



Newsome Academy



BREAKFAST BRIEFING

- HALF-TERM5 (WEEK 3)
- WEEK STARTING 18TH JUNE 2024

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Officially rated
'Good' with
'Outstanding'
features


Ofsted
Good
Provider

SOCIAL X MEDIA MOMENTS

We share daily live update to our families and staff as part of our 'above and beyond' communication strategy. See also the [letters section](#) on our website.

Our aspirational music students listening to a fantastic performance and workshop from @Piano #andpiano2024



Our Nature Garden Social Area is finally beginning to take shape. Awaiting the arrival of our soil and gravel. Today our mature olive trees and palms arrived which are eagerly awaiting their new homes 🌱🌴



Incredibly proud to have watched our HI students present their PUD session on deaf awareness and self advocacy today. 🌟👏



Yr 7 in Design technology have been making and testing rockets this week as part of a stem challenge. Students have been working in pairs and setting their own super rocket challenge. The highest, fastest, slowest coming down or a super twister!! 🚀🔗



Y10 students looking at future college choices with the Creative Media & Studio school. #whatsyourfuture



Yr 9 this week have been creating lights, trinket boxes and hand held games. Building on the skills taught at the beginning of the year. A student led activity to challenge them all.



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. 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

3 WEEKS
UNTIL NEXT
BREAK



WEEK AT A GLANCE

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...

MONDAY	Y9 English P1 Y9 Science P4 Y8 Maths P5
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y9 Maths P2 Y7 English P4 Year 6 Transition day 1 Y10 Greenhead College AM Y10 Kirklees college AM
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 Maths P1 Y8 Science P4 Year 6 Transition day 2. Jamie the musical trip 12pm Y7-10.
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y9 Science P4 Y7 Science P5 Y10 Planning & Budgeting P1 Y10 Kirklees College Hudd Fire Brigade - 8.45-12.30
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y8 English P3 Y9 Science P5 DC3 reports sent home

END OF YEAR EXAMS FOR KS3

SPEAK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT HOW THEY ARE DOING.

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Services	Safeguarding
Ms Crossland	Ms Fletcher	Ms Sykes	Ms Parsonage	Ms Hallworth	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
MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket Homework Club – All years KS3 Girls scooters (12.30-1.00) Cooking Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top Astro 606 Sports Hall 602 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GEA/JDA MYA LST GCO
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wheelchair sports Club (invitation only) Girls' Cricket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Hall Top astro 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LST / SCU LST / External
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework Club Drama Club EAL / culture club Programming Club British Sign Language Art Club Rounders Cycling Club Girls' football Algebra Level 3(Y10-invite only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 606 Lecture Theatre EAL / 408 608 HI 802 609 Field/sports hall Meet at roller shutter 4G pitch 407 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DF DT SMU / TA AAH DS LS SMI/CPA Bikeability LSt/External MAS/HIR
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> .GCSE Art catch up Yr10 Homework Club Athletics Chess Club Choir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 601 606 Sports hall/field Library 401 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPR MYA JDA/External DHA EC
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climbing Club Skateboarding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gym Sports hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LST LST /external

HOME STUDY



HOMEWORK

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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



FAMILY LETTER

Warm Weather Arrangements

- 24th June 2024



Dear Families

You will know from our behaviour policy that we make arrangements for students during periods of warm weather. The text below is taken direct from our Behaviour Policy.

- *"During Half term 5 and 6 (and HT1 in adverse weather – this would be communicated with families) students are permitted to wear tailored shorts and knee length skirts without tights. During times of adverse weather students will be encouraged to remove ties, jumpers and blazers so they are comfortable. We do not want weather conditions impeding on the students Learning."*

Students are still required to have their shirts tucked in at all times (as I do) to ensure appropriate standards across the Academy.

Whilst we are in the 'British Summer' period, please also remember to provide your child with sunscreen should they be outside.



FAMILY LETTER



Newsome Academy Gained National Status and was awarded the 'Centre of Excellence Award'. This recognises the work we do in educating our students on oracy and our range of successful literacy initiatives.

Voice 21 Oracy Centres of Excellence are leading the way in providing a high-quality oracy education for their students, acting as beacons of good practice for oracy across the school system. They build on their strong foundations of outcomes, expertise and drive to work collaboratively, to reciprocally share expertise and good practice with more colleagues and schools across the country and beyond, in order to benefit a greater number of students and communities.

FAMILY LETTER



Newsome Academy Gained National Status and was awarded the 'National SEND Award' for 'Most Innovative Intervention'. This recognises the great work that we do for learners with additional needs – of any kind.

In April 2013 ex-local authority specialist teacher, Richard Daniel Curtis, founded a special needs consultancy service called The Root Of It. In providing therapists, counsellors, psychologists and professionals for educational settings across England. He noticed that many awards existed for individual teachers, but there were none to celebrate good SEN practice. Richard set about founding awards to do just that. In 2015 he established a judging panel from important organisations in the sector and set about establishing the award categories. For the first year the team emailed every school they knew to get them to enter – 18 entries were received. The SEN Awards continued the following year with entries open to primary and secondary schools in England. By 2017, that had expanded to primary, secondary and FE settings across the four regions of the UK, reaching over 20,000 schools. In 2018, this was expanded to cover inclusion in employment up to 25 years (in line with national SEND code of practice). The awards were retitled to the National Special Educational Needs and Disability Awards and regional conferences were added to share the inspirational stories with more than a thousand settings across the country.



The SEND Awards

2024 WINNER

Officially rated
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features





GOT Newsome
Academy
TALENT

ARE

YOU

READY?



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



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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

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Our top users exceed their
target grades in many areas.

Principal

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73%

of videos are
watched out
of school

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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

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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



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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



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



SELF-DEVELOPMENT
& UNDERSTANDING

Seven secrets of how to have a great summer



It's over!: Around 650,000 British teenagers have taken GCSEs this year and will get their results on 22 August.

THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR



SELF-DEVELOPMENT
& UNDERSTANDING

Reflective Thinking Seminar: Is Happiness Harder than Fun?

Learn a language. Ludwig Wittgenstein wrote that “the limits of my language are the limits of my world”.² Languages break up the world differently: for example, Russian has distinct words for “dark blue” and “light blue”. Things that we think are the same can appear different in another language and vice versa. So it is well worth plugging away at your French or German this summer, or doing something different and picking up Chinese, Arabic or Urdu.

Make new friends. French thinker Jacques Derrida wrote that having friends is what allows us to understand ourselves and come to terms with our mortality, since they remind us that everything comes with a time limit.³ Making a new friend this summer could bring out an aspect of yourself you never knew was there.

Read, read, read. Ancient Chinese philosopher Confucius argued we improve ourselves through education. He thought that it teaches us how to act morally, which in turn fills us with the disposition that we need to live a moral life, which he called “ren”, roughly translating as “humanity”.⁴ If you spend the summer reading books, you may start the next academic year a better person.

THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR



SELF-DEVELOPMENT
& UNDERSTANDING

Reflective Thinking Seminar: Is Happiness Harder than Fun?

Is happiness harder than fun? The summer holiday is in view at last and most of us are looking forward to months of mindless fun. But is that the truest path to human contentment?

Hang up the uniform. Put away the pens and notepads. For thousands up and down the country, exams are over, the school year is done and eleven glorious weeks of holiday beckon.

Some unlucky souls have to plough on for another week. But most GCSE and A Level students are free, just as the long-awaited summer weather finally arrives.

But many will be unsure how to celebrate their newfound liberty. Others may feel too burnt out to make the most of it.

Some of us will be tempted to spend it doing whatever seems fun. But psychologists say mere fun can be fleeting and unsatisfying. Being happy is a different task.

So here are seven tips from great thinkers to help you not just have fun this summer, but find happiness too.

THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR



SELF-DEVELOPMENT
& UNDERSTANDING

Reflective Thinking Seminar: Is Happiness Harder than Fun?

Get new hobbies. Karl Marx thought human beings need activity. He believed that making things with our hands and brains is a form of self-actualisation that makes us more fully human.⁵ So try taking up sewing or clay modelling.

Get politically involved. Aristotle wrote that “humanity is a political animal”.⁶ He thought it was only by engaging in political life that we reach our full potential. And with the election coming up, now is the perfect time to join in.

Do nothing. Chinese philosopher Zhuang Zi believed in the art of “wu wei”, meaning “doing nothing”. But this did not mean being idle: it meant not acting against the universe. We should give up our own ego-driven plans and try to live in perfect accord with nature. So this summer, just do whatever the world seems to be telling you to do.

THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR



SELF-DEVELOPMENT
& UNDERSTANDING

Reflective Thinking Seminar: Is Happiness Harder than Fun? Fun in the sun

Yes: Having a lark is the easiest thing in the world, but it passes quickly. Building a deep bedrock of happiness takes time and the cultivation of self-knowledge.

No: Happiness is nothing but the accumulation of fun. Try to have fun in everything that you do, and you will quickly find that happiness comes naturally. It is finding the fun in difficult and boring things that is hard.

Or... Happiness does mean more than just having fun, but we cannot be happy without having fun. The important thing is to find out what we truly enjoy doing, and do as much of it as we can.

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1. According to the pricings on the [Interrail website](#).
 2. In his 1922 work *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, which aimed to define the relationship between language and reality.
 3. In his 1994 book *The Politics of Friendship*, which began as a lecture series.
 4. According to the record of his teachings written up by his disciples under the title *The Annalects*.
 5. In his early writings, known as the *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts*.
 6. In a work aptly titled *Politics*.
 7. In a text that has been passed down to us as the *Zhuangzi*.



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





Attendance Awards...



Attendance Awards

Best year group-: Year 7 93.39%

Year 7 - EBU-97.69

Year 8 - SJO 93.60

Year 9 - GEA 97.14

Year 10 - ESM 92.33

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.



Best Attendance Award

Year 7 (93.39%)
BEST ATTENDANCE
WEEK STARTING 1ST JULY 2024

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