

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 7 (A)**  
W/C 18TH **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)

# 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!**

# School calendar 2023/24



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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
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WE ARE HERE

make every day count.

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weeks until Half-Term Break.



# Newsome Academy

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

# REFLECTIONS

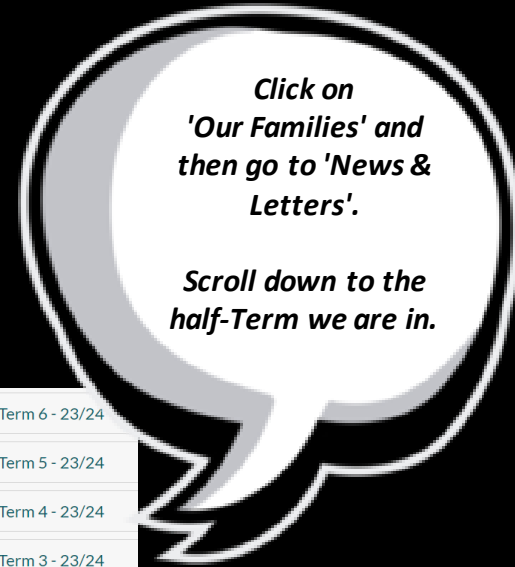
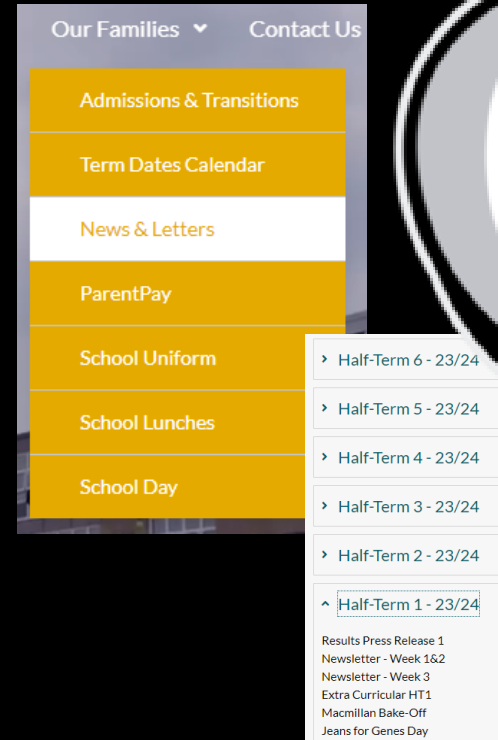
- Another great half-term with lots of happy and proud memories! Students have again demonstrated RITA and achievement in so many wonderful ways – ending with our Candlelight Concert. What a pleasure to see and be part of!
- Please make yourself aware of the letters section of this Newsletter so you are prepared for the start/end times and can plan around this.
- **Have a great time over the holiday period – whatever you are doing and thank you for your continued support!**



A GLANCE AT THIS WEEK...					IMPORTANT LINKS & KEY INFORMATION
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PA Exam (Y11)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PA Exam (Y11)</li> <li>• KS2 – Wheelchair basketball Sports Hall, 10.00am - 11.30am</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Dinner Day</li> <li>• Y10 x 5 1.15pm Newsome junior</li> <li>• New college Christmas rehearsal Y10/11 PA students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newsome Jnr School Pantomime LT 12:45-3.30</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Gathering – until 12.30pm</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



## End/Start of Term Arrangements

- **Students will finish school on FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER AT 12:30.** Important sessions will be had throughout the morning and attendance is still VITAL.
- **Students return to school on TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY** AT NORMAL SCHOOL TIMES.
- **Please ensure full advantage is taken of the home learning resources** on our website to allow education to continue in free time. Information can be located [here](#) for Key Stage 3 Students and KS4 students can find information on the following page.
- **Have a lovely festive break and thank you for another fantastic term. Our Twitter will also be live over the holidays.**

**Student Leadership** Opportunities in years 7 - 10 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.



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



## 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





**Newsome  
Academy**





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**

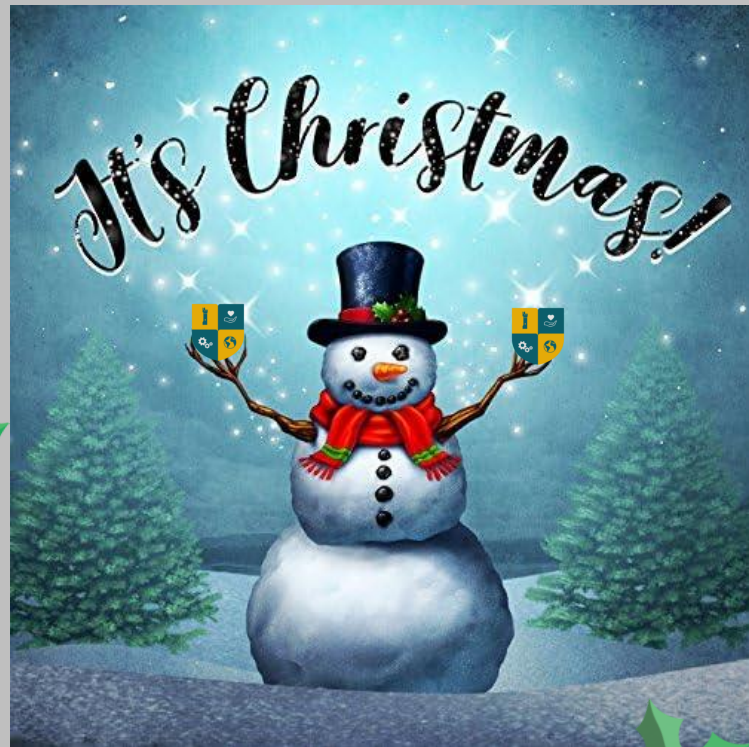
Friday 8th December.

### **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  
**home learning.***

## 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.

# STUDY SUPPORT

## ACADEMIC YEAR 23/24

### RESOURCES & KEY INFORMATION FOR SUCCESS

*make every day count.*

- An overview of the 'above and beyond' support we offer for exceptional achievement. This pack should be a key feature of home discussion and offer guidance to families to support their child.



# GCSE COURSES

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.

Entry level maths	AQA	German	Pearson Edexcel
Entry level science	AQA	French	Pearson Edexcel
Step up to English	AQA	Arabic	Pearson Edexcel
Art and Design (Art, craft & design)	AQA	History	Pearson Edexcel
Art and Design (Photography)	AQA	Italian	Pearson Edexcel
Biology	AQA	Persian	Pearson Edexcel
Chemistry	AQA	Spanish	Pearson Edexcel
Combined Science Trilogy	AQA	Performing Arts (year 11)	WJEC
English Language	AQA	Digital Information Technology (year 11)	Pearson Edexcel
English Literature	AQA	Digital information Technology (year 10)	Pearson Edexcel
Geography	AQA	Music Practice (year 10)	Pearson Edexcel
Maths (Higher)	AQA	Performing Arts (year 10)	WJEC
Physics	AQA	Functional Skills English level 2	Pearson Edexcel
Religious Studies	AQA	Business and Enterprise	NCFE
Polish	AQA	Health and Fitness	NCFE
Maths (Foundation)	OCR	Food and Cookery	NCFE
Entry level Geography	OCR	Personal & Social Development	ASDAN





# Home Learning Support

- Here is a reminder about the resources that are on offer to you whilst learning at home.
- Students are lucky enough to get above and beyond that of most schools and it's important these are taken advantage of for success.

Key Stage 3	Key Stage 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Knowledge Organisers</b> – broken down per each half term and contain content and questions to work from home on.</li><li>• <b>Homework Schedule</b> – to support time management at home and a guide for Teachers so work issuing is not given all in one go.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Exam Board Study</b> – the list on the next page offers guidance of the vast range of online resources such as past papers etc. This should be used as a guide.</li><li>• <b>Revision Guides</b> – ALL students have been given FREE guides which they should have at home. There's no excuses for loss</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support Software links.</li><li>• Wellbeing links and advice.</li></ul>	



# ONLINE LINKS & SOFTWARE

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

## Subject-Specific Software Packages to Support Study

<b>English</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Century Tech</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Mr Bruff's Video Guides (KS4)</a></li></ul>	<b>Maths</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">MathsWatch</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Century Tech</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Corbett Maths</a></li></ul>	<b>Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Educake</a> (main)</li><li>• <a href="#">Century Tech</a></li></ul>
<b>Geography</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">GCSEPod</a></li></ul>	<b>History</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">GCSEPod</a></li></ul>	<b>RE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Seneca Learning</a></li><li>• <a href="#">GCSE Bitesize</a></li><li>• <a href="#">GCSEPod</a></li></ul>
<b>Languages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Active Learn</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Languagenut</a></li></ul>	<b>Music</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Music - BBC Bitesize</a></li><li>• <a href="#">BandLab: Make Music Online</a></li></ul>	<b>Creative (CAPE)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">BFI</a></li><li>• <a href="#">iAchieve</a></li></ul>
<b>Generic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Oak National Academy</a></li><li>• <a href="#">GCSEPod</a></li><li>• <a href="#">BBC Bitesize</a></li></ul>		



# WELLBEING SUPPORT PACKAGES & APPS

We have researched the best apps that students can download to support their wellbeing...



## MINDSHIFT

**MindShift** app is based on to help young adults cope with an anxiety, by acting as a portable coach that guides users through challenging situations. Designed in collaboration with Anxiety Canada, this app teaches users how to relax and helps them identify active steps to directly face and take charge of their anxiety. The app provides a variety of methods for young people to respond to anxiety including; developing their knowledge of an anxiety and symptoms, engaging in relaxation tasks, evaluating their level of anxiety in particular situations, developing realistic thinking patterns and changing behaviour. Specific tools help users tackle issues such as improving their sleep quality, dealing with perfectionism, and handling conflict. These tools address everyday situations that contribute to increased levels of anxiety to help users change their overall relationship with anxiety. The goal is to help young people learn and practice anxiety coping skills.



## HEADSPACE

**Headspace:** Guided Meditations and Mindfulness takes a calm, relaxed approach to bringing calm relaxation into the lives of adults and kids. Headspace app, aims to keep children "calm and focused" through short meditation exercises. The app will help children fall asleep and wake up peacefully. It uses common meditation techniques like becoming aware of environmental sounds, breath awareness, breath counting, and more. Children can learn the basics of meditation and mindfulness. Children can follow the instructions and are reminded by the app to meditate each day. They can develop the habit of making time for personal growth and self-reflection in different situations, such as bedtime and waking up. It is also being used by mental health professionals and licensed therapists in medical sector.



## MOODPATH

**Moodpath** is an interactive depression and anxiety screening program. This app tracks psychological, emotional and physical health over a two-week period in order to generate a personalised mental health assessment that users can discuss with their doctor or counsellor. The app also contains an educational component to teach users about the psychology behind their mood, signs of depression, and psychotherapy. It's one of the best apps that help youth and young adults with mental health struggles that include CBT and wellness.



## SMILING MIND

**Smiling Mind** is designed to help people pressure, stress, and challenges of daily life. This app has a fantastic section on Mindfulness in the Classroom. An especially good choice for the younger users out there, as it was created specifically with students in mind. Smiling Mind offers programs for a variety of age groups, including 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18 and adults. The app has an easy-to-use interface for keeping track of your progress over time, both in terms of how many sessions you complete and how your emotions change.





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**ATTENDANCE**

**MATTERS**

***ALL DAY, EVERY DAY***



*Have a great week!*