



Newsome Academy

GCSE Press Release & Summer Update – 22nd August 2024

Congratulations

Newsome Academy is pleased to report another year of some fantastic achievements by our amazing students in their GCSEs and other qualifications this summer. Over the past 7 years and pre-pandemic, the Academy has grown from strength to strength and this year is no exception! We are immensely proud of our students and include some success stories for our families and community below. This year we even celebrated recognition from Ofsted as a 'Good with Outstanding features' provider. We had some huge smiles and tears of joy which is a pleasure to see.



- There were 119 grades 7 and above achieved this year with some breath-taking highest achievers of all time in our history.
- There were a total of 17 grade 9's, 39 grade 8's and 63 grade 7's achieved.
- We usually publish individuals but not all have opened their results and are waiting to celebrate with their families so I will publish this in another statement when we return.

- Our Year 11 students this year were the first year group who started their secondary school in 'bubbles' following the pandemic – **which wasn't the most ideal start!** Despite this, students were brilliant. Overall, students have demonstrated resilience and maturity, and this has been personally heartwarming to watch as Headteacher. Another needed mention is the tremendous support and care that our families offer their child - having worked in 5 secondary schools, Newsome families stand out by far and I congratulate you on the effort and lengths taken to ensure the right support and challenge that you have offered your child through the exam season. It is only by working together that we can make the biggest and most positive difference in our children's lives, and we certainly have that within our community.
- A special mention also needs to go out to our dedicated staff - **teaching and non-teaching**. I have witnessed relentless time, passion and dedication by them to ensure your child has had every opportunity to prepare for their exams. Whether it be in the classroom, pastorally or the administration offices, they have worked tirelessly to ensure students are all able to progress onto further education and study, and we look forward to seeing what they will achieve in the future.



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START OF TERM SEPTEMBER ARRANGEMENTS



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Please see the arrangements for the start of term in September. As with every year, we start with training days and then a Y7 only 'Navigation Day'. We look forward to welcoming our students back after a relaxing summer break!

MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Inset day - Staff onlySchool closed for all students
TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Inset day - Staff onlySchool closed for all other students
WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 7 only - 'Navigation Day'School closed for all other students
THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Normal school dayOpen to all studentsAll years return to the Academy at normal school times
FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Normal school dayOpen to all studentsAlton Towers Reward trip

- Remember to refer to our new academic year calendar ([click here](#)) with holidays included. Please note that there may be slight additions outside of these times for any events we plan during the school term.

Other News

- Our new outdoor social space has not been completed and ready for students to enjoy. This includes new seating and plants to encourage nature and lovely recreational space.



- Due to our increase in numbers and popularity, we are welcoming more students – meaning more classroom and learning spaces have been created
- We will be welcoming 15 additional staff including increased teachers and Pastoral support including some talented Canadian Teachers which have been hand-picked by us

Have a wonderful remainder of the summer break and I very much look forward to working with you to ensure the new Academic Year of 2024/25 is another amazing one!

Mr D Watkin - Headteacher



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