

BRESKFAST BRIEFING

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

KEY FAMILY LINKS

- TERM DATES CALENDAR
- LETTERS HOME
- HOME STUDY PACK
- KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS (KS3)
- OUR X SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT



Officially rated 'Good' with 'Outstanding' features



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



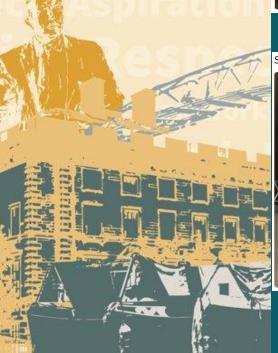
Y8 are nearing completion of their Sweet Dispencers! 📄



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!

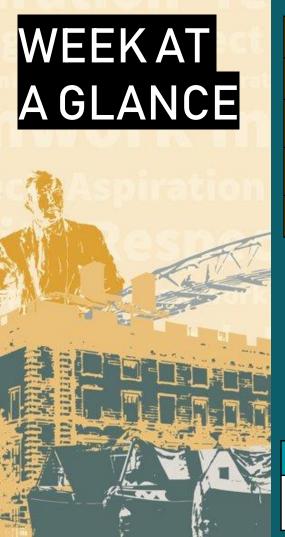






April	May	June	July	
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3 We	3 Fr	3 Mo 23	3 We	
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5 Fr	5 Su	5 We	5 Fr	
6 Sa	6 Mo Early May to	6 Th	6 Sa	
7 Su	7 Tu	7 Fr	7 Su	
8 Mo	5 8 We	8 Sa	8 Mo 21	
9 Tu	9 Th	9 Su	9 Tu	
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30Tu	30Th	30 Su	30Tu	
	31Fr		31We	





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!

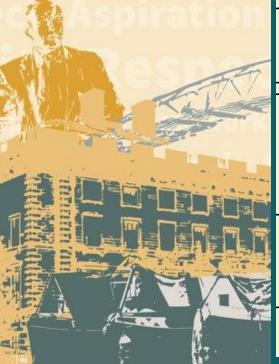
Make sure you know your Class Charts and Attendance 'profile' ready for successful College applications.

COMMUNICATION...

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

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

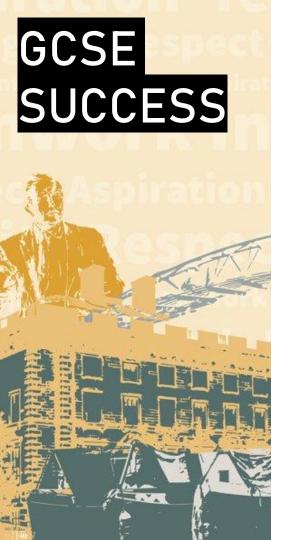
EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



THIS TERM'S CLUBS

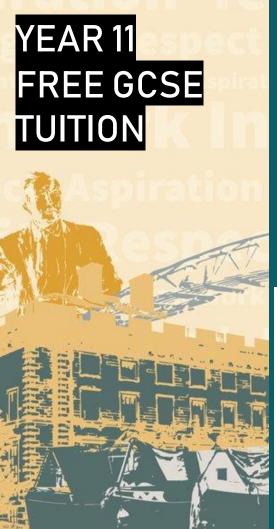
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	Day	Club	Location	Stall Leau	INTIFOWNA	IN 11 PO WAY D
100	MONDAY	Netball Y8 - Y10 Cricket Homework Club – All years TLC time KS3 Girls scooters (12.30-1.00) Cooking Club	 Sports Hall/ Astro Top Astro 606 TLC Sports Hall 602 	CPA/MHO GEA/JDA MYA SEND LST DF	Algebra III German	• Science
	TUESDAY	 Wheelchair sports Club (invitation only) 	 Sports Hall 	 LST / SCU 		
	WEDNESDAY	Homework Club Drama Club TLC time EAL / culture club Programming Club Girls Football British Sign Language Art Club Rounders Cycling Club Girls' football	606 Lecture Theatre TLC EAL / 408 608 Field HI 802 609 Field/sports hall Meet at roller shutter 4G pitch	DF DT SEND SMU/TA AAH External DS LS SMI/CPA Bikeability LSt/External	• French	• English
7	THURSDAY	GCSE Art catch up Yr10 Drama GCSE Homework Club Basketball Club Chess Club Trampolining Club (25 Places)	601 Lecture Theatre 606 Sports hall Library Gym	NPR DT MYA JDA/External HA GEA	• Geography • History	• Maths
	FRIDAY	Climbing Club Skateboarding (TBC)	Gym Sports hall	LST LST /external	NCFE H&F NCFE F&C Art	BTEC Music DUCAS PA BTEC IT Art





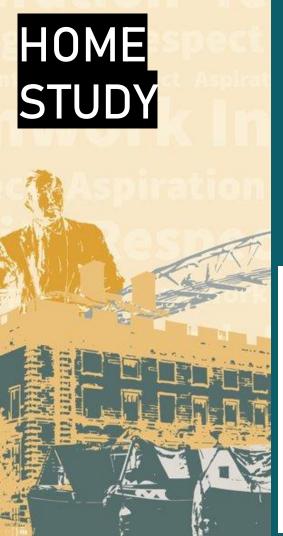
YEAR 11 – NO EXCUSES! PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF P6 AND EVERYTHING INCLUDED IN YOUR STUDY GUIDES & GCSE POD.



GCSE REVISION

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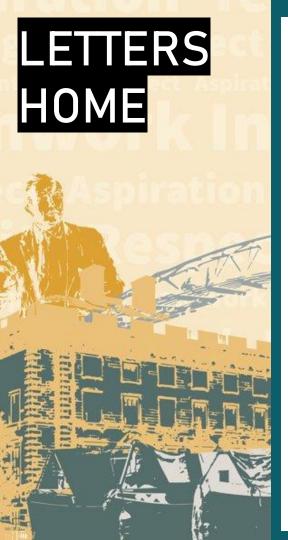
	Week A (HODs Meeting)	Week B		
Monday	Algebra III & German	Science		
Tuesday	CPD			
Wednesday	French	English		
Thursday	Geography & History	Maths		
Friday	VTC (Art, PE, Food)	VTC (Art, PA, IT, Music)		



HOMEWORK

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	Maths	Science	French 7W/7O/7M	French 7N	English
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Year 8	Science	French		English	Maths
Year 9	French		English	Maths	Science
Year 10	Option Block A	To all de	Maths	Science	Option Block C
rear 10	Option Block D	English			Option Block B
Year 11	English	Maths	Science	Option Block C	Option Block A
real II				Option Block D	Option Block B



YEAR 8
PROGRESS
EVENING
(TUESDAY)

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



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!



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education on demand

PROVEN TO INCREASE GRADES! STUDENTS SHOULD BE ON THIS EVERY EVENING...

PARENTS' GUIDE TO GCSE REVISION

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













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The highest achieving students each watched on average

102 Pods

so there is a clear correlation between GCSEPod and results.





of videos are watched out

watched out of school

t's the best thing you can have o revise and make sure you are ready for the exam.

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CREATE A PLAYIST

Identify the areas which are most challenging and create a playlist to focus learning



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important it is that GCSEPod be used all year round, not just for revision, for maximum impact.

Parent

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



20 MINUTES

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

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

Student

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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 96.1

Year group winner are Year 8

ENVIRONMENT

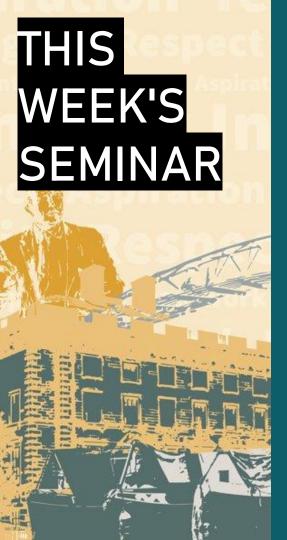
- No litter
- No chewing gum
- Help clear up even if not yours (as staff do!)



- Walkleft
- No running
- No pushing/grabbing
- No shouting



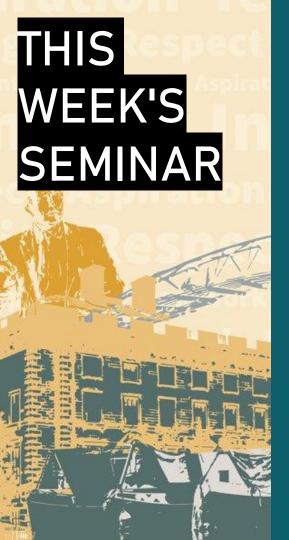
Hearts & Minds Voice Box







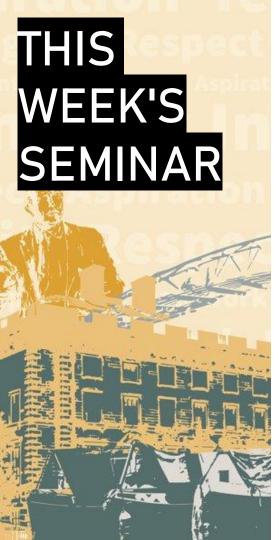
The man with no phone, no email, no computer...



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."

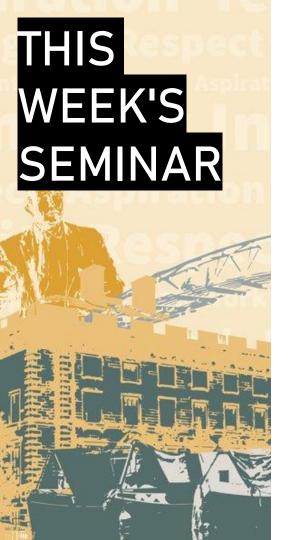
- Quill A large feather with the end sharpened to use as a pen
- **Calligrapher -** Somebody who practises the art of writing beautifully.'s
- **Parchment** A stiff, flat writing surface made out of animal skin.



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 <u>detrimental</u>. effect on those struggling in society."

• **Detrimental** Negative.



Self-checkouts in supermarkets are another <u>bugbear</u>. 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".

until then he was an addict who could easily spend four hours a day on it.

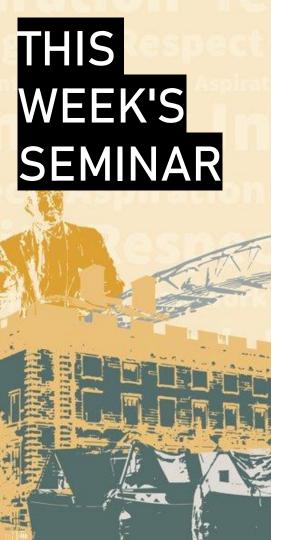
Marriott found it much easier than he expected: the only bad moment was when he could not remember the PIN number for his debit card. He felt "a sense of giddy freedom and relief" at

In a recent article for the *Times*, James Marriott wrote about trying to give up his smartphone. Up

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.

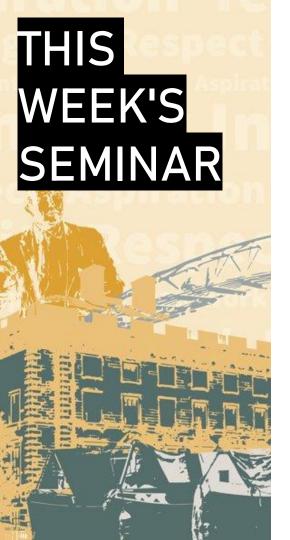
Some people take temporary breaks from tech by embarking on a "digital detox" programme. The broadcaster and writer Richard Coles gave up social media for Lent and felt "a bit twitchy" for the first three days, but then got used to it.

Bugbear - A source of annoyance



Should we all try no tech worlds?

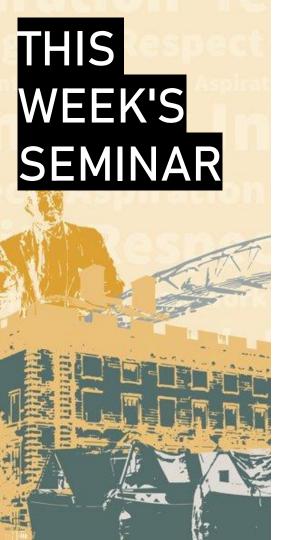






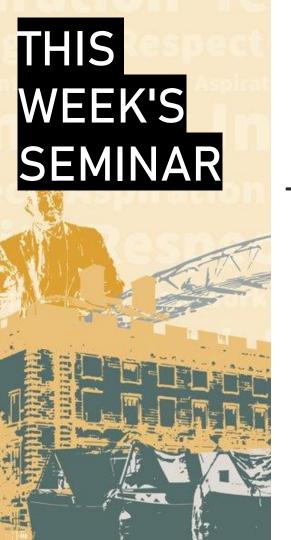
As useful as tech is, we should not let it rule our lives. As James Marriott says, you do not "have to be a <u>Luddite</u> to find the 'phone zombies' lurching down every street a little <u>dystopian."</u>

- **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.



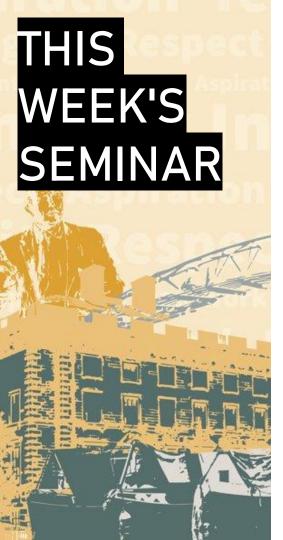


For better or worse, we live in a high-tech world, and the more time we spend engaging with it the better we will succeed in it. Those who turn their backs on it deserve to be left behind.



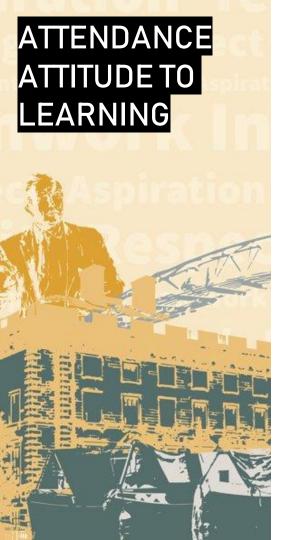
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The problem with tech is that it is not wholly reliable. There will always be times when your phone runs out of battery or a system goes down, so we need to remember alternative ways of doing things.



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'?



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 Cody Newsome (Y8) **ASPIRATION WEEK STARTING 15TH APRIL 2024** Huge Gains in English!



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%)



Best Attendance Award

