li>• Music Club</li> <li>• TLC time</li> <li>• KS3 Girls scooters (12.30-1.00)</li> <li>• Cooking Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Hall/Top Astro</li> <li>• Fitness Suite</li> <li>• 606</li> <li>• 401</li> <li>• TLC</li> <li>• Sports Hall</li> <li>• 602</li> </ul>	CPA/MHO GEA/JDA MYA RHA SEND LST DF
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wheelchair Basketball Club (by invitation only)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Hall</li> </ul>	LST / SCU
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homework Club</li> <li>• Drama Club</li> <li>• TLC time</li> <li>• EAL / culture club</li> <li>• Programming Club</li> <li>• Dance Club</li> <li>• Girls Football</li> <li>• British Sign Language</li> <li>• Basketball</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 606</li> <li>• Lecture Theatre</li> <li>• TLC</li> <li>• EAL / 408</li> <li>• 608</li> <li>• Dance Studio</li> <li>• Field</li> <li>• PI Base</li> <li>• Sports Hall</li> </ul>	DF DT SEND SMU / TA AAH SMT External DC JDA
<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)

# 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)

# GCSE COURSES

Entry level maths	AQA
Entry level science	AQA
Step up to English	AQA
Art and Design (Art, craft & design)	AQA
Art and Design (Photography)	AQA
Biology	AQA
Chemistry	AQA
Combined Science Trilogy	AQA
Computer Science	AQA
English Language	AQA
English Literature	AQA
Geography	AQA
Maths	AQA
Physics	AQA
Religious Studies	AQA
Polish	AQA
Further Maths	AQA
Maths	OCR
Entry level Geography	OCR

German	Pearson Edexcel
French	Pearson Edexcel
Arabic	Pearson Edexcel
History	Pearson Edexcel
Italian	Pearson Edexcel
Persian	Pearson Edexcel
Spanish	Pearson Edexcel
Performing Arts (year 11)	Pearson Edexcel
Digital Information Technology (year 11)	Pearson Edexcel
Digital iInformation Technology (year 10)	Pearson Edexcel
Music Practice (year 10)	Pearson Edexcel
Performing Arts (year 10)	Pearson Edexcel
Functional Skills English level 2	Pearson Edexcel
Business and Enterprise	NCFE
Health and Fitness	NCFE
Food and Cookery	NCFE
Personal & Social Development	ASDAN

**ALL Year 10/11 students should know what course they are studying – please keep pushing this at home.**

Ensure you use the online materials that are available to support your studies.

Also use the next page to support your revision and studies.



# Support Software for Learners

Each subject area uses additional software to support learning - this provides learning outside the classroom...

## Subject-Specific Software Packages to Support Study

### English

- [Century Tech](#)
- [Mr Bruff's Video Guides \(KS4\)](#)

### Maths

- [MathsWatch](#)
- [Century Tech](#)
- [Corbett Maths](#)

### Science

- [Educake](#) (main)
- [Century Tech](#)

### Geography

- [GCSEPod](#)

### History

- [GCSEPod](#)

### RE

- [Seneca Learning](#)
- [GCSE Bitesize](#)
- [GCSEPod](#)

### Languages

- [Active Learn](#)
- [Languagenut](#)

### Music

- [Music - BBC Bitesize](#)
- [BandLab: Make Music Online](#)

### Creative (CAPE)

- [BFI](#)
- [iAchieve](#)

### Generic

- [Oak National Academy](#)
- [GCSEPod](#)
- [BBC Bitesize](#)

# 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
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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
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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
26 Sa	26 Tu	26 Th	26 Su	26 Tu <small>Boxing Day</small>	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
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
29 Tu	29 Fr	29 Su	29 We	29 Fr	29 Mo	29 Th	29 Fr <small>Good Friday</small>	29 Mo	29 We	29 Sa	29 Mo
30 We	30 Sa	30 Mo	30 Th	30 Sa	30 Tu		30 Sa	30 Tu	30 Th	30 Su	30 Tu
31 Th		31 Tu		31 Su	31 We		31 Su		31 Fr		31 We

WE ARE HERE

2

weeks until Half-Term Break.

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

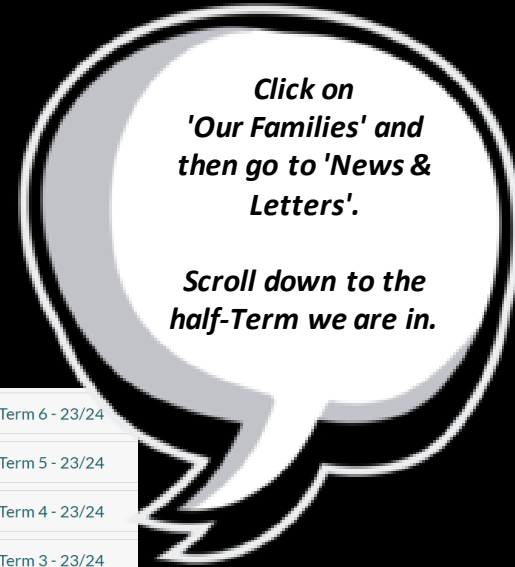
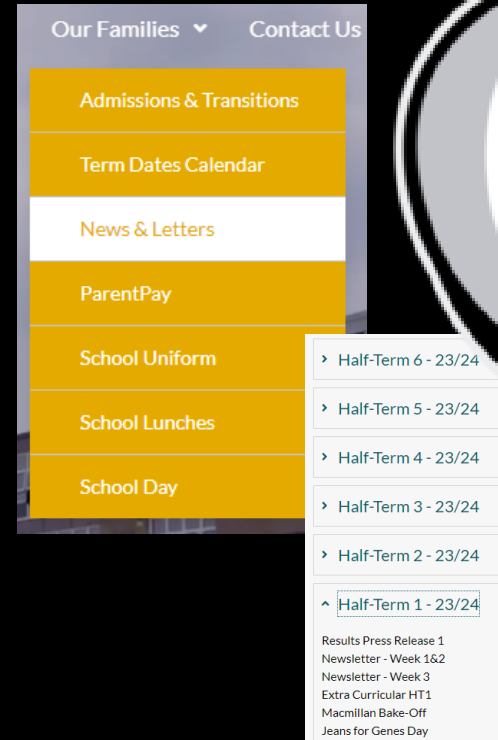
- Our car park will be resurfaced on Monday & Tuesday this week so please be aware of disruption.
- We can't wait for our Candlelight Concert this Wednesday and staff and students have been rehearsing for this annual special event.
- Attendance is crucial to ensure your child is not disadvantaged when we issue their attendance statistics to their Colleges and work placements.
- We have had more external visitors in the Academy recently, all expressing how impressed they are with our school – with many local schools even adopting our systems!



A GLANCE AT THIS WEEK...					IMPORTANT LINKS & KEY INFORMATION
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS3 PREVENT Seminar in TEAMS (Virtual)</li> <li>• Southgate Open Eve</li> <li>• Car Park resurfacing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Candlelight Concert 6pm at Armitage Bridge Church</li> <li>• Car Park resurfacing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y11 Drama Mock</li> <li>• KS2 Sports</li> <li>• Hall Athletics –4-5.30pm</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

## Car Park Resurfacing

Our car park is having repairs on Tuesday/Wednesday this week. Please be aware of disruption.



## Last Day of Term

Students will finish school on Friday 22nd at 12.30pm. Important sessions will be had throughout the morning and attendance is still VITAL.



## Student Leadership

Opportunities in years 10-11 are available for Student Leaders which are a great opportunity for your child to lead Academy developments – and great for their CV! Students are to speak to their HOY and have been given details in recent Seminars.



Empowerment



STUDENT Leadership  
CONNECTING STUDENT HEARTS & MINDS



Responsibility

<p><b>Year 11 Head Students</b> Pham Truong, Henry Taylor, Ismail Jallow, Nicole Giecionoska</p> <p><b>Year 11 Prefects</b> Evangeline Bell, Yusuf Ahmed, Daniel Tawose, Inaaya Ahmed, Esme Kudya, Jenny Ho, Tania Kennedy, Haya Fatima, Kaysha Lawrence, Aisha Porter, Yashraj Mistry</p>					
<b>Year 7 Prefects</b>	<b>Year 8 Prefects</b>	<b>Year 9 Prefects</b>	<b>Year 10 Prefects</b>		
TBC TBC	TBC TBC	TBC TBC	TBC TBC		
<b>Kirklees Youth Council</b>	<b>Tender Leaders</b>	<b>Healthy Lifestyle Champions</b>	<b>Mental Health Leaders</b>	<b>Anti-Bullying Ambassadors</b>	<b>Environmental Leaders</b>



NEWSOME ACADEMY

PRESENTS

*A Candlelight Concert*

13th December

Join us for an evening of  
Music, Dancing, Drama & Reading

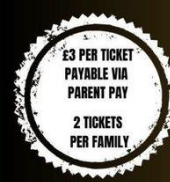
*St Paul's Church  
Armitage Bridge*



MULLED WINE & MINCE  
PIE INCLUDED



CRAFT STALLS  
RAFFLE




£3 PER TICKET  
PAYABLE VIA  
PARENT PAY  
2 TICKETS  
PER FAMILY



DOORS OPEN 5.30PM  
CONCERT 6PM



 Newsome Academy @NewsomeAcademy · 5 Dec  
Rise 2 AQA science - looking at displacement reactions of metals and getting quizzed by our Chair



Newsome Academy @NewsomeAcademy · 8 Dec  
Level commitment for our Christmas jumper day 🎅 Have blast all!



Newsome Academy @NewsomeAcademy · 6 Dec  
MFL today, bringing two classes together to work as a team #teamwork #RITA 🇫🇷 🇮🇹 🇸🇪



Newsome Academy @NewsomeAcademy · 5 Dec  
UPDATE The results are in! Y11 mock results this morning. This is your time! #trailblazers #racetoexceptional #RITA #FAMILY



Newsome Academy @NewsomeAcademy · 8 Dec  
Our fabulous Y10 students helped out at Newsome Juniors today at their Christmas fayre 🎄 🎅 Admissions & Transitions



## How to Apply

Create a 2-minute (maximum) video

1. Why you want to be a Prefect
2. What skills you have
3. Why you?

Email to: [seniorstudents@newsomeacademy.co.uk](mailto:seniorstudents@newsomeacademy.co.uk)

Deadline: Wednesday 20th December 9am





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**

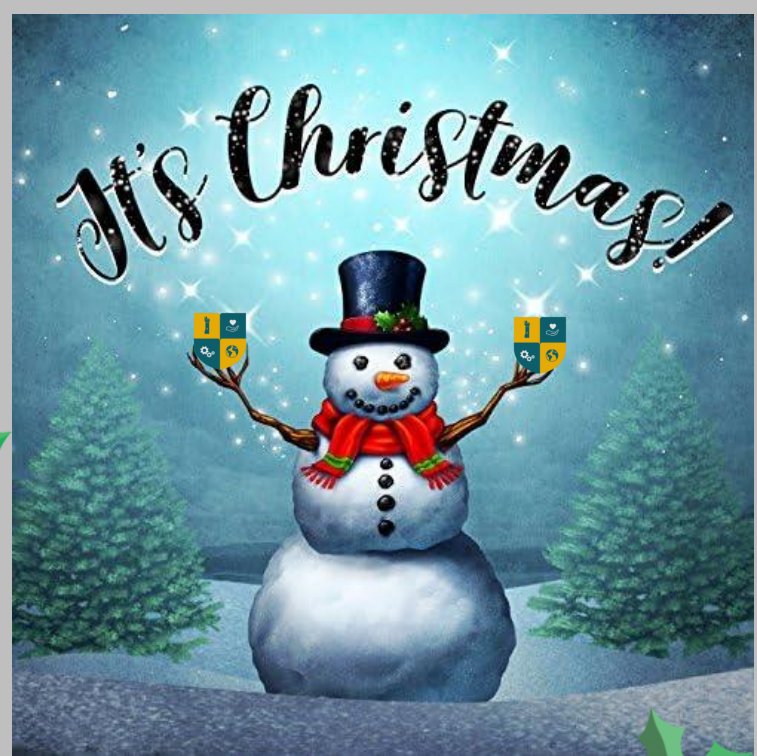
Friday 8th December.

### **Candlelight Concert**

Wednesday 13th December

### **Christmas Dinner**

Wednesday 20th December



**Christmas is  
HERE!**



# 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.**

# Agenda

SEMINAR

Today we will  
have reminders of  
what **Metacognition**  
on.

## SKILLS TO DEVELOP LEARNING



MEMORY



META



COLLABORATIVE



LITERACY



NUMERACY



PROFESSIONAL

TEAMWORK

ASPIRATION

RESILIENCE

TOLERANCE

## Metacognition

Metacognition is the process of thinking about one's own thinking and learning.

Metacognition: intentional thinking about how you think and learn.



Metacognition and self-regulation approaches to teaching support pupils to think about their own learning more explicitly, often by teaching them specific strategies for planning, monitoring, and evaluating their learning.

Self-regulated learning can be broken into the following:

- **Cognition** – the mental process involved in knowing, understanding, and learning.
- **Metacognition** – often defined as ‘learning to learn’.
- **Motivation** – willingness to engage our metacognitive and cognitive skills.

# What is Metacognition?

by @inner\_drive | www.innerdrive.co.uk



## DEVELOPING HELPFUL THINKING STRATEGIES

Using reflective thinking before, during and after a task helps you plan effectively, stay on track and consider how you can improve for future tasks.



## HAVING HIGH SELF-AWARENESS

Being aware of your skills to evaluate what you can and can't do, to help identify the areas that you can develop in.



## CRITICALLY ANALYSING HOW YOU THINK

Stepping back and questioning your own thoughts, even when it's tough to admit that you might be wrong.



# Metacognition

How much time and effort do we put into our education? We are lucky to have so much on offer at Newsome so ask yourself...

- How many after-school sessions do I attend?
- What Leadership roles am I involved in?
- How often do I use my Knowledge Organiser at home?

Everyone wants 'the job of their dreams' so what are you doing to ensure you get it?

## What is Metacognition?



### Metacognition

Often defined as 'learning to learn'.

# Motivation

Mr Watkin often gets asked "Sir – do you like your job?". His answer is always "YES – I LOVE IT!". Getting out of bed each morning and having a driver, passion and dedication to something you care about is amazing.

Ask yourself...

- Am I putting the same effort into my own learning as my Teacher is in lesson – what input am I giving?
- How driven am I to ensure I am successful in life?
- Do I speak up if another student is daring to distract/take away my opportunities to learn?
- How do I protect myself from distractions that limit my prospects? (gaming, bedtime, social life)

# What is Metacognition?



## Motivation

Willingness to engage our metacognitive and cognitive skills.

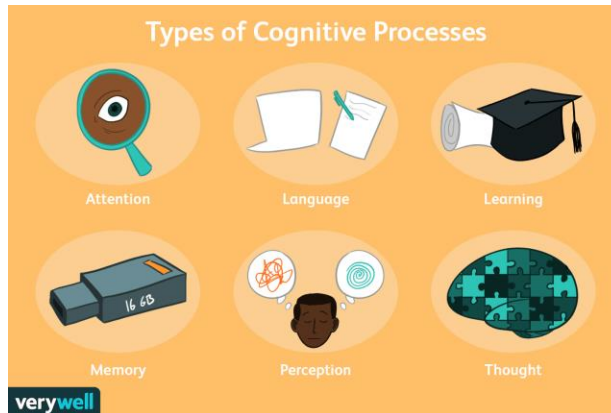
# Cognition

It's all very well (and easy) to say "I can't do/I'm not good at something but what do we actually put in to ensure we give it our all?

Those that succeed, put their all into the areas/subject they struggle in most and those that say the above usually waste time in distracting from what is most important.

## Ask yourself...

- **Do I put extra time/attention** on the subject/areas/people I know I struggle with the most?
- **How bold am I** in acknowledging and acting on my own struggles and not referring to them as an excuse?



# What is Metacognition?



## Cognition

The mental process involved in knowing, understanding, and learning.



**We are looking for student/s in each year group apply to be our 'Student Elves' - delivering special festive Christmas Cards from our Academy Post Box which will be installed this week.**

- This role is a voluntary position and is to be over the Christmas period.
- This role is vital to ensure our **Student Hearts & Minds Strategy** is realised.
- Interested parties should be **reliable, responsible and care** for student voice. They should also be **organised** as
- Interested parties should **inform their Head of Year** by the end of the week.



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**ATTENDANCE**

**MATTERS**

***ALL DAY, EVERY DAY***



Have a great week!