



# COMMUNITY MEMO: Y10 NOV MOCK EXAMS

## MEMO SENT: 23RD OCTOBER 2025

### Dear Year 10 Families

We just wanted to share some of the highlights from this half-term and remind all families about how you can support your child over half-term.

We have had some exciting seminars from the Alton Towers trip in September to more recently, inviting Jess Clarke, one of England's lionesses and the wonderful James Aidoo from INNERSCOPE – why not ask your child about these events or check our X stream!

We include some additional information to further support you in ensuring they succeed, including:

- **Work Experience information**
- **GCSE revision**
- **and our weekly updates on the website – just scroll down to the Yr10 section.**

Finally, all Year 10 will be having mock interviews on the 4th of November – ask them how they have been preparing for it!

Please use this valuable information to support your child as they embark on their KS4 journey! Thank you.

### ACTIONS FOR FAMILIES & STUDENTS

- ✓ **Support** your child to find a work placement this half-term break.
- ✓ **Check** that your child has logged on the NYBEP platform.
- ✓ **Discuss** your child's qualification with them.
- ✓ **Use** GCSE Pod to encourage independent learning.

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#### REFERENCE LINKS

Click [here](#) to see more information on Careers and CV writing

Click [here](#) to see where all the weekly updates are! Scroll down to Yr10!

Click [here](#) to see read the most updated RSHE policy

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KS4 Knowledge Organiser online version.

**COMING SOON**



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# EXCEPTIONAL

- ✓ ATTENDANCE
- ✓ ATTITUDE TO LEARNING
- ✓ CONDUCT
- ✓ REWARDS
- ✓ EXTRA-CURRICULAR
- ✓ HEALTH

b day all round at Alton Towers #pointswinprizes



**Newsome Academy** @NewsomeAcademy · 13h  
 Newsome Academy welcomes inspirational speaker James Aidoo back from Innerscope! 🙌



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External agency training our Student Council ready for making changes!



SPECIAL  
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**Newsome Academy** @NewsomeAcademy · 13h  
 Year 10 students representing STEM Ambassadors in seminars this week delivering National Space Week 🙌



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# Work Experience

We are working alongside a company, NYBEP to support all our students in seeking and completing a full week of work experience.

## Who are NYBEP?

Click [here](#) to see their website,

## When is the work placement week taking place?

Monday 8th to Friday 12th of June 2026

## What does my child have to do?

1. Log onto the NYBEP platform and download the app.
2. Complete the skills questionnaire and preference check list on the platform.
3. Find a work placement by 12.12.25.

## Who checks the placements?

Once the students upload their choice of placement, NYBEP check the company has employer liability and that it is safe for students to go there.

**Please attend the Yr10 information evening in HT2 – date TBC**



**YEAR 10**  
**GCSE EVENTS**  
**THROUGHOUT THIS**  
**YEAR TO SUPPORT**  
**YOUR CHILD**

# YEAR 10 GCSE SUCCESS EVENINGS

## ENSURING THE BEST FOR YOUR CHILD

### Dear Families

Following on from last years' family GCSE sessions, there will be several further events throughout this year to prepare your child for success in their GCSE's.

This year, there will be a Mock result-issuing session after every set of Mock exams and there will also be general information giving at several points throughout the year.

<p><b>Event 1</b>  <b>HT2 – date TBC - 5pm - 6pm</b></p>	<p><b>Intro to GCSE Year</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation for Mocks</li> <li>• Race to Exceptional Initiative</li> <li>• Work Experience</li> </ul>
<p><b>Event 2</b>  <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 5pm-6pm</b></p>	<p><b>February Mock results and Parents' Evening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information sharing and understanding results</li> <li>• How to support your child further</li> </ul>
<p><b>Event 3</b>  <b>Monday 18th May 5pm - 6pm</b></p>	<p><b>Work Experience preparation ( w/c 8th June)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final prep for Work Experience</li> <li>• How to support your child further</li> </ul>
<p><b>Event 4</b>  <b>Thursday 9th July (5pm – 6pm)</b></p>	<p><b>June Mock results</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exam timings and protocol</li> </ul>


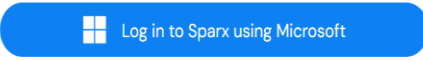
# GCSE REVISION



## Support Packs



# RESOURCES

GCSE POD	COGNITO	SPARX
<p>Smash your study goals with Access GCSEPod!</p> <p>Our platform is your ultimate companion for staying ahead in school and acing your exams. With smart tools tailored for your secondary school journey, you'll have everything you need to boost your grades and confidence.</p> <p>Did you know?</p> <p>Students using Access GCSEPod typically achieve 1.5 grades higher per subject than those who don't.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Username is:</b> studentname</li><li>• (All lower-case &amp; no spaces)</li><li>• E.g. johnsmith</li><li>• <b>Password:</b> newsome2026!</li></ul> <p><a href="#">Click here</a> to see the student quick-guide</p>	<p>All students have PRO account <b>COGNITO</b>. Students can log into their account using their Newsome Academy email and password <i>(if they are accessing the account for the first time their password will be password)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students select the course they are studying – check it is the correct exam board &amp; level (H/F)</li><li>• Students can watch videos/read notes on the topic they are focusing on to check understanding</li><li>• Students do quiz and flashcards to consolidate learning</li><li>• Students try exam questions to practice retrieval</li></ul>	<p>All students have SPARX account <b>SPARX</b></p> <p>Students click on this button</p>  <p>Student</p> <p>Students log into their <b>SPARX</b> account using this button:</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students complete any compulsory homework first</li><li>• Students then XP boost</li><li>• Students carry out independent learning selecting a topic of their choice</li></ul>