



# FAMILY NEWS WEEKLY UPDATE

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SCHOOL/STUDENT COMMUNICATION  
HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

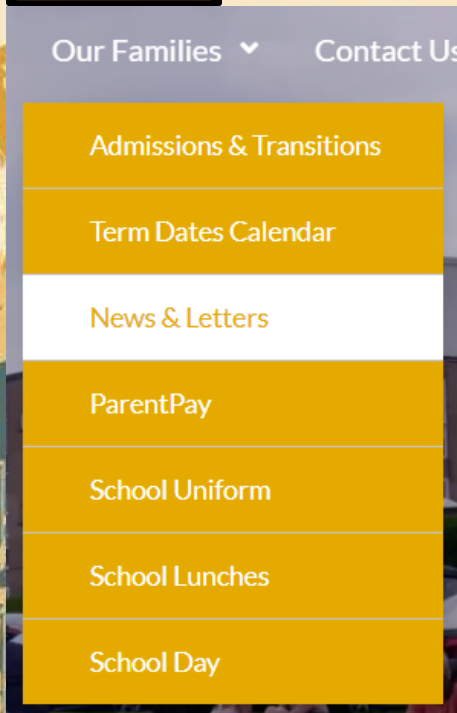


# MESSAGES

# HOME



Families should regularly visit our website on the link above.



# NEWSOME FAMILY UPDATE

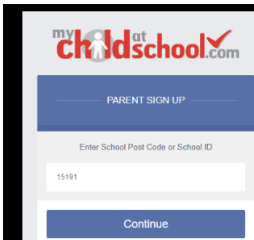
## IMPORTANT Communication System Update – My Child at School

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January

Dear parents and carers,

We are writing to inform you of an important update regarding our online platform for student information and communication. We have decided to transition from the SIMs and ClassCharts platform to a new system called Bromcom. This change is part of our ongoing effort to improve the efficiency and quality of the information we provide you by having everything you need in one place. Bromcom will offer enhanced features and a more user-friendly experience, which we believe will greatly benefit both families and students. The app itself is called My Child At School (or MCAS) and is available on both iOS and Android devices, as well as being accessible via their website from your internet browser. We will be using the MCAS system for ALL future communications, parents' evening booking and rewards/behaviour monitoring, so please make sure you follow the below steps to sign-up. We recommend **downloading the MCAS app (My Child at School)** as this gives you everything you need in a user-friendly format.

- Download the MCAS parent app or login at: <http://www.mychildatschool.com>
- Follow the set-up instructions below.
- Click on **PARENT SIGN UP** and enter the school ID: **15191** or Postcode: **HD4 6JN**



- Enter your email address (this **MUST** be the email address we have on record for you and you **MUST** have parental responsibility).
- If you have not registered an email address or have changed your email, you **MUST** get in touch with us as soon as possible to update your details. You cannot register without it.

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Please don't hesitate to contact us by phone or email if you are having any technical issues or to update your email address:

[office@newsomeacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@newsomeacademy.co.uk) (01484 516712)

# CALENDAR

2 WEEKS

UNTIL

NEXT

BREAK

2025						
January	February	March	April	May	June	July
1 We <small>New Year's Day</small>	1 Sa	2 Sa	3 Su	4 Su	5 Su	6 Su
2 Th	3 Mo	4 Tu	5 We	6 Th	7 Fr	8 Sa
3 Fr	4 Tu	5 We	6 Th	7 Fr	8 Sa	9 Su
4 Sa	5 We	6 Th	7 Fr	8 Sa	9 Su	10 Mo
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25 Sa	26 We	27 Th	28 Fr	29 Sa	30 Su	31 Mo
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27 Mo	28 Fr	29 Sa	30 Su	31 Mo		
28 Tu	29 Sa	30 Su	31 Mo			
29 We	30 Su	31 Mo				
30 Th	31 Mo					
31 Fr						

WE ARE HERE

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

# HALF-TERM EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATIONAL ORGANISATION

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



SCHOOL/STUDENT COMMUNICATION  
HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

WEEK 1 – WEEK STARTING 6TH JANUARY		CLASSROOM ASPIRATION HOW WELL ARE WE UNDERSTANDING OUR EXPECTATIONS (CERT/HTA)? HOW WELL DO WE ALL HOLD ACCOUNT FOR ATTENDANCE?
MONDAY	<b>INSET DAY – CLOSED TO STUDENTS</b> STAFF WILL BE INTRODUCING A NEW PACKAGE TO MONITOR STUDENTS	
TUESDAY	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL SEMINAR: WE ARE NEWSOME</b> (DW/SB/SM/CH) (LM SPOTLIGHTING Y11) SEMINAR GOING THROUGH P1 FOR YEARS 7-10	
WEDNESDAY	ROUTINE CHECK	
THURSDAY	ROUTINE CHECK	
FRIDAY	ROUTINE CHECK	

WEEK 2 – WEEK STARTING 13TH JANUARY		CLASSROOM ASPIRATION DO WE ALL FOLLOW OUR ROUTINE?
MONDAY	<b>WHOLE-SCHOOL SEMINAR: YOUR FUTURE</b> (LM)	
TUESDAY	SPIN EVENT Y7/8 SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS 4:00-5:45	
WEDNESDAY	ROUTINE CHECK Y11 MOCK INTERVIEWS	
THURSDAY	Y11 MOCK INTERVIEWS	
FRIDAY	Y11 MOCK INTERVIEWS SPIN EVENT – KS3/4 NEW AGE KURLING 9:45-11:15	

WEEK 3 – WEEK STARTING 20TH JANUARY		SEND AWARENESS CHECK DO WE ALL KNOW OURSELVES & EACH OTHER?
MONDAY	WHOLE SCHOOL SEMINAR: SAFEGUARDING (AH) Y11 FOOD/COOKERY PRACTICAL ASSESSMENTS	
TUESDAY	<b>YEAR 9 PROGRESS &amp; OPTIONS EVENING</b> Y11 FOOD/COOKERY PRACTICAL ASSESSMENTS	
WEDNESDAY	Y11 FOOD/COOKERY PRACTICAL ASSESSMENTS ROUTINE CHECK	
THURSDAY	Y11 FOOD/COOKERY PRACTICAL ASSESSMENTS	
FRIDAY	Y11 FOOD/COOKERY PRACTICAL ASSESSMENTS	

WEEK 4 – WEEK STARTING 27TH JANUARY		ADAPTIVE TEACHING Do we know our 'micropopulations'?
MONDAY	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL SEMINAR: HOLOCAUST (CH)</b> SPIN YOUTH LEADERSHIP DAY	
TUESDAY	ROUTINE CHECK	
WEDNESDAY	CHINESE NEW YEAR SPIN Y6 AIM ACADEMY 4:00-5:30	
THURSDAY	ROUTINE CHECK	
FRIDAY	SPIN EVENT – KS3/4 NEW AGE KURLING 9:45-11:15	

WEEK 5 – WEEK STARTING 3RD FEBRUARY		LEARNING WALKS HOW MUCH PRIDE DO STUDENTS HAVE IN THEIR WORK?
MONDAY	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL SEMINAR: ASPIRATION (SBE)</b>	
TUESDAY	<b>YEAR 10 PROGRESS EVENING</b> SAMBA DAY (MUSIKA) 10:00 – 2:00	
WEDNESDAY	ROUTINE CHECK	
THURSDAY	ROUTINE CHECK	
FRIDAY	Y11 GREENHEAD INTERVIEWS	

WEEK 6 – WEEK STARTING 10TH FEBRUARY		HARD WORKS PAYS OFF! MOCK EXAM PREPARATION END OF TERM ASSESSMENTS & GROUPINGS OPTIONS DISCUSSIONS
MONDAY	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL SEMINAR: CAREERS (KST)</b>	
TUESDAY	SAFER INTERNET DAY	
WEDNESDAY	ROUTINE CHECK	
THURSDAY	QUALITY OF STUDENT WORK HT3	
FRIDAY	QUALITY OF STUDENT WORK HT3	

**FEBRUARY HALF-TERM BREAK (1 WEEK)**

- ARE CHILDREN WORKING FROM HOME (KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS)?
- ARE YEAR 11 FOLLOWING THEIR STUDY PACKS & GUIDES?
- ARE FAMILIES SUPPORTING EDUCATION AT HOME?



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# Our Commitment to Community Safety

- All our students are educated on community safety in abundance. We have an Enrichment Curriculum to educate and also a range of external speakers to add real-life contexts and experience. Because of this we have a deep understanding of our collective responsibility for keeping Newsome safe.
- We have a zero tolerance to protecting both our Academy and our community in knife-crime involvement.
- Anyone that 'brings the Academy/Community into disrepute' is dealt with in the most severe sanction as per our behaviour policy.
- This includes any social media posts, threats or carrying any form of 'offensive weapons'.

Our overall community should know, understand and support the expectations and relay this at home in your family discussions.





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



## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

### 3PM-4PM

Extra-Curricular Activities: Spring Term 1 24/25 (3-4pm)					
DAY	CLUB	LOCATION	STAFF	P6 Wk A	P6 Wk B
MONDAY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Netball - Y7 – 10</li> <li>Homework Club</li> <li>Cooking Club</li> <li>Fitness</li> <li>Algebra L3 Drop In – yr10 invite only</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sportshall/Astro</li> <li>608</li> <li>602</li> <li>Fitness suite</li> <li>407</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HRA/MHO</li> <li>DTU</li> <li>GCO</li> <li>GEA/JDA</li> <li>MAS</li> </ol>	MFL BUSINESS	HISTORY GEOGRAPHY
TUESDAY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wheelchair Basketball – Invite only</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports hall</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SCU</li> </ol>	ENGLISH	ENGLISH
WEDNESDAY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homework Club</li> <li>Girls Football</li> <li>Choir</li> <li>Cricket Nets</li> <li>BSL Club</li> <li>Computing Club</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>608</li> <li>Astro</li> <li>402</li> <li>Sports hall</li> <li>803</li> <li>608</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DTU</li> <li>External/HHI</li> <li>ECO</li> <li>JDA</li> <li>DCR</li> <li>OMO</li> </ol>	MATHS	MATHS
THURSDAY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GCSE Art – KS4 only</li> <li>Homework Club</li> <li>Basketball all years</li> <li>Music Club</li> <li>Cheerleading</li> <li>Sparx Club</li> <li>Photography Support Yr 10 ONLY</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>609</li> <li>60</li> <li>Sports hall</li> <li>402</li> <li>Dance Studio</li> <li>406</li> <li>601</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LSN</li> <li>NMA</li> <li>JDA</li> <li>AMC</li> <li>SMT</li> <li>EBU</li> <li>AME</li> </ol>	SCIENCE	SCIENCE
FRIDAY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creative Club- RM, Textiles, Art</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>607</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AME/LMA</li> </ol>	OPTION C	OPTION B





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







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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

Current Whole school to date = 93.3%

**WEEKLY WINNERS!!!!**

**Year 7 – CRI**

**Year 8 – EBU**

**Year 9 – LDE**

**Year 10- AME**

**Year 11- BOA**

**BEST Year group = Year 8 - 94%**



# THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR



Aspiration



A few of my ex-students



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[If you want to change the world, make your bed!](#)