



# FAMILY NEWS WEEKLY UPDATE

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# NEWSOME FAMILY UPDATE

June 2025, letter to parents/guardians



## Kirklees Young People's Survey 2025

### Information for parents/guardians

Our school, along with many other schools in Kirklees, has agreed to participate in a very important Health and Wellbeing Survey amongst our students in year 9. We have been asked to support the work of Public Health within the Local Authority to gather important information which will increase our understanding of the needs, behaviours and key issues for young people. This information will help us to provide better and more appropriate services in schools and throughout Kirklees and will help us to review some areas of the curriculum.

Public Health's role is to help people stay healthy and minimise the risk and impact of illness. The main focus of the survey is on factors that influence emotional well-being and physical health. The survey contains questions about:

- Emotional wellbeing and physical health
- Dealing with worries/problems
- Support
- Physical activity
- Behaviours that impact on health (e.g., smoking, alcohol, sexual health)
- The local area

The questionnaire has been developed with the local area in mind and the content of the questionnaire has been shaped by young people and those who work closely with them in Kirklees.

Pupils are asked to complete the questionnaire anonymously and the results are confidential. No pupil will be identified when the data is returned to our school, and the Local Authority will only share grouped results from the survey with relevant partner organisations. Before answering any questions, your child will be asked for their consent to take part. If they choose to opt out, they will be given an alternative activity to do while the rest of the class completes the survey. Pupils completing the survey can choose not to answer any question they do not want to answer.

I hope you will agree that this is an important and worthwhile exercise. If you would like to examine the questionnaire we hold a copy in the school office, and you are welcome to see it by appointment.

As part of the survey please ensure that your child knows their **home postcode**. This will be used only for matching to larger geographical area; your house will not be identified, and this will not be used to send you anything through the post. The survey will be carried out between 22nd May and 22nd July 2025.

Yours sincerely

Assistant Headteacher



# CALENDAR

Y11 MOCK  
EXAMS

Y7-10 YEAR  
END EXAMS

Y11 REAL  
EXAMS

WE  
ARE  
HERE

4 WEEKS  
UNTIL  
NEXT  
BREAK

Final GCSE exam week and  
the start of Y7-Y10 end of year  
exams.

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

# 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

## WEEK 1 – WEEK STARTING 2nd June 2025

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	Y10 Kirklees schools athletics
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	

Y11  
GCSEs

## WEEK 2 – WEEK STARTING 9th June 2025

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	Y9 Kirklees schools athletics
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Virtual Transition drop in (4:00pm – 4:30pm)
FRIDAY	

Y11  
GCSEs

## WEEK 3 – WEEK STARTING 16th June 2025

MONDAY	Y11 Last Full Exam
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Y11 Celebration event & Prom Y8 Kirklees schools athletics
FRIDAY	

Y7-10  
exams

## WEEK 4 – WEEK STARTING 23rd June 2025

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	Y7 Kirklees schools athletics
WEDNESDAY	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition
THURSDAY	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition
FRIDAY	

WE  
ARE  
HERE

## WEEK 5 – WEEK STARTING 30th June 2025

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	Y6 Transition Day & Transition drop in eve (5-6pm)
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	Y10 Hornsea Geography trip

## WEEK 6 – WEEK STARTING 7th July 2025

MONDAY	Y9 & 10 Careers Fair France trip departs
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	

## WEEK 7 – WEEK STARTING 14th July 2025

MONDAY		Thursday	
TUESDAY	Sports Day	Friday	Last day of term
WEDNESDAY			



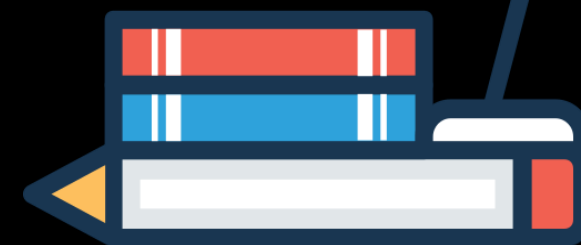
# WE OFFER A RANGE OF CLUBS FOR FUN AND LEARNING THAT STUDENTS CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF...

## Extra-Curricular Activities: Summer Term 2 24/25 (3-4pm)

DAY	CLUB	LOCATION	STAFF	P6 Wk A	P6 Wk B
MONDAY	1. Athletics - Y7 – 10 2. Homework Club 3. Cooking Club 4. DOFE 5. Algebra L3 Drop In – yr10 invite only	1. Field- Astro 2. 608 3. 602 4. 402 5. 407	1. HRA/SMT 2. DTU 3. GCO 4. GEA/JDA 5. MAS	MFL BUISSNESS	HISTORY GEOGRAPHY
TUESDAY	1. Wheelchair Sports – Invite only	1. Sports hall	1. SCU	ENGLISH	ENGLISH
WEDNESDAY	1. Homework Club 2. Girls Football 3. Cricket Nets 4. BSL Club 5. Computing Club 6. Ukulele Club 7. Carnegie Reading Club	1. 608 2. Astro 3. Sports hall 4. 803 5. 608 6. 402 7. Library	1. DTU 2. External/LST 3. JDA 4. DCR 5. OMO 6. EC 7. DHA	MATHS	MATHS
THURSDAY	1. GCSE Art – KS4 only 2. Homework Club 3. Music Club 4. Rounders 5. Sparx Club 6. Photography Support Yr 10 ONLY 7. Second World War discussion group	1. 609 2. 60 3. 402 4. Field – Astro 5. 406 6. 601 7. 408	1. LSN 2. NMA 3. AMC 4. SMT/HRA/GEA 5. EBU 6. AME 7. BRO/KBL	SCIENCE	SCIENCE
FRIDAY			.	OPTION C	OPTION B



ACTIVITIES



# EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

## 3PM-4PM





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)

#### 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 | INDEPENDENT STUDY GUIDES



# HOME LEARNING

**ALL** KS3 students must have their Knowledge Organiser (KO) everyday. Students will gain positives for having their KO.







**Newsome  
Academy**



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

Current Whole school to date = 93.3%

**WEEKLY WINNERS!**

**Year 7 – CRI 99.67%**

**Year 8 – KLY 98.52%**

**Year 9 – LDE 98.08%**

**Year 10- GEA 99.09%**

**BEST Year group = Year 7 95.81%**





# THIS WEEK'S SEMINAR



PRIDE Week



**THE DAY**  
FIND YOUR VOICE

# Assembly

## Pride



Discuss:

What is going on in this picture?





A photograph of a rainbow Pride flag waving on a metal pole against a clear blue sky. The flag features eight horizontal stripes of equal width in the following order from top to bottom: red, orange, yellow, green, turquoise, indigo, violet, and a black stripe. The flag is attached to the pole with a metal ring and a chain.

The Pride flag was developed in 1978 by the artist Gilbert Baker, an openly gay man and a drag queen. Baker decided to base it on a rainbow as a powerful symbol of visibility and truth. The eight colours each have their own meaning: red for life, orange for healing, yellow for sunlight, green for nature, turquoise for art, indigo for harmony, and violet for spirit.

This version was redesigned in 2018, and includes the trans pride flag as well as the colours brown and black to signify solidarity with people of colour.



In the news...

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A pair of same-sex chilean flamingos have successfully hatched a newborn chick. (Getty)

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- Did you hear about this story?
- What is it about?
- What can we learn from Curtis and Arthur the flamingos?



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This flamingo couple, made up of two male flamingos, hatched their zoo's first round of flamingo chicks since 2018. Curtis and Arthur adopted the egg after it was abandoned by another couple and took care of it together.

Homosexuality is not uncommon in the animal kingdom. Dolphins, sheep, giraffes, elephants, lions, swans, walruses and albatrosses are just some of the creatures that display same-sex attraction.





# Mythbuster

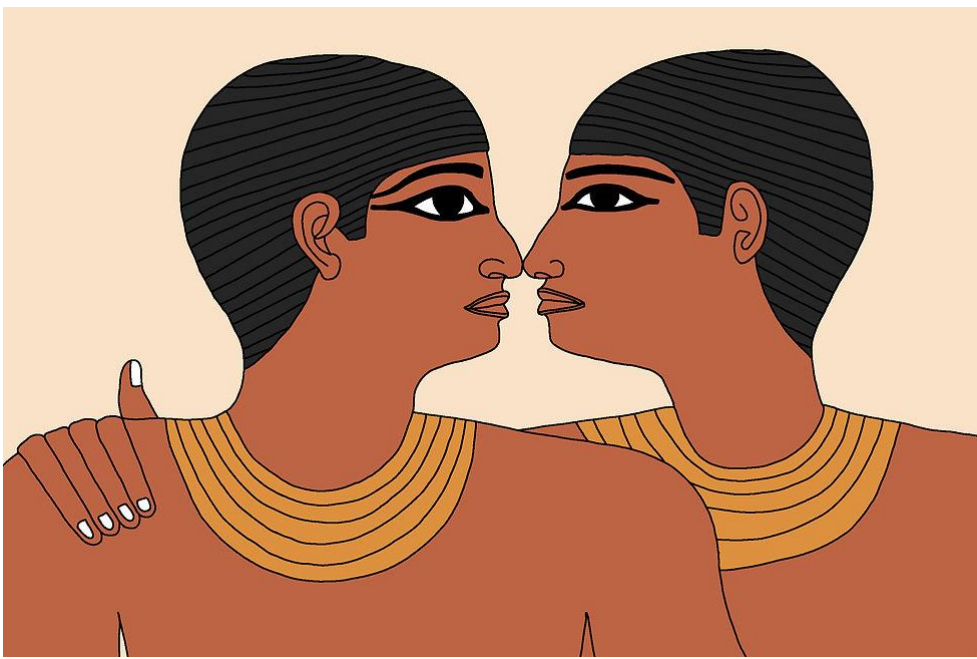
- What assumptions might people have about this topic?
- What false ideas are spreading?
- How can we untangle the truth?

For example:

The claim: “Being LGBTQ+ is just a recent trend.”

The rebuttal: LGBTQ+ people have existed since the beginning of humanity.

# Mythbuster



- ❖ LGBTQ+ have existed since the beginning of humanity's time on Earth. In Ancient Egypt, royal manicurists in around 2400 BC are believed to be one of the earliest homosexual couples.
- ❖ The Roman Emperor Elagabalus is thought by modern scholars to have been transgender, and may have been one of the earliest people to have sought sex reassignment surgery.
- ❖ Leonardo da Vinci of the 15th century is also believed to have been homosexual.



# What is this number?

# 35%

1. The percentage of LGBTQ+ people who have been bullied in school.
2. The percentage of LGBTQ+ people who have experienced violence or abuse related to their gender identity or sexuality.
3. The percentage of people who have hidden their sexuality or gender identity at work for fear of discrimination.





Who is in this picture?





- ❖ This is Brenda Howard, known to many as the “Mother of Pride”. Howard was a bisexual activist for LGBTQ+ rights, an anti-war activist and a feminist.
- ❖ In July 1969, Howard created a one-month anniversary rally for the Stonewall Riots, when police clashed with LGBTQ+ protesters trying to defend safe spaces for LGBTQ+ people. This then evolved into New York City Pride and later Pride Month.





## Did you know this?

- ❖ In 1719, during the French Revolution, France became the first country to decriminalise homosexuality.
- ❖ The Netherlands became the first country to legalise same-sex marriages in 2001.
- ❖ Over 500 anti-LGBTQ+ bills were introduced in 2024.
- ❖ More than half of transgender and non-binary people feel unsafe walking around in their neighbourhoods.
- ❖ It was the first time homosexuality was decriminalised since classical antiquity.
- ❖ The mayor of Amsterdam married four couples in City Hall on the day same-sex marriage was legalised.





Video





Quote:

“Each step forwards to become the person we are makes it harder to go backwards, to return to the shadowy, private world of closed doors and shuttered windows.”

Lili Elbe (1882 - 1931)

Danish painter, transgender woman and one of the earliest women to receive gender-affirming surgery.

What do you think?

Do you think it is fair that some people should have to hide their real selves?

What difference does visibility make?



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Thank you

