

FAMILY NEWS

WEEKLY UPDATE



**Newsome
Academy**



BREAKFAST BRIEFING

- HALF-TERM5 (WEEK 2A)
- WEEK STARTING 15TH APRIL 2024

KEY FAMILY LINKS

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Officially rated
'Good' with
'Outstanding'
features


Ofsted
Good
Provider

SOCIAL MEDIA MOMENTS

Some fantastic drama and oracy by Year 10 in English today, acting out 'Macbeth' with the Whoosh strategy! A memorable lesson!



DB doing us proud this Easter winning a grade 4 and a grade 3 in tennis, one in Sunderland and one Warwickshire 🎾🏆🥰👏👏👏👏
#Proud
#RITA
#ACE



Students in Y10 using wet lunch to practice Macbeth



Y8 are nearing completion of their Sweet Dispensers! 🎁👏👏👏👏👏👏
#resistantmaterials #ifeskills #craftmanship



Students are experiencing a virtual reality this morning in business studies - looking at how technology evolves over time and best ways to stay in the market!



**7 WEEKS UNTIL
NEXT BREAK**

April	May	June	July
1 Mo <small>Easter Monday</small>	1 We	1 Sa	1 Mo
2 Tu	2 Th	2 Su	2 Tu
3 We	3 Fr	3 Mo	3 We
4 Th	4 Sa	4 Tu	4 Th
5 Fr	5 Su	5 We	5 Fr
6 Sa	6 Mo <small>Early May Bk. Hols.</small>	6 Th	6 Sa
7 Su	7 Tu	7 Fr	7 Su
8 Mo	8 We	8 Sa	8 Mo
9 Tu	9 Th	9 Su	9 Tu
10 We	10 Fr	10 Mo	10 We
11 Th	11 Sa	11 Tu	11 Th
12 Su	12 We	12 Fr	12 Su
13 Mo <small>GCSEs</small>	13 Th	13 Sa	13 Mo
14 Tu	14 Fr	14 Su	14 Tu
15 We	15 Sa	15 Tu	15 We
16 Th	16 Su	16 We	16 Th
17 Fr	17 Mo	17 Fr	17 Su
18 Sa	18 Tu	18 Sa	18 Tu
19 Su	19 We	19 Su	19 We
20 Mo	20 Fr	20 Th	20 Sa
21 Tu	21 Sa	21 Fr	21 Su
22 We	22 Su	22 Sa	22 Mo
23 Th	23 Mo	23 Su	23 Tu
24 Fr	24 Tu	24 Mo	24 We
25 Sa	25 We	25 Tu	25 Th
26 Su	26 Fr	26 We	26 Fr
27 Mo	27 Sa <small>Spring Bk. Hols.</small>	27 Th	27 Sa
28 Tu	28 Su	28 Fr	28 Su
29 We	29 Mo	29 Sa	29 Mo
30 Th	30 Tu	30 Su	30 Tu
31 Fr	31 We	31 Tu	31 We

**WE
ARE
HERE**



WEEK AT A GLANCE



MONDAY	PA Music Exam (Y11)
TUESDAY	Year 8 Parents' Evening
WEDNESDAY	PA Music Exam (Y11) Art Exam 11c
THURSDAY	Art Exam 11d Drama Exam (Y11)
FRIDAY	Art Exam 11d

HIGH ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Make sure you know your Class Charts and Attendance 'profile' ready for successful College applications.

COMMUNICATION...

Know and use the best staff to support you in your studies at Newsome...

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Services	Safeguarding
Ms Crossland	Ms Fletcher	Ms Sykes	Ms Parsonage	Ms Hallworth Ms Carter	Ms Gaye Mr Holmes Ms Hill Ms Carr	Ms Robinson Ms Wood Ms LeRoy Ms Brook

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



THIS TERM'S CLUBS

YOU ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE WIDE VARIETY OF THINGS ON OFFER AT NEWSOME...

Day	Club	Location	Staff Lead	YR11 P6 WK A	YR 11 P6 WK B
MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Netball Y8 - Y10 Cricket Homework Club – All years TLC time KS3 Girls scooters (12.30-1.00) Cooking Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Hall/ Astro Top Astro 606 TLC Sports Hall 602 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPA/MHO GEA/JDA MYA SEND LST DF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra III German 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wheelchair sports Club (invitation only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LST / SCU 		
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework Club Drama Club TLC time EAL / culture club Programming Club Girls Football British Sign Language Art Club Rounders Cycling Club Girls' football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 606 Lecture Theatre TLC EAL / 408 608 Field HI 802 609 Field/sports hall Meet at roller shutter 4G pitch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DF DT SEND SMU / TA AAH External DS LS SMI/CPA Bikeability LST/External 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCSE Art catch up Yr10 Drama GCSE Homework Club Basketball Club Chess Club Trampoline Club (25 Places) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 601 Lecture Theatre 606 Sports hall Library Gym 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPR DT MYA JDA/External DHA GEA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maths
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climbing Club Skateboarding (TBC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gym Sports hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LST LST /external 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCFE H&F NCFE F&C Art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BTEC Music EDUCAS PA BTEC IT Art

**GCSE
SUCCESS**



**YEAR 11 – NO EXCUSES!
PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF P6 AND
EVERYTHING INCLUDED IN
YOUR STUDY GUIDES & GCSE POD.**

YEAR 11
FREE GCSE
TUTORIAL



GCSE REVISION

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	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)

HOME STUDY

HOMEWORK

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	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

**LETTERS
HOME**



**YEAR 8
PROGRESS
EVENING
(TUESDAY)**

**INFORMATION HAS
BEEN SENT TO ALL
FAMILIES – PLEASE
ATTEND AS IT'S
IMPORTANT FOR
YOUR
ACHIEVEMENT.**

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.

**PLEASE READ YOUR STUDY
INFORMATION!**

ALL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
ARE TO REFER TO THE STUDY
GUIDE ([CLICK HERE](#)) TO SUPPORT
HOME LEARNING.

**YEAR 11 FAMILIES – REFER TO
PAGE 4!**



gcsepod
education on demand

PROVEN TO INCREASE GRADES!

STUDENTS SHOULD BE ON THIS
EVERY EVENING...

PARENTS' GUIDE TO GCSE REVISION

This useful guide lets you know exactly how and when your child should be revising



gcsepod
education on demand

“
The highest achieving students each watched on average **102 Pods** so there is a clear correlation between GCSEPod and results.
Principal

 **CREATE A PLAYLIST**
Identify the areas which are most challenging and create a playlist to focus learning

“
Our top users exceed their target grades in many areas.
Principal

 **73%**
of videos are watched out of school

“
I cannot emphasise enough how important it is that GCSEPod be used all year round, not just for revision, for maximum impact.
Parent

 **20 MINUTES**
Little and often is best, so try to keep sessions around 20 minutes to get the best results

“
It's the best thing you can have to revise and make sure you are ready for the exam.
Student

WATCH 10 PODS PER WEEK 
During exam time aim to watch 3 Pods per day

“
GCSEPod played an important role in helping me achieve A*. I would definitely recommend it.
Student

STUDENT VOICE

Year 7 EBU 96.31

Year 8 SJO 96.52

Year 9 NPR 95.35

Year 10 BOA 93.98

Year 11 KHO 96.15

Year group winner are Year 8

ENVIRONMENT

- No litter
- No chewing gum
- Help clear up – even if not yours (as staff do!)

MOVEMENT AROUND SCHOOL

- Walk left
- No running
- No pushing/grabbing
- No shouting



*Hearts & Minds
Voice Box*

THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR



The man with no phone, no
email, no computer...

THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR



Should we all try it? The poet John Cooper Clarke has learnt to live without modern technology. Others who have given up on it say that doing so brings a huge feeling of relief.

The punk poet John Cooper Clarke is sharing one of the secrets of his art: “I write all my poems with a quill. — a beautiful thing with a calligrapher.’s nib — and parchment by candlelight... I don’t have a typewriter or a computer, I don’t own a mobile phone, and it’s not possible to send me an email. If someone needs me, they can call my landline.”

- **Quill** - A large feather with the end sharpened to use as a pen
- **Calligrapher** - Somebody who practises the art of writing beautifully.’s
- **Parchment** - A stiff, flat writing surface made out of animal skin.

THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR



Clarke did not consciously decide to forego modern technology: “I’m not one of these people who wishes I’d lived 200 years ago.” He is grateful for the benefits of electricity and advanced medicine. But the arrival of the mobile phone left him cold. The most up-to-date piece of equipment he owns is a DVD player. “Not all change is for the better,” he argues. “Progress is great, but I often want to say, ‘You can stop there now’... It always goes on longer than it’s needed.”

His objections to tech are many. He refuses to bank online because of the scams to which people have lost huge sums of money. He believes that cash is important, because “if nobody has any spare change, how does your regular fella living in a cardboard box get by?” In general, “Technology seems to have a detrimental effect on those struggling in society.”

- **Detrimental** Negative.

THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR



Self-checkouts in supermarkets are another **bugbear**. Not only do they do shop-workers out of jobs, but they can be incredibly slow: “You’ve got to stand in line while someone takes 20 minutes to self-scan every single item.” He worries, too, about people losing natural skills because of tech. Those who depend on Google Maps may forget how to find their way, or how to get directions from a stranger. Above all, “you stop interacting with the real world. It gets rid of something we used to call a social life.”

Research supports this. According to Gaia Bernstein’s book *Unwired*, the amount of time American teenagers spend partying has fallen by two thirds since the 1980s. Between 2000 and 2015, the number who got together regularly with friends halved.²

Like Clarke, the writer Eliane Glaser has always resisted smartphones. This is partly because she hates “the gap they open up between me and the people around me” and partly “a recognition of my own susceptibility to addiction”.

In a recent article for the *Times*, James Marriott wrote about trying to give up his smartphone. Up until then he was an addict who could easily spend four hours a day on it.

Marriott found it much easier than he expected: the only bad moment was when he could not remember the PIN number for his debit card. He felt “a sense of giddy freedom and relief” at being free of his phone’s “endless wheedling demands for my attention”. He noticed the beauty of his surroundings more, and was able to concentrate far better on his work.

Some people take temporary breaks from tech by embarking on a “digital detox” programme. The broadcaster and writer Richard Coles gave up social media for Lent and felt “a bit twitchy” for the first three days, but then got used to it.

- **Bugbear** - A source of annoyance

**THIS
WEEK'S
SEMINAR**



**Should we all
try no tech
worlds?**



THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR



Yes

As useful as tech is, we should not let it rule our lives. As James Marriott says, you do not “have to be a **Luddite** to find the ‘phone zombies’ lurching down every street a little **dystopian.**”

- **Luddite** - A member of the 19th Century English movement of textile workers against modern machinery. Now used to describe those opposed to new technology or ways of working.
- **Dystopian** - Relating to an imagined society where there is great suffering or injustice.

THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR



No

For better or worse, we live in a high-tech world, and the more time we spend engaging with it the better we will succeed in it. Those who turn their backs on it deserve to be left behind.



THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR

Maybe

The problem with tech is that it is not wholly reliable. There will always be times when your phone runs out of battery or a system goes down, so we need to remember alternative ways of doing things.

THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR



Food for Thought...

- Many of your family members will remember the time when mobile phones didn't exist and managed completely fine.
- Check your screen time. How long is wasted just watching others have fun in what is portrayed as 'reality'?

ATTENDANCE ATTITUDE TO LEARNING



SCHOOL PROFILE & CV

- Just like real-life, schools keep a record of your commitment to work (education).
- This is used to support your future College & employment – showing how dedicated you are.

Make sure you know your:

- Class Charts Pie Chart
- Attendance Record





Headteacher Recognition Award

Hafsa Majid (Y9)
ASPIRATION

WEEK STARTING 15TH APRIL 2024

Rock Climbing Champ!

Well done and keep up the fabulous aspiration towards education. Having students like you in our family is a pleasure to see and work with. You should be very proud of yourself and use this as a prompt to continue your drive for a successful future.



Headteacher Recognition Award

Cody Newsome (Y8)
ASPIRATION

WEEK STARTING 15TH APRIL 2024

Huge Gains in English!

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Attendance Awards

- Year 7: Ms Burton (94%)
- Year 8: Ms Debrah (90%)
- Year 9: Ms Medcalf (91%)
- Year 10: Ms Kerr (89%)
- Year 11: Ms Robertson (89%)
- **Year group winner is: YEAR 11 (88%)**

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Best Attendance Award

YEAR 11
BEST ATTENDANCE
WEEK STARTING 15TH APRIL 2024

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