



Newsletter

**FAMILY NEWS
WEEKLY UPDATE
WEEK 6**



CALENDAR

2 WEEKS

UNTIL

NEXT

BREAK

	2025						
December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
1 Su	1 We <small>New Year's Day</small>	1 Sa	1 Sa			1 Su	1 Tu
2 Mo	2 Th	2 Su	2 Su			2 Mo	2 We
3 Tu	3 Fr	3 Mo	3 Mo			3 Tu	3 Th
4 We	4 Sa	4 Tu	4 Tu			4 We	4 Fr
5 Th	5 Su	5 We	5 We			5 Th	5 Sa
6 Fr	6 Mo	6 Th	6 Th	6 Su	6 Tu	6 Fr	6 Su
7 Sa	7 Tu	7 Fr	7 Fr	7 Mo	7 We		
8 Su	8 We	8 Sa	8 Sa	8 Tu	8 Th		
9 Mo	9 Th	9 Su	9 Su	9 We	9 Fr		
10 Tu	10 Fr	10 Mo	10 Mo	10 Th	10 Sa		
11 We	11 Sa	11 Tu	11 Tu	11 Fr	11 Su		
12 Th	12 Su	12 We	12 We	12 Sa	12 Mo	12 Th	12 Sa
13 Fr	13 Mo	13 Th	13 Th	13 Su	13 Tu	13 Fr	13 Su
14 Sa	14 Tu	14 Fr	14 Fr	14 Mo	14 We	14 Sa	
15 Su	15 We	15 Sa	15 Sa	15 Tu	15 Th	15 Su	
16 Mo	16 Th	16 Su	16 Su	16 We	16 Fr	16 Mo	
17 Tu	17 Fr	17 Mo	17 Mo	17 Th	17 Sa	17 Tu	
18 We	18 Sa	18 Tu	18 Tu	18 Fr <small>Good Friday</small>	18 Su	18 We	
19 Th	19 Su	19 We	19 We	19 Sa	19 Mo	19 Th	19 Sa
20 Fr	20 Mo	20 Th	20 Th	20 Su	20 Tu	20 Fr	20 Su
21 Sa	21 Tu	21 Fr	21 Fr	21 Mo <small>Easter Monday</small>	21 We	21 Sa	21 Mo
22 Su	22 We	22 Sa	22 Sa	22 Tu	22 Th	22 Su	22 Tu
23 Mo	23 Th	23 Su	23 Su	23 We	23 Fr	23 Mo	23 We
24 Tu	24 Fr	24 Mo	24 Mo	24 Th	24 Sa	24 Tu	24 Th
25 We <small>Christmas Day</small>	25 Sa	25 Tu	25 Tu	25 Fr	25 Su	25 We	25 Fr
26 Th <small>Boxing Day</small>	26 Su	26 We	26 We	26 Sa	26 Mo <small>Spring Bk. Hol.</small>	26 Th	26 Sa
27 Fr	27 Mo	27 Th	27 Th	27 Su	27 Tu	27 Fr	27 Su
28 Sa	28 Tu	28 Fr	28 Fr	28 Mo	28 We	28 Sa	28 Mo
29 Su	29 We		29 Sa	29 Tu	29 Th	29 Su	29 Tu
30 Mo	30 Th		30 Su	30 We	30 Fr	30 Mo	30 We
31 Tu	31 Fr		31 Mo		31 Sa		31 Th

Y11 MOCK EXAMS

Y11 REAL EXAMS

Y7-10 YEAR END EXAMS



GCSEs START 12TH MAY
GCSE results day in 2025 is Thursday, August 21 when you collect your results



FESTIVE ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Best Year Group

- Best year group: Year 7, 95.4%

Winning Teams

- Year 7: 7CRI, 97%
- Year 8: 8EBU, 96.1%
- Year 9: 9SJO, 96.4%
- Year 10: 0AME, 10GEA, 95%
- Year 11: 11BOA, 95.3%

Attendance Matters		
100%	0 DAYS	0 LESSONS MISSED
99%	1 DAY	5 LESSONS MISSED
98%	3 DAYS	15 LESSONS MISSED
97%	1 WEEK	25 LESSONS MISSED
96%	1.5 WEEKS	35 LESSONS MISSED
94%	2 WEEKS	50 LESSONS MISSED
93%	2.5 WEEKS	65 LESSONS MISSED
92%	3 WEEKS	75 LESSONS MISSED
90%	3.5 WEEKS	90 LESSONS MISSED

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Facilitate your child's
memory development by:

- Looking through our [Curriculum Plans](#) to see the bigger picture.
- Going through the [Study Support Pack](#) with you.
- Going through the [Knowledge Organisers](#) and testing your knowledge



MONDAY

Whole-School Seminar



TUESDAY

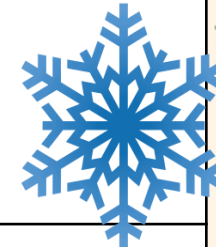


WEDNESDAY

Christmas Concert

- Newsome Centre 4pm & 6pm performances

THURSDAY

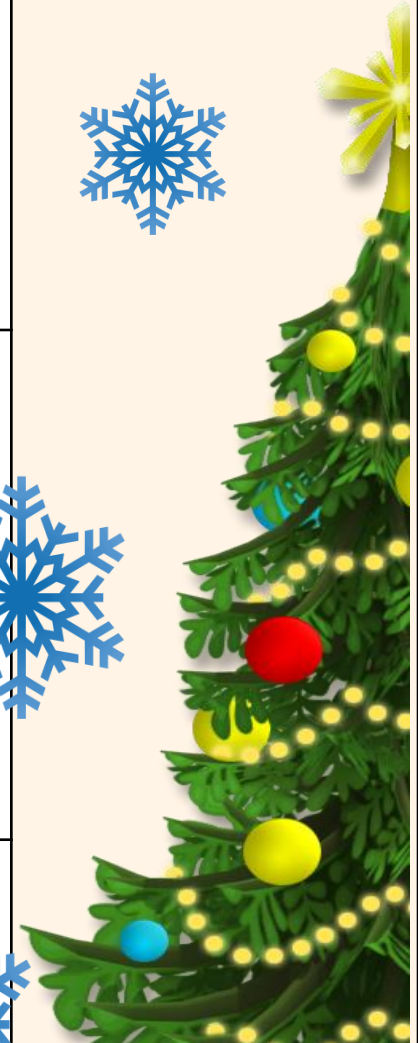


FRIDAY



DC1 Reports sent home

- Your child's Progress Report will be sent home



**CHRISTMAS
IS
COMING**

SOCIAL MEDIA MOMENTS

Y11 Mock Results Day. Treats to celebrate some well-earned grades. Hard work pays off! 🥳👏👏



Mr M serving up a storm at lunch!! 😄😄



Newsome Academy 'Wrap a Gift' event. Christmas is in full swing here 🎅🎄👶



Year 10 completing Titrations in their Science lessons 👍



Our Chair of Governors presenting to students on the origin of Christmas this morning.





WE OFFER A RANGE OF CLUBS FOR FUN AND LEARNING THAT STUDENTS CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF...

Day	Club	Location	Staff Lead
MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Netball Y7 – Y10 Homework Club – All years Cooking Club Table Tennis Algebra Level 3 – Invitation only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Hall/ Astro 608 602 Gym 407 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HR/MHO DF GC GEA/JDA MAS
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wheelchair Basketball Club (invitation only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCU
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework Club Girls Football Choir Football YR 9/10 BSL club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 608 Astro 402 Field 803 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DTU External EC GEA/JDA DCR
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCSE Art catch up KS4 Homework Club Football YR 7/8 Music Club All years KS4 Dance Sewing Club KS3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 609 608 Field 402 DS 607 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LS NM GEA/JDA AM SMT KC
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climbing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gym 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LS



**EXTRA
CURRICULAR
CLUBS
AUTUMN
3PM-4PM**



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Please spend a few moments completing our Term 1 Family Survey. This helps us see what we are doing well and what we need to continue to improve our wonderful school.

[Click Here to take the survey](#)

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DUKE OF EDINBURGH



Dear parent / carer,

I'm pleased to inform you that Newsome Academy offers the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) to students in year 9.

The DofE is a great chance for your child to broaden their horizons, discover new interests and talents, have fun with friends, develop essential skills for their future and achieve an internationally renowned Award.

As Newsome Academy's DofE Manager, I wanted to send you some information about what a DofE programme involves, the benefits for your child, and how they can sign up.

About the DofE

The DofE is non-competitive and open to all young people – it's about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries. There are three levels of DofE programme which, when successfully completed, lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

Through their DofE, students will make friends and memories and build traits such as confidence, resilience and self-esteem, which can benefit mental health. They'll gain skills and attributes for work and life such as problem-solving, team-working and self-motivation – and they'll achieve an Award that is recognised by top employers and can help them stand out when applying for university or jobs.

To achieve their Bronze Award, participants must complete four sections: **Skills**, **Volunteering**, **Physical** and their **Expedition**.



Every young person's DofE programme is personal to them – they can choose what they'd like to do for their Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections, and most activities can count. We will provide guidance and support, and students can either choose to continue an activity they already do or discover something completely new.

Activities for each section take a minimum of one hour per week over a set period, so they can fit around studying, hobbies and social lives.

About the expedition

The Expedition section involves your child working as part of a small team to plan their expedition's aim, choose a location and do some training to make sure they're fully prepared – before spending two days and one night in the countryside.

Ahead of this, they will take part in sessions covering basic expedition principles and introducing them to expedition equipment.

There will also be a number of training sessions in which your child and their group will plan their route and prepare. Participants will only be able to do their expedition if they attend the organised training and have completed their Voluntary, Physical and Skill sections.

The expedition date is still to be confirmed, and details about pre-expedition training will also follow.

eDofE and the DofE app

Participants can create their DofE programme and record their progress using eDofE, the DofE's digital system, available online at eDofE.org and through the DofE app – downloadable for free from Google Play and the App Store.

If your child decides to enrol, we will set up their eDofE account and they will receive details of how to sign in and get started.

Signing up

The cost of taking part in the DofE is £100 per participant. This covers your child's participation place and Welcome Pack, which will be sent to their home address and includes their personalised DofE Discount Card. The cost will also include use of camping equipment such as tents, rucksacks, cooking equipment, navigation equipment and overnight camping fees.

You are receiving this letter as your child would like to take part; please complete and return the expression of interest slip. Once your child's place is confirmed, you will be informed, and payment details will be added to ParentPay. If the cost of taking part is prohibitive, please speak to me as there may be financial support available to you.

If you would like any further information in the meantime, please feel free to contact either Mr Earnshaw or Mr Darlington via email.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to helping your child to achieve through their DofE.

Yours faithfully,

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KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS



1. A TERMLY OVERVIEW OF KEY LEARNING.
2. KEY VOCABULARY LINKED TO STUDY.
3. REFERENCES TO ADDITIONAL LEARNING.
4. QUESTIONS TO CHECK & CHALLENGE YOUR LEARNING.



**GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES TO SUPPORT
STUDY THROUGHOUT THEIR NEWSOME CAREER JOURNEY...**



Independent learning will be set as per the timetable below for each year group to ensure it is spread out across the week. Failure to complete homework to an acceptable standard will be recorded on ClassCharts.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7*	7NEW MFL	English	Science	Maths	7SOM MFL
Year 8*	8NEW MFL	8SOM MFL	Maths	English	Science
Year 9*	MFL	Science	English		Maths
Year 10	English Option C	Maths	MFL Option D	Science	Hums
Year 11	Maths	MFL Option D	English	Hums Option C	Science

- Due to A/B Week timetables, classes in Years 7-9 will receive Hums and VTC homework at different times each week.



HOMEWORK CALENDAR





Here is a reminder of the resources that are on offer to you whilst learning at home. Students are lucky enough to get above and beyond that of most schools and it's important these are taken advantage of for success.

KEY STAGE 3 (YEARS 7,8,9)

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

This is broken down per each half term and contain content and questions to work from home on.

HOMEWORK SCHEDULE

This supports time management at home and a guide for Teachers so work issuing is not given all in one go.

KEY STAGE 4 (YEARS 10& 11)

EXAM BOARD LIST

The list on the previous page offers guidance of the vast range of online resources such as past papers etc. This should be used as a guide.

REVISION GUIDES

ALL students have/will been given **FREE** guides which they should have at home. There's no excuses for loss

WIDER SUPPORT

ADDITIONAL SOFTWARE LINKS | WELLBEING APPS | INDEPENDANT STUDY GUIDES



HOME LEARNING





Your Term 1 Curriculum Key Vocabulary

YEAR 7 RECALL

- Here's what you have learnt during this term in your core subjects.
- These are the key terms that you should test yourself on so you can store in your memory bank and recall in your end-of year exams.
- All the answers and explanations to these are in your [Knowledge Organisers](#).

English The Lion King The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe	Maths Operations & Place Value	Science Scientific Skills
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Narrative2. Exposition3. rising action4. Climax5. Falling action6. Denouement7. Character8. Protagonist9. Antagonist10. Juxtaposition11. Metaphor12. Simile13. Personification14. Onomatopoeia15. Repetition16. Alliteration17. Hero18. Villain19. Setting	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approximate2. Integer3. Range4. Median5. Place value6. Significant Figure7. Coefficient8. Function9. Operation10. Inverse11. Expression12. Equation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Prediction2. Hypothesis3. Independent Variable4. Dependent Variable5. Control Variables6. Hazard7. Risk Assessment8. Method9. Conclusion10. Evaluation11. Accurate12. Precise13. Reproducible14. Anomaly15. Prediction



Your Term 1 Curriculum Key Vocabulary

YEAR 8 RECALL

- Here's what you have learnt during this term in your core subjects.
- These are the key terms that you should test yourself on so you can store in your memory bank and recall in your end-of year exams.
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English Romeo & Juliet	Maths Proportional Reasoning	Science Scientific Skills
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Prologue2. Amorous3. Adversary4. Ancient5. Bondage6. Brawl7. Canker8. Civil9. Conflict10. Counsel11. Disposition12. Esteem13. Fray14. Feud15. Grudge16. Bauble17. Drivel18. Garish19. Livery20. Portentous21. Patriarchy22. Stint23. Shift24. Unrequited25. Unscrupulous	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ratio2. Scale3. Coordinate4. Origin5. Parallel6. Gradient7. Intercept8. Correlation9. Line of best fit10. Outlier11. Frequency12. Probability/ chance13. Currency	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Prediction2. Hypothesis3. Independent Variable4. Dependent Variable5. Control Variables6. Hazard7. Risk Assessment8. Method9. Conclusion10. Evaluation11. Accurate12. Precise13. Reproducible14. Anomaly15. Prediction



Your Term 1 Curriculum Key Vocabulary

YEAR 9 RECALL

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- These are the key terms that you should test yourself on so you can store in your memory bank and recall in your end-of year exams.
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English Blood Brothers	Maths Reasoning with Algebra	Science	
<div>1. Abandon</div> <div>2. Adoption</div> <div>3. Aspiration</div> <div>4. Cynical</div> <div>5. Expectation</div> <div>6. Inequality</div> <div>7. Inferior</div> <div>8. Nature</div> <div>9. Nurture</div> <div>10. Manipulative</div> <div>11. Masculinity</div> <div>12. Politics</div> <div>13. Superior</div> <div>14. Superstition</div> <div>15. Social conscience</div> <div>16. Unrest</div> <div>17. Working class</div> <div>18. Upper Class</div> <div>19. Union</div> <div>20. Unemployment</div> <div>21. Welfare</div>	<div>1. Gradient</div> <div>2. Intercept</div> <div>3. Linear</div> <div>4. Aymptote</div> <div>5. Reciprocal</div> <div>6. Rearrange</div> <div>7. Solve</div> <div>8. 2D</div> <div>9. 3D</div> <div>10. Vertex</div> <div>11. Edge</div> <div>12. Face</div> <div>13. Cross-section</div> <div>14. Bisector</div>	<div>Breathing & Health<div>Organ</div><div>Organ System</div><div>Organism</div><div>Breathing system</div><div>Ventilation</div><div>Gas exchange</div><div>Alveoli</div><div>Asthma</div><div>Bronchitis</div><div>COPD</div><div>Carcinogen</div><div>Photosynthesis</div><div>Stomata</div></div>	<div>Pressure<div>Pressure</div><div>Force</div><div>Area</div><div>Newton</div><div>Pascal</div><div>Fluid</div><div>Particles</div><div>Collision</div><div>Volume</div><div>Liquid pressure</div><div>Gas pressure</div><div>Atmosphere</div><div>Atmospheric pressure</div><div>Altitude</div></div>
		<div>Earth Resources<div>1. Finite</div><div>2. Renewable</div><div>3. Resource</div><div>4. Reserves</div><div>5. Sustainability</div><div>6. Metals</div><div>7. Chemical Bonds</div><div>8. Reactivity Series</div><div>9. Displacement</div><div>10. Electrolysis</div><div>11. Reduce</div><div>12. Reuse</div><div>13. Recycle</div></div>	<div>Inheritance & Evolution<div>1. Biodiversity</div><div>2. Natural selection</div><div>3. Evolution</div><div>4. Extinction</div><div>5. Fossil record</div><div>6. DNA</div><div>7. Chromosome</div><div>8. Gene</div><div>9. Inherited characteristics</div><div>10. Allele</div><div>11. Dominant</div><div>12. Recessive</div><div>13. Genotype</div></div>
		<div>Machines<div>1. Force</div><div>2. Newton</div><div>3. Simple machine</div><div>4. Pulley</div><div>5. Axle</div><div>6. Screw</div><div>7. Lever</div><div>8. Inclined plane</div><div>9. Moments</div><div>10. Pivot</div><div>11. Work done</div><div>12. Hooke's Law</div><div>13. Extension</div><div>14. Directionally proportional</div></div>	

THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR

