

# COMMUNITY NEWS

Week 14b – Monday 8th December



**Newsome  
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STUDENT SEMINAR



**Key information** shared to all students and families each week.  
**To be discussed at home** to support home/school communication & consistency.

# HOLIDAY INSET Y6 TRANSITION

2025					2026						
August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
1 Fr	1 Mo <sup>36</sup>	1 We	1 Sa	1 Mo <sup>49</sup>	1 Th <sup>New Year's Day</sup>	1 Su	1 Su	1 We	1 Fr	1 Mo <sup>23</sup>	1 We
2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Th	2 Su	2 Tu	2 Fr	2 Mo <sup>6</sup>	2 Mo <sup>10</sup>	2 Th	2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Th
3 Su	3 We	3 Fr	3 Mo <sup>45</sup>	3 We	3 Sa	3 Tu	3 Tu	3 Fr <sup>Good Friday</sup>	3 Su	3 We	3 Fr
4 Mo <sup>32</sup>	4 Th	4 Sa	4 Tu	4 Th	4 Su	4 We	4 We	4 Sa	4 Mo <sup>Early May Bk. Hol.</sup> <sup>19</sup>	4 Th	4 Sa
5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Su	5 We	5 Fr	5 Mo <sup>2</sup>	5 Th	5 Th	5 Su	5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Su
6 We	6 Sa	6 Mo <sup>41</sup>	6 Th	6 Sa	6 Tu	6 Fr	6 Fr	6 Mo <sup>Easter Monday</sup> <sup>15</sup>	6 We	6 Sa	6 Mo <sup>28</sup>
7 Th	7 Su	7 Tu	7 Fr	7 Su	7 We	7 Sa	7 Sa	7 Tu	7 Th	7 Su	7 Tu
8 Fr	8 Mo <sup>37</sup>	8 We	8 Sa	8 Mo <sup>50</sup>	8 Th	8 Su	8 Su	8 We	8 Fr	8 Mo <sup>24</sup>	8 We
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25 Mo <sup>August Bk. Hol.</sup> <sup>35</sup>	25 Th	25 Sa	25 Tu	25 Th <sup>Christmas Day</sup>	25 Su	25 We	25 We	25 Sa	25 Mo <sup>Spring Bk. Hol.</sup> <sup>22</sup>	25 Th	25 Sa
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WE ARE HERE



2 WEEKS

UNTIL CHRISTMAS BREAK

0 WEEKS

UNTIL Y11 MOCK 4

7 WEEKS

UNTIL Y10 GCSE MOCKS  
9TH FEB

16 WEEKS

UNTIL GCSE EXAMS START  
5TH MAY

25 SCHOOL WEEKS

UNTIL THE END OF SCHOOL YEAR



**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 – Thurs. 13th November - 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>



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**YEAR 11**  
**GCSE EVENTS**  
**THROUGHOUT**  
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# YEAR 11 GCSE SUCCESS EVENINGS

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<b>Event 1</b> <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 5pm-6pm</b>	<b>Key Deadlines</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Preparation for October Mocks</li><li>Home Run Initiative</li><li>Period 6 information</li></ul>
<b>Event 2</b> <b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 5pm-6pm</b>	<b>October Mock Results</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Information sharing and understanding results</li><li>How to support your child further</li></ul>
<b>Event 3</b> <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 5pm-6pm</b>	<b>March Mock Results</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Information sharing and understanding results</li><li>How to support your child further</li></ul>
<b>Event 4</b> <b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 5pm-6pm</b>	<b>Preparing for the real thing!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Exam timings and protocol</li></ul>

# GCSEs and beyond



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Week commencing November 17th- Certificates provided for top 2 students per class for most time spent reading lessons on Reading Plus. (Between 03/11/25 - 14/11/25)

Week commencing December 1st- Certificates provided for top 2 students per year group for most reading lessons completed on Reading Plus. (Between 17/11/25 - 01/12/25)

**Week commencing December 15th- Certificates provided for top 2 student per year group for most words read on Reading Plus. (Between 01/12/25- 14/12/25)**

Last week of term- Certificates provided for top 3 students per year group for most improvement over the term.



SPECIAL  
*moments*



Newsome Academy hosts informal Attendance Networks for **any school** that wants to collaborate.

These meetings provide a safe, supportive & **informal environment** where we can bring our **collective expertise** together, share good practice, and **learn from each other**.

**18TH DEC | 12TH FEB | 26TH MARCH | 21ST MAY**

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IMPROVING  
BEHAVIOUR &  
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TOGETHER

SHARING & DEVELOPING **TOGETHER**



**Newsome Academy** @NewsomeA... · 3d  
The Y10 History students had a fantastic day exploring 19th century public health! Keen historians in action!



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**Newsome Academy** @NewsomeA... · 1d  
Our students are busy rehearsing for our annual Candlelight Concert at the Newsome Centre! With special guests, Newsome Junior Academy. ⭐

Tickets are now available to purchase via parentpay.

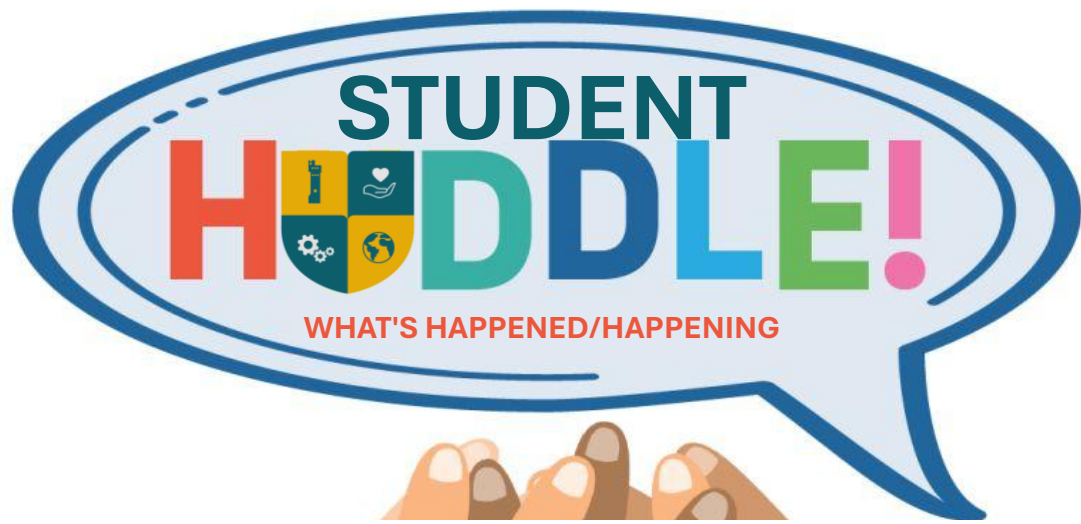


**Newsome Academy** @NewsomeA... · 5d  
A few of our winners from the start of our Attendance Christmas Calendar. Well done 🙌



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2 likes



# WEEKLY UPDATE

## WEEK STARTING 1st December

**Student voice for term 1:** 279 completed - the link can be found on Microsoft Teams by Mrs Stokes and will be shared with team leaders via a QR code, so pupils can complete it in Team time too.

**"Healthy Relationships, Bullying & Mental Health"** : Performer Joel Foster will be visiting Newsome on the 11.12.25: Y7 P1, Y8 P2, Y9 P3, Y10 P4 and Y11 P5.



**Careers online event:** Friday 12.12.25 for Yr 9 between 10:30-12pm.

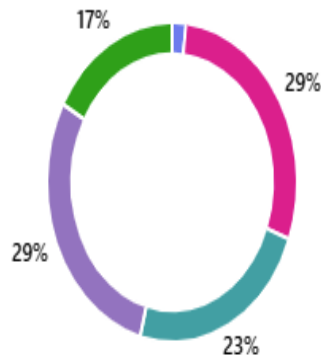
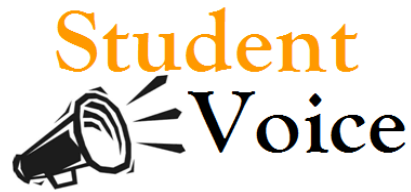
**Christmas Crafternoon:** KS4 Prefects/students will be helping out at NJU from 13:15-15:00 on Friday, 12.12.25!

**Christmas Competition:** Ms Riley is setting all students a Christmas challenge (more detail on the next slides)

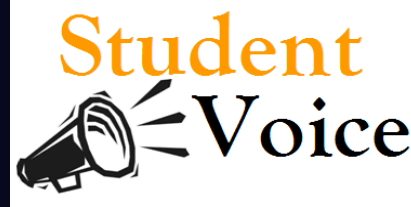


1. What year group are you in?

- 11 5
- 10 81
- 9 65
- 8 81
- 7 47



UPCOMING EVENTS



# STEM need your caps!

Newsome STEM Ambassadors are collecting plastic bottle caps!

Pop them in the STEM Ambassador bins in the Dining Room or Canteen

We will use them in our future STEM projects & challenges





# WHOLE SCHOOL POSTER COMPETITION

This week we are launching a whole-school poster challenge to celebrate the festive season!

**Theme: *Festive Scenes & Winter Celebrations***

Create a poster that celebrates the spirit of the season!

Your design could include:

- Traditional Christmas imagery (e.g. nativity, decorations, lights, trees)
- Winter or festive scenes (snowy landscapes, celebrations, togetherness)
- Messages of peace, hope, and kindness
- Cultural or personal traditions that are meaningful to you

**Deadline:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Prizes:** KS3, KS4 + Most Creative

**Submit to:** Art Department or Miss Riley via email

**Winners announced:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Posters will be displayed around school in the final week of term.

# WHOLE SCHOOL POSTER COMPETITION

## Your design should:

- Be A4 or A3
- Be hand-drawn or digital
- Be bold, colourful, and positive
- Include a clear festive message or theme
- Reflect inclusivity — showing how people celebrate or come together at this time of year
- Include your name on the back



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# EXCEPTIONAL



**THE  
SPECIAL 6**  
STEPS TO EXCEPTIONAL

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

**BE IN WITH A  
CHANCE TO WIN A  
HOST OF  
GIVEAWAYS  
THROUGHOUT THE  
15 SCHOOL DAYS  
OF DECEMBER...**

**ALL YOU NEED IS  
100% ATTENDANCE!**



**NEWSOME  
ATTENDANCE  
ADVENT**



DECEMBER  
ATTENDANCE  
GIVEAWAY

Prizes to be won everyday- 1 per Year Group  
**KEEP 100% ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY AND BE IN  
 THE DRAW FOR A £50 LOVE TO SHOP  
 VOUCHER!!**



MON 1ST DEC	TUE 2ND DEC	WED 3RD DEC	THUR 4TH DEC	FRIDAY 5TH
			 FREE item of food at Break for 1 week	 FREE Dessert or Drink For 1 week
MON 8TH DEC	TUE 9TH DEC	WED 10TH DEC	THUR 11TH DEC	FRI 12TH DEC
	Queue Jump TICKET  OR FREE DRINK COUPON For 1 week	 FREE item of food at Break for 1 week		
MON 15TH DEC	TUE 16TH DEC	WED 17TH DEC	THUR 18TH DEC	FRI 19TH DEC
 FREE item of food at Break for 1 week	 FREE Dessert for the rest of the week			 Christmas Hamper and 3 x Selection Boxes



# MINDS ET

M A S T E R Y





**Fundamental British Values** underpin what it is to be a citizen in a modern and diverse Great Britain valuing our community and celebrating diversity of the UK. These 5 values are:  
**Democracy, Rule of Law, Mutual Respect, Tolerance, Individual Liberty.**

**Which FBV does the theme of 'Human Rights' link with?**



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#### 1. Democracy

- 'Rule by the people'
- Making decisions together (voting)
- The right to voice your opinion

#### 2. Rule of Law

- Understand and obey the rules set by the government to develop order



#### 5. Tolerance

- Respecting different faiths and cultures
- Understanding that we don't all share the same beliefs and values and not imposing ours on others

#### 4. Mutual Respect

- To treat people politely and thoughtfully, to show we value them
- Seeing things from someone else's viewpoint



#### 3. Individual Liberty

- The right to believe, act and express oneself freely
- The right to freedom of speech
- The right to vote





# Human Rights Day



# Think about it...

In December, the world celebrates and recognises the impact that Human Rights have had, since they were created on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 1948... over 75 years ago!

But what are human rights and why are they important?





# Learn about it...

To understand about human rights, we need to first understand the impact of World War 2.

World War II, which took place from 1939 to 1945, was one of the deadliest conflicts in human history. It involved many countries around the world, including the United States, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, Germany, Japan, and Italy. Over 70 million people, both soldiers and civilians, lost their lives due to battles, bombings, and harsh conditions. Cities were destroyed, and people suffered from hunger and disease.





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## Learn about it...

One of the terrible things that happened during World War 2 was the Holocaust, where the Nazi regime in Germany, led by Adolf Hitler, targeted and murdered six million Jewish people, along with millions of others they saw as **different** or **undesirable**, such as people with disabilities, Roma people and people that were gay.

**World War 2 and the resulting Holocaust showed the world the consequences of extreme prejudice and hatred.**



## Learn about it...

Once the war ended, countries around the world realised they needed to work together to prevent such a terrible conflict from happening again.

So, in 1945, 51 countries came together to form the United Nations, an organisation that aims to build peaceful relationships between countries.

The idea was that by discussing issues and making agreements, countries could avoid wars and create a safer, fairer world for everyone.





# Learn about it...

The United nations decided that a list was needed. This list would identify all the things that humans need to live happy and safe lives, like being treated fairly, having a safe place to live, and being free to learn and believe what they want.

They believed that if all humans could have all the things on this list, then it would be easier for countries to live together peacefully.





A list of 30 articles was written, this was called the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights.**

The list included the things that all humans need to be happy and healthy, lots of countries agreed that this was a sensible idea.



10<sup>th</sup> December  
1948

The Universal  
Declaration of  
Human Rights



# Learn about it...

Countries that have adopted human rights into their laws have had much more success. This is because if human rights become legal rights, they are much better protected.

Sadly, human rights have variable global success. This is because a declaration is not legally binding, meaning countries don't have to follow human rights and ensure them for their citizens (even though so many agreed they were a great idea!)





In this country, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is protected by **law**, this is called the Human Rights Act

This law helps to protect everyone's rights.





# What does this mean?

We have a home, food, and clothes and are supported with this if our family doesn't have enough money.

We can go to school and learn new things.

We are supported to be healthy by being able to see a doctor if we are sick.

We can feel safe and protected



We can be ourselves and have our own beliefs.



# Learn about it...

That is why the 10<sup>th</sup> December is such a special date. It was on this day, many years ago that a special list of rights was created that have changed our lives for the better.

But what role do we need to play to make sure everyone has these rights?





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# Think about it...

What are your responsibilities?

If all young people have **the right to be healthy**, you also have the responsibility to look after your own health too. You can do this by keeping good hygiene habits and getting enough sleep and exercise.

If all young people have **the right to an education**, you also have the responsibility to work hard and not make learning difficult for other students. You can do this by listening to your teacher and trying your best.

If all young people have **the right to be safe**, you also have the responsibility to engage safely with others and not put yourself or others in reckless situations.



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# Reflection...



**What can I do  
to support  
human rights?**

**Human Rights are very important and help us in many ways.**

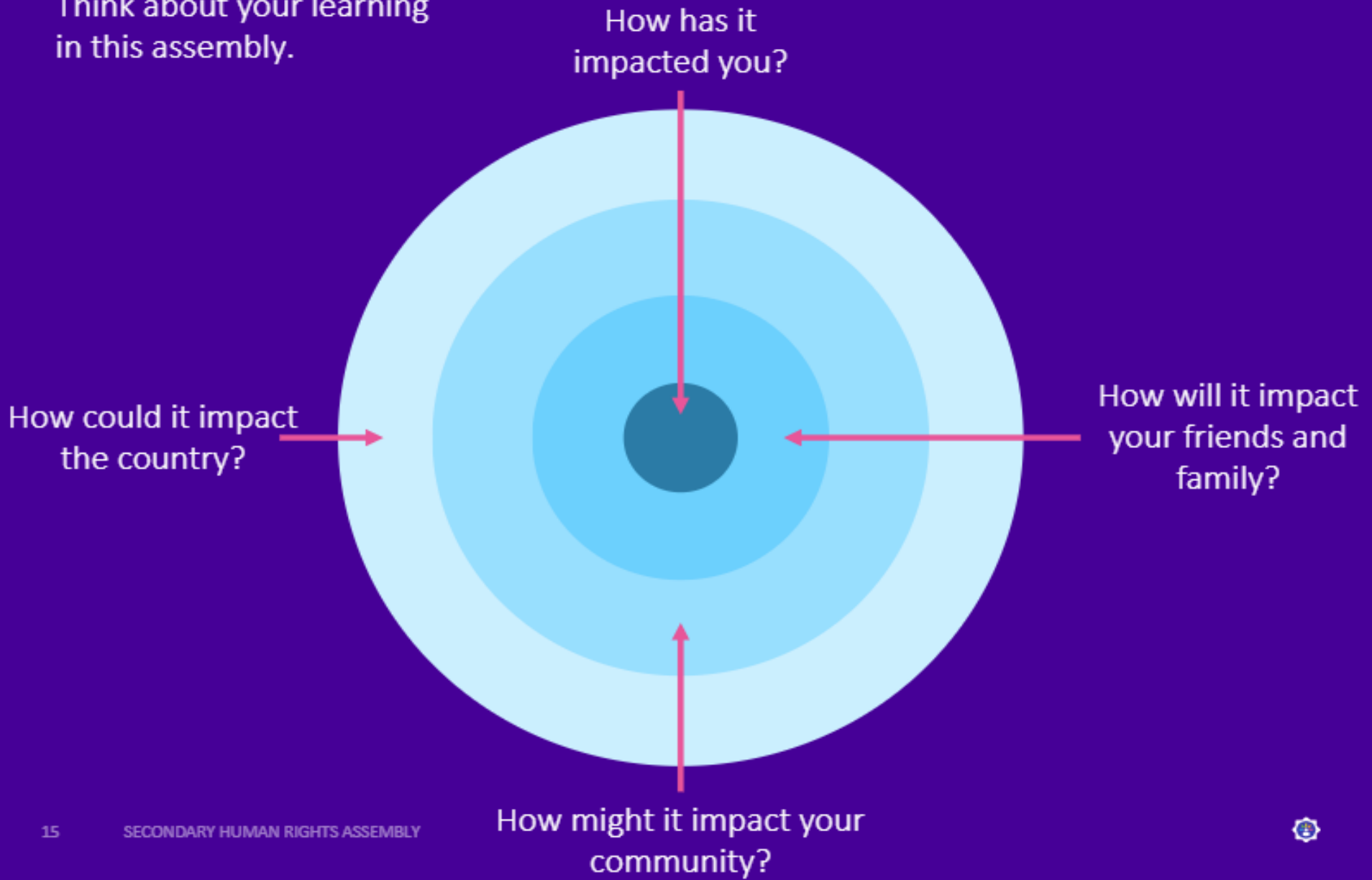
This country has made human rights into law, this is great because it protects our rights even more.

**Rights come with responsibilities!** It's important we respect them, and each other.



# Personal reflection

Think about your learning in this assembly.





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# Safeguarding

If you are worried about any of the issues raised during this lesson, please speak to a trusted adult. You can always talk to your teacher or your school's safeguarding team.



**EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE**

**AUTUMN TERM 2 2025-2026**



# Extra-Curricular Activities: Autumn Term 2 25/26 (3-4pm)



DAY	CLUB	LOCATION	STAFF	P6 Week A	P6 Week B
MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Netball</li> <li>• D of E</li> <li>• Boys Fitness</li> <li>• Cooking Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Hall</li> <li>• 402</li> <li>• Fitness Suite</li> <li>• Cooking Room</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HRA/SMT</li> <li>• GEA/JDA</li> <li>• GEA/JDA</li> <li>• JBA</li> </ul>	French German Health and Social Care Media A Travel and Tourism A	Humanities Geography & History
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wheelchair sports club</li> <li>• Music Club (Invite Only)</li> <li>• KS3 Coding Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Hall</li> <li>• 401</li> <li>• 608</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCU</li> <li>• AMC</li> <li>• OMO</li> </ul>	Science	Science
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7/8 Girls Football</li> <li>• BSL Club</li> <li>• STEM on Track (Invite only)</li> <li>• Music Club</li> <li>• PRIDE club – Week A lunch time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Astro</li> <li>• 805</li> <li>• Lecture Theatre</li> <li>• 401</li> <li>• 302</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HRA/HH</li> <li>• DCR/ SHE</li> <li>• EGA</li> <li>• AMC</li> <li>• CBR</li> </ul>	Maths	Maths
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls Fitness</li> <li>• Basketball</li> <li>• IDEA Lab</li> <li>• Choir</li> <li>• Drama Club</li> <li>• Work Experience Drop In</li> <li>• Sparx Support Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fitness suite</li> <li>• Sportshall</li> <li>• 503</li> <li>• 401</li> <li>• Lecture Theatre</li> <li>• Library</li> <li>• 402</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMT</li> <li>• GEA,JDA</li> <li>• EGA</li> <li>• ECO/CBR</li> <li>• LAB/BRO</li> <li>• HDU/KST</li> <li>• EB</li> </ul>	English	English
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Council KS3 – Week A lunch</li> <li>• Student Council KS4 – Week A lunch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 302</li> <li>• 302</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CBR</li> <li>• CBR</li> </ul>	11C Business and Enterprise 11C Food 11C Health and Fitness 11C Performing arts 11C Photography 11C/Re1 11C/Sc1 11C/Travel and tourism	11D/Art1 11D/Business and Enterprise 1 11D/Computing1 11D/Food t1 11D/Health and fitness1 11D/Media 1 11D/Music1



# The Designated Safeguarding Leads @TNA

Miss Hall is the Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Miss A Hall**  
DSL



**Ms H Baxter**  
Deputy DSL



**Ms R Leroy**  
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How can I keep Safe?

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