

A collage background featuring a statue of a man, the London Eye, a classical building with columns, a lion statue, and a modern glass building. The collage is overlaid with a grid of words: Integrity, Teamwork, Respect, and Aspiration. The words are repeated in a grid pattern across the background.



BREAKFAST BRIEFING

- HALF-TERM5 (WEEK 6)
- WEEK STARTING 13TH MAY 2024

KEY FAMILY LINKS

- [TERM DATES CALENDAR](#)
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- [HOME STUDY PACK](#)
- [KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS \(KS3\)](#)
- [OUR X SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT](#)



Newsome
Academy

Officially rated
'Good' with
'Outstanding'
features


Ofsted

Good
Provider

SOCIAL X MEDIA MOMENTS

Record-breaking turnout for our Transition Event this evening. Really excited to finally welcome our new families 📺😊



Rise 2 have been learning about fractions today's problem 'if there are 7 of us how do we divide the pizza so we get an equal slice?' ...Oh and yes... it was delicious 📺😊



Student Prefects



Rise involved in an enrichment activity building resilience and teamwork, small section of the activities



PEAK project well underway with our Y9 students



April	May	June	July
1 Mo <small>Easter Monday</small>	1 We	1 Mo	1 Mo
2 Tu	2 Th	2 Tu	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. Hol.</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 Fr	12 Su	12 We	12 Fr
13 Sa	13 Mo <small>GCSEs</small>	13 Th	13 Sa
14 Su	14 Tu	14 Fr	14 Su
15 Mo	15 We	15 Sa	15 Mo
16 Tu	16 Th	16 Su	16 Tu
17 We	17 Fr	17 Mo	17 We
18 Th	18 Sa	18 Tu	18 Th
19 Fr	19 Su	19 We	19 Fr
20 Sa	20 Mo	20 Th	20 Sa
21 Su	21 Tu	21 Fr	21 Su
22 Mo	22 We	22 Sa	22 Mo
23 Tu	23 Th	23 Su	23 Tu
24 We	24 Fr	24 Mo	24 We
25 Th	25 Sa	25 Tu	25 Th
26 Fr	26 Su	26 We	26 Fr
27 Sa	27 Mo <small>Spring Bk. Hol.</small>	27 Th	27 Sa
28 Su	28 Tu	28 Fr	28 Su
29 Mo	29 We	29 Sa	29 Mo
30 Tu	30 Th	30 Su	30 Tu
	31 Fr		31 We

WE
ARE
HERE

1 WEEK UNTIL
NEXT BREAK



WEEK AT A GLANCE



MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y11 GCSE Maths (AM)	<div>GCSEs TAKING PLACE!</div> <p>SPEAK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT HOW THEY ARE DOING.</p>
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y11 Health & Fitness (AM)• Y11 GCSE History (PM)	
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y11 GCSE Geography (AM)	
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y11 GCSE English lang. (AM)• Y11 Business (PM)• Y8 HPV Vaccinations.• Kirklees Schools athletic Championship – Y10	
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y11 GCSE Biology (PM)	

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

GCSE TIMETABLE

Date	Morning Exam Start Time 9:00am	Length	Lunch	Afternoon Exam Start Time 1:00pm	Length	
Mon 3 rd June	OCR Mathematics Foundation Paper 2 (non-calc) J560/02	1hr 30mins		Edexcel Russian – Paper 1 Listening – Higher 1RU0 1H	45mins	
	AQA Mathematics Higher Paper 2 (calc) 8300/2H	1hr 30mins		Edexcel Russian – Paper 3 Reading – Higher 1RU0 3H	1hr 05mins	
Tues 4 th June	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award Health and Fitness	1hr 30mins		Edexcel History - Paper 2 British Depth Study & Period Study 1HI0 2A-2W	1hr 45mins	
	AQA Spanish - Paper 1 Listening - Higher 8698/LH	45mins				
	AQA Spanish - Paper 3 Reading - Higher 8698/RH	1hr				
Wed 5 th June	AQA Geography Paper 2 8035/2	1hr 30mins				
Thurs 6 th June	AQA English Language - Paper 2 Writers' viewpoints and perspectives 8700/2	1hr 45mins			Contingency Afternoon	
					NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award Business and Enterprise	1hr 30mins
Fri 7 th June					AQA Biology - Paper 2 Higher & Foundation 8461/2F & 2H	1hr 45mins
					AQA Combined Science Biology Trilogy Foundation & Higher 8464/B/2F & 2H	1hr 15mins

YEAR 11 EXAMS



[CLICK HERE](#)
FOR SUMMER EXAM TIMETABLE

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 Trampolining 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

HOME STUDY



HOMEWORK

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ADVANTAGE OF THE WIDE VARIETY OF
THINGS ON OFFER AT NEWSOME...

	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





LETTERS HOME

**YEAR 11
FAMILIES ARE
TO MAKE
THEMSELVES
VERY AWARE
OF THIS
INFORMATION
PLEASE AND
DISCUSS AT
HOME...**

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!**

COMMUNITY MEMO: HALF-TERM

24TH MAY 2025

Students will
return on
**Monday 3rd of
June at normal
school times.**

Here's some
useful 'cheap
eats' for over
the half-term.

Cheap eats during May half term



Ikea Kids eat from 95p in Ikea restaurants. Available every day from 11am



Morrisons Kids eat free when an adult spends £4.50 or more on a meal



Asda Kids eat for £1 all day at Asda Cafés, with no adult spend required.



Sainsbury's Cafés Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot meal. From 11.30am every day.



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



“
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



UNIFORM DURING WARM WEATHER

- Shirts are to remain tucked in during warm weather. Staff will allow certain adaptations in lessons.

TOILET PASSES

- Students are to manage their time appropriately so they don't limit their learning and plan their toilet breaks at social times.

*Hearts & Minds
Voice Box*

THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR



© His Majesty King Charles III by Jonathan Yeo 2024

Pulsating: A detail (above) from Jonathan Yeo's painting of the King. See the full image in the expert links.

Is this Charles the Unsteady? The first official painting of the King since his coronation has just been unveiled — and opinions vary on how it should be interpreted.

THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR



The great moment had come. In one of the state rooms of Buckingham Palace, the King reached out and pulled the red tag in the centre of an enormous black cloth. A moment later, the cloth fell away and his guests burst into applause. A portrait that had taken three years was finally revealed. And it was red — very red.

Larger than life size, the painting is by Jonathan Yeo — a hugely experienced portrait artist whose previous subjects have included **Tony Blair** (Tony Blair was the leader of the Labour party. He was British prime minister from 1997 to 2007.), **David Attenborough** (An English broadcaster and natural historian known for his wildlife documentaries.) and **Malala Yousafzai** (A 23-year-old Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest person ever to win the Nobel Peace Prize.). It shows Charles in the uniform of the Welsh Guards, of which he is the regimental colonel, leaning on his sword. The uniform is red and so is the swirling background.

According to Yeo, the King “was initially mildly surprised by the strong colour”, but seemed to approve of it. Queen Camilla told the artist: “Yes, you’ve got him.” There is a long tradition of painting monarchs in military uniform. But this portrait has an unexpected detail. As Yeo explains: “I said: ‘When schoolchildren are looking at this in 200 years and they’re looking at the who’s who of the monarchs, what clues can you give them?’ He said: ‘What about a butterfly landing on my shoulder?’” The creature a clearly a reference to Charles’s concern for the environment. Some great portraits survive of previous monarchs. One is the “**Armada** (A fleet of warships.) portrait” of Queen **Elizabeth I** (The Tudor Queen of England from 1558 to 1603.), attributed to George Gower.

She wears a huge number of white pearls, which are associated with the Virgin Mary, with a black dress and cloak symbolising constancy. Through a window in the background we can see the storm which scattered the **Spanish Armada** (The Spanish Armada was a Spanish fleet of ships that sailed from Lisbon to England in late May 1588, with the intention of attacking the English navy.).

THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR



Another is Hans Holbein the Younger's portrait of **Henry VIII** (The King of England from 1509 to 1547, best known for his six wives.). According to *Britannica*: "Henry's flat face and small, wary eyes realistically depict his unique character, while his magnificent **apparel** (Clothing of a particular kind).... elaborates on his regal authority."

Anthony van Dyck painted **Charles I** (The king who sparked the Wars of the Three Kingdoms, which included the English Civil War. He was accused of tyranny by Parliament and ended up being executed for it.) on horseback for a portrait 12ft high. His melancholy expression is seen as a sign of wisdom.

Not all royal portraits have been well received. Some people said that **Lucian Freud** (A British painter who was the grandson of Sigmund Freud. In 2015 his painting *The Brigadier* was sold for £35.8m). 's portrayal of Queen Elizabeth II made her look like a rugby player, or else one of her own corgis. And according to Alastair Sooke in the *Daily Telegraph*, the new portrait shows a King "who, while kindly, and despite his military garb, isn't entirely sure of himself". Sooke nicknames him Charles the Unsteady.

This is some of the symbolism that can be found in the portrait:

- **Swirling colours** Create a sense of turbulence, reflecting the recent upheavals both in the royal family and in world politics.
- **Background match** The fact that his uniform is the same colour as the background indicates that even though he looks confident, he is caught up in the surrounding whirlwind.
- **Fluttering butterfly** Symbolises not only his love of nature and devotion to conservation, but his **metamorphosis** (A complete transformation or change of appearance and structure.) from prince to king.
- **Sword stance** Having his hands resting on his sword gives a sense of steadfastness amidst the chaos.

THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR



Is this Charles the Unsteady? Canvassing opinions

- **Yes:** It is a far cry from traditional royal portraits such as Elizabeth I's, where the subject stands out clearly from the background and appears to be very much in command of the situation.
- **No:** His subtle yet confident expression conveys the King's enduring presence. He had to stand still for 40 minutes at a time in the heavy uniform to pose for the portrait, but managed to remain cheerful.
- **Or...** He could not be blamed if he were unsteady, since he was diagnosed with cancer while it was being painted. Yeo says the portrait shows exactly who Charles is, "everything he represents and what he's been through".

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 Awards



Headteacher Recognition Award

Sophie Neary (Y11)
ASPIRATION

WEEK STARTING 3RD MAY 2024

Kindness, positivity & bravery in helping others

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

Aaliah Hussain (Y11)

ASPIRATION

WEEK STARTING 3RD MAY 2024

Creative writing excellence!

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Attendance Awards...



Attendance Awards

Year group winner-Year 8-94.86

Year 7-EBU 98.15

Year 8-SJO 99.20

Year 9-GEA 99.05

Year 10-BOA 94.00

Year 11-PRO 98.26

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Best Attendance Award

Year 8 (94.8%)
BEST ATTENDANCE
WEEK STARTING 20TH MAY 2024

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