



YEAR 10 WEEKLY UPDATE

WEEK STARTING 17TH MARCH 2025

THEME: ACADEMIC PREPARATION (2)

Y10 COMMUNICATION: GENERAL



2025						
January	February	March	April	May	June	July
1 We <small>New Year's Day</small>	1 Sa	1 Sa	1 Tu	1 Th	1 Su	1 Tu
2 Th	2 Su	2 Su	2 We	2 Fr	2 Mo ²³	2 We
3 Fr	3 Mo ⁶	3 Mo ¹⁰	3 Th	3 Sa	3 Tu	3 Th
4 Sa	4 Tu	4 Tu	4 Fr	4 Su	4 We	4 Fr
5 Su	5 We	5 We	5 Sa	5 Mo <small>Early May Bk. Hol.</small> ¹⁹	5 Th	5 Sa
6 Mo ²	6 Th	6 Th	6 Su	6 Tu	6 Fr	6 Su
7 Tu	7 Fr	7 Fr	7 Mo ¹⁵	7 We	7 Sa	7 Mo ²⁸
8 We	8 Sa	8 Sa	8 Tu	8 Th	8 Su	8 Tu
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11 Sa	11 Tu	11 Tu	11 Fr	11 Su	11 We	11 Fr
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17 Fr	17 Mo ⁸	17 Mo ¹²	17 Th	17 Sa	17 Tu	17 Th
18 Sa	18 Tu	18 Tu	18 Fr <small>Good Friday</small>	18 Su	18 We	18 Fr
19 Su	19 We	19 We	19 Sa	19 Mo ²¹	19 Th	19 Sa
20 Mo ⁴	20 Th	20 Th	20 Su	20 Tu	20 Fr	20 Su
21 Tu	21 Fr	21 Fr	21 Mo <small>Easter Monday</small> ¹⁷	21 We	21 Sa	21 Mo ³⁰
22 We	22 Sa	22 Sa	22 Tu	22 Th	22 Su	22 Tu
23 Th	23 Su	23 Su	23 We	23 Fr	23 Mo ²⁶	23 We
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25 Sa	25 Tu	25 Tu	25 Fr	25 Su	25 We	25 Fr
26 Su	26 We	26 We	26 Sa	26 Mo <small>Spring Bk. Hol.</small> ²²	26 Th	26 Sa
27 Mo ⁵	27 Th	27 Th	27 Su	27 Tu	27 Fr	27 Su
28 Tu	28 Fr	28 Fr	28 Mo ¹⁸	28 We	28 Sa	28 Mo ³¹
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- ✓ There are 3 weeks left until a slightly longer Easter Break. This is because there is an additional Bank Holiday on Monday 21st April.
- ✓ We finish for the break on Friday 4th April and this is a normal school day.
- ✓ Monday 21st April is a Bank Holiday and school is closed to ALL students.
- ✓ We return on Tuesday 22nd April at normal school times.
- ✓ Throughout the break, Teachers will be running revision sessions for Year 11 students. You will get the same next year!
- ✓ Year 11 start their official GCSE Exams from 1st May. You will see a change in your Teachers as they enter the 'Revision Schedule' and prepare Year 11 for each exam. They follow a formal national [GCSE timetable](#).

- ✓ **Mock Examinations** – well done!
- ✓ **Upcoming additional Achievement Evening** for results sharing. The date is to be confirmed but tell your family!
- ✓ **Punctuality** – ensure you are here on time!
- ✓ **Out of school awareness** – you are always a Newsome students in/our of school hours and your conduct is of a high standard!
- ✓ **I need a team of students to help plan arrangements for your year group GCSE Programme. Speak to Mr Watkin if you are interested.**
- ✓ **Student Senior Leadership Team arrangements are starting to be planned. See Mrs Stokes if you want to find out more.**





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13. ENGLISH LANGUAGE - AQA
14. ENGLISH LITERATURE - AQA
15. GEOGRAPHY - AQA
16. MATHS (HIGHER) - AQA
17. MATHS (FOUNDATION) - OCR
18. RELIGIOUS STUDIES - AQA
19. POLISH – AQA
20. GERMAN - PEARSON EDEXCEL
21. FRENCH - PEARSON EDEXCEL
22. ARABIC - PEARSON EDEXCEL
23. HISTORY - AQA
24. ITALIAN - AQA
25. PERSIAN - PEARSON EDEXCEL
26. SPANISH - AQA
27. PERFORMING ARTS - WJEC
28. COMPUTING (DIT) - PEARSON EDEXCEL
29. MUSIC - PEARSON EDEXCEL
30. BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE - NCFE
31. HEALTH & FITNESS - NCFE
32. FOOD & COOKERY - NCFE

- ✓ Here are all the Exam Boards we follow, we will go down each so we understand what they mean. Your families should also be going through this with you also.
- ✓ Some students follow **qualifications that cover level 1** also which means you can still get a GCSE grade with lower marks.
- ✓ Some qualifications have **coursework elements** to them which means you should be aiming for maximum marks so you stand a good chance for the exam. You also need to be extra prepared for the deadline dates!
- ✓ Some students also take **additional language qualifications** in their own time for the other languages they speak. Speak to Mrs Fox about this.



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If you study vocational qualifications, it is important you know what each grade is equal to at a GCSE grade. This will also help you when you apply for College and future employment.

Level 2 Distinction Star

The highest grade, equivalent to a GCSE grade 8 or 9

Level 2 Distinction

Roughly equivalent to a GCSE grade 7

Level 2 Merit

Roughly equivalent to a GCSE grade 5.5

Level 2 Pass

Roughly equivalent to a GCSE grade 4

Level 1 Distinction

Equivalent to a GCSE grade 3

Level 1 Merit

Equivalent to a GCSE grade 2

Level 1 Pass

Equivalent to a GCSE grade 1

Y10 COMMUNICATION: EXAM BOARDS



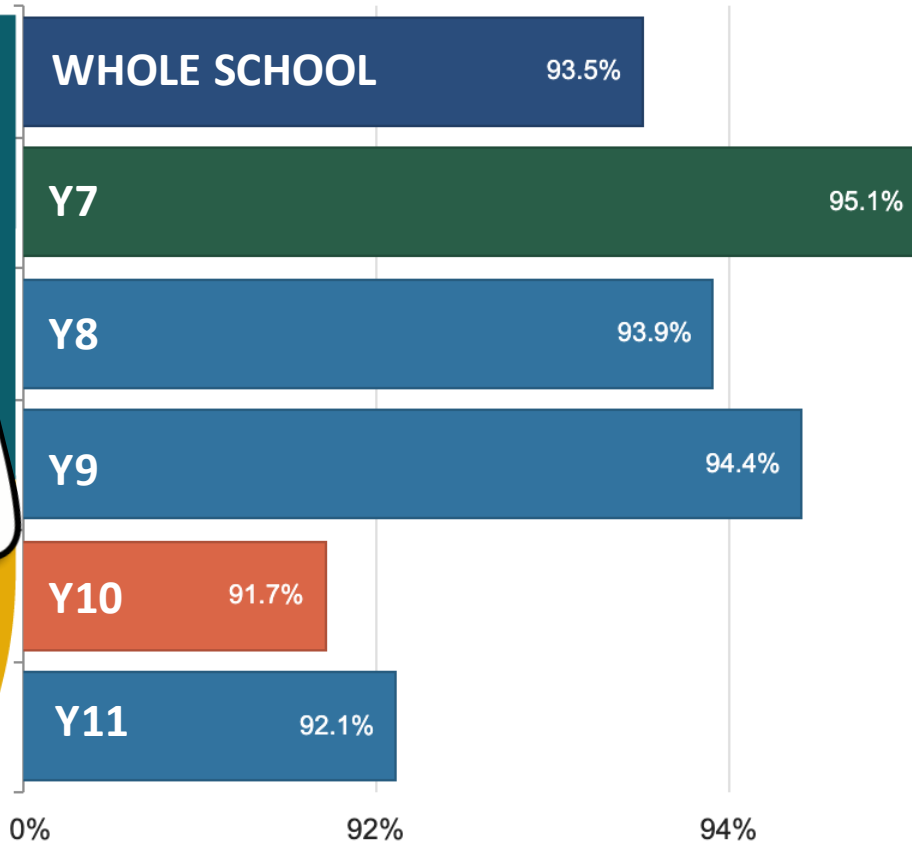
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GCSE 9-1 Points		BTEC First Award		BTEC Tech Award	
Grade & Points	Grade terms	Grade	Points	Grade	Points
9		L2 D*	8.5	L2 D*	8.5
8					
7		L2 D	7	L2 D	7
6		L2 M	5.5	L2 M	5.5
5		Strong Pass (DfE)	L2 P	4	L2 P
4	Standard Pass (DfE)				
3		Level 1 Pass	1.75	L1 D	3
2				L1 M	2
1				L1 P	1.25
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Y10 COMMUNICATION: ATTENDANCE



We need to push ourselves!



- ✓ Our school achieves better than all schools nationally, but individual students are falling below expectations.
- ✓ Y10 are behind massively with attendance and some need to ensure they improve their personal figure ASAP.
- ✓ We all should be having 96% **minimum** in our minds in readiness for College applications and securing a place.

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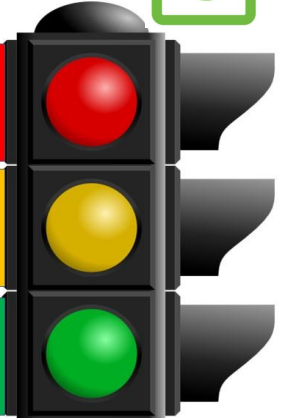
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Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

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Cause for Concern

100% - 97%
Excellent!





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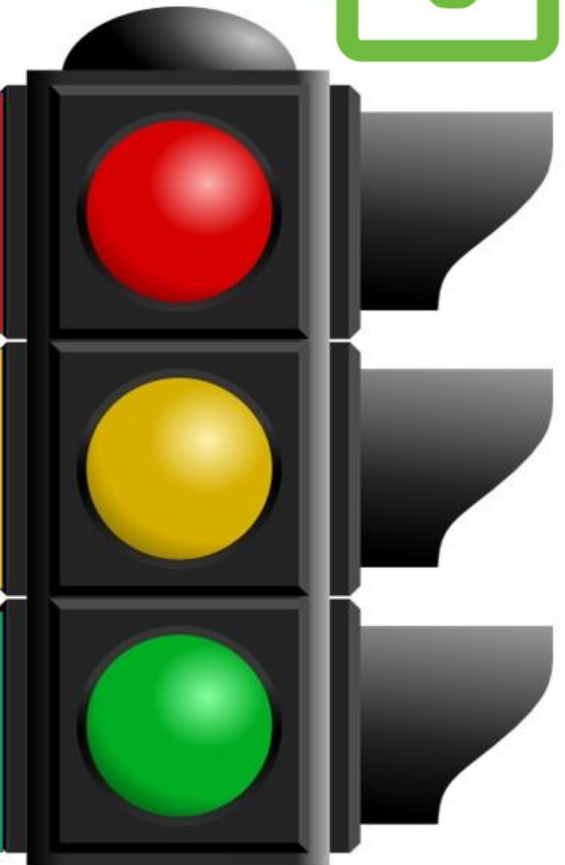


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WHAT YOU SHOULD BE DOING



- ✓ Making sure you are getting the **highest grade possible in your coursework**
- ✓ Continue **preparing for your first Mock Exams** next week in Core Subjects
- ✓ Making sure you **know each and every exam board**
- ✓ Digest what the **Y11 are currently doing**
- ✓ Ensuring you are ahead of the game with your **personal statement** for college
- ✓ At a minimum, be **using GCSE Pod** at least twice per week
- ✓ Ensuring your **attendance** is at least 96%
- ✓ Ensuring you have **maximum reward points** or rectifying your ATL.

