

# COMMUNITY NEWS

Week 15a – Monday 15th December



**Newsome  
Academy**

**STUDENT SEMINAR**

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**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>19</sup></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>1</sup> <sub>5</sub></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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**1 WEEK**

UNTIL CHRISTMAS  
BREAK

**0 WEEKS**

UNTIL Y11 MOCK 4

**6 WEEKS**

UNTIL Y10 GCSE  
MOCKS  
9TH FEB

**15 WEEKS**

UNTIL GCSE EXAMS  
START  
5TH MAY

**24 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.

<b>Event 1</b> <b>HT2 – Thurs. 13th November - 5pm - 6pm</b>	<b>Intro to GCSE Year</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation for Mocks</li> <li>Race to Exceptional Initiative</li> <li>Work Experience</li> </ul>
<b>Event 2</b> <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 5pm-6pm</b>	<b>February Mock results and Parents' Evening</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>Monday 18th May 5pm - 6pm</b>	<b>Work Experience preparation ( w/c 8th June)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final prep for Work Experience</li> <li>How to support your child further</li> </ul>
<b>Event 4</b> <b>Thursday 9th July (5pm – 6pm)</b>	<b>June Mock results</b> <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



readingplus®

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**.

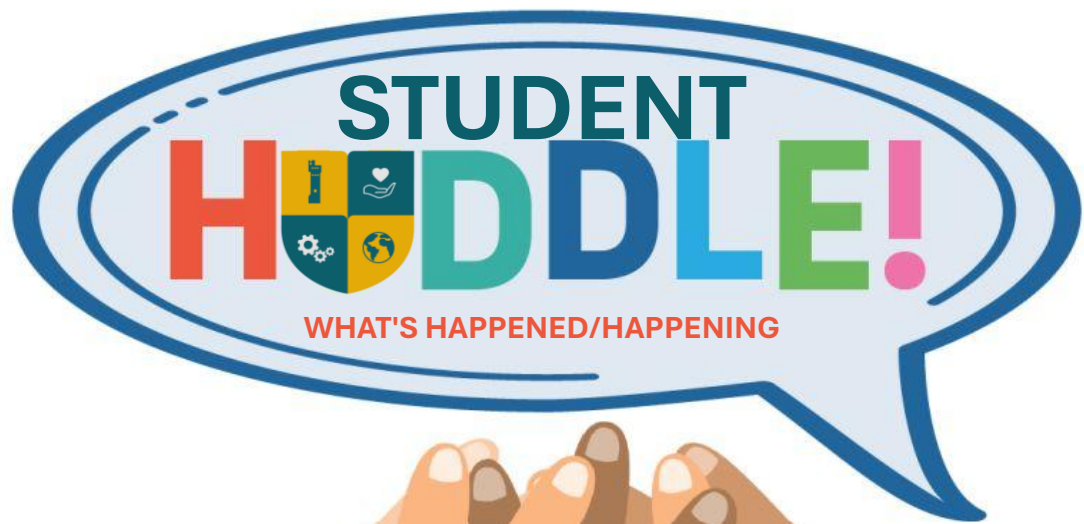
**18TH DEC | 12TH FEB | 26TH MARCH | 21ST MAY**

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IMPROVING  
BEHAVIOUR &  
ATTENDANCE  
TOGETHER

SHARING & DEVELOPING **TOGETHER**





# WEEKLY UPDATE

## WEEK STARTING 12th December

**Christmas Jumper Day:** On Friday will we be having a non-uniform day to raise money for Save the Children – please bring in your £1 donations!

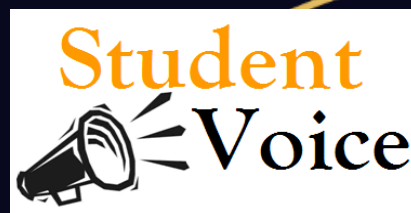
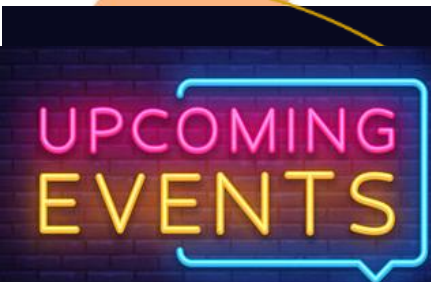
**Student voice for term 1:** 365 completed - the link can be found on Microsoft Teams by Mrs Stokes and will be shared with team leaders via a QR code, so pupils can complete it in Team time too.

**Christmas Competition:** Winners will be announced this Friday!

**Last day of term** - Normal classes all day.  
P1 – KS3 completing KO quiz & KS4 normal lessons.  
P2 – Christmas Quiz for everyone  
P3 – Get registered and then come down to the sports hall when called for by HoY for final results from competitions!



Save the Children.



# 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!!**



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



# MIN D S E T

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 'Christian Christmas' link with?**

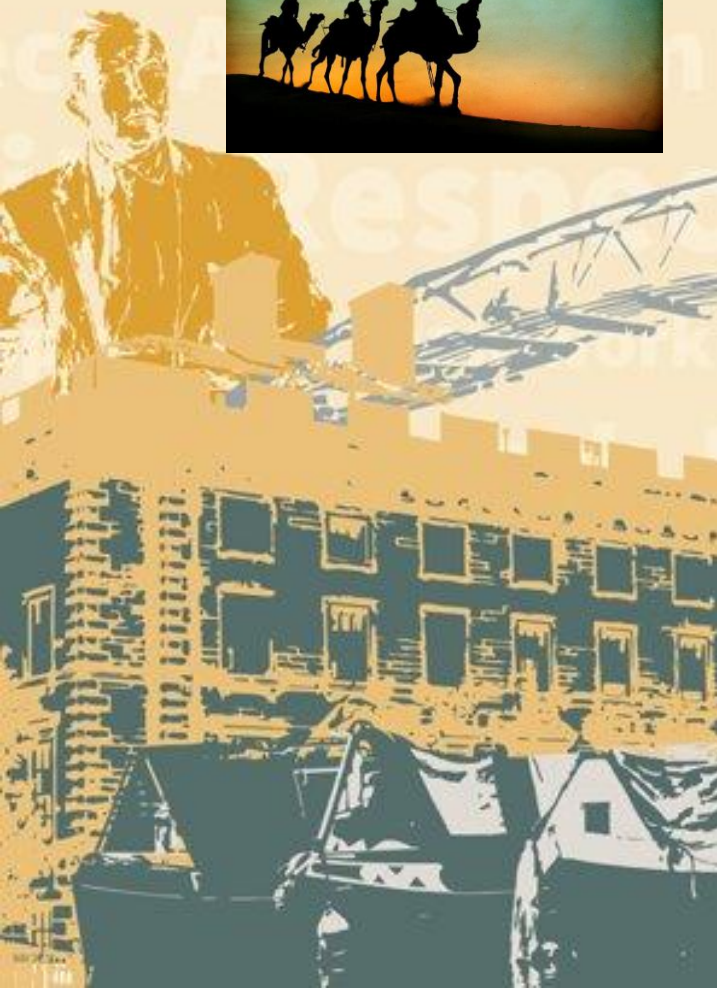
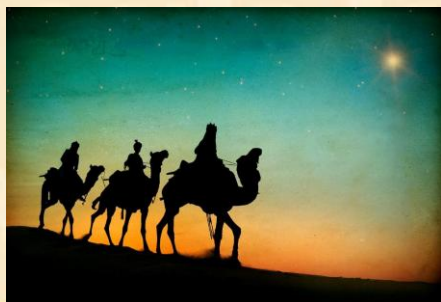


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#### 5. Tolerance

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

#### 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

#### 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



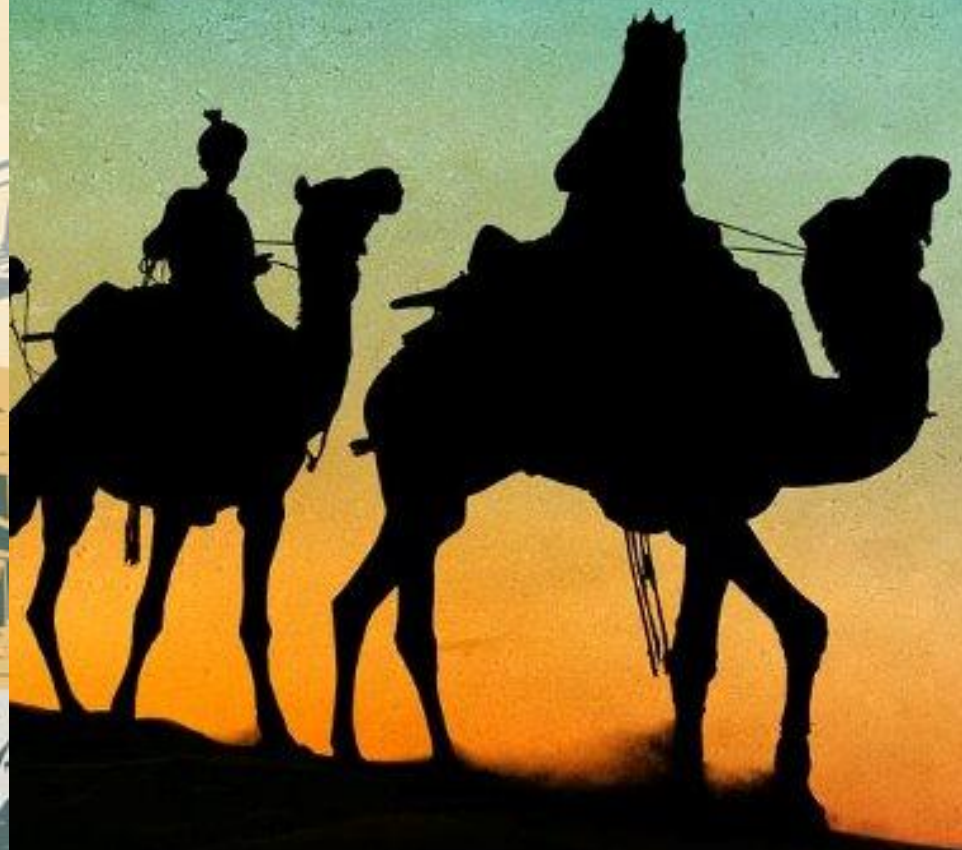
## What is Christmas?

Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus; it commemorates Jesus as the son of God.

His birth represents God's plan for love and redemption.

## Etymology of the word Christmas

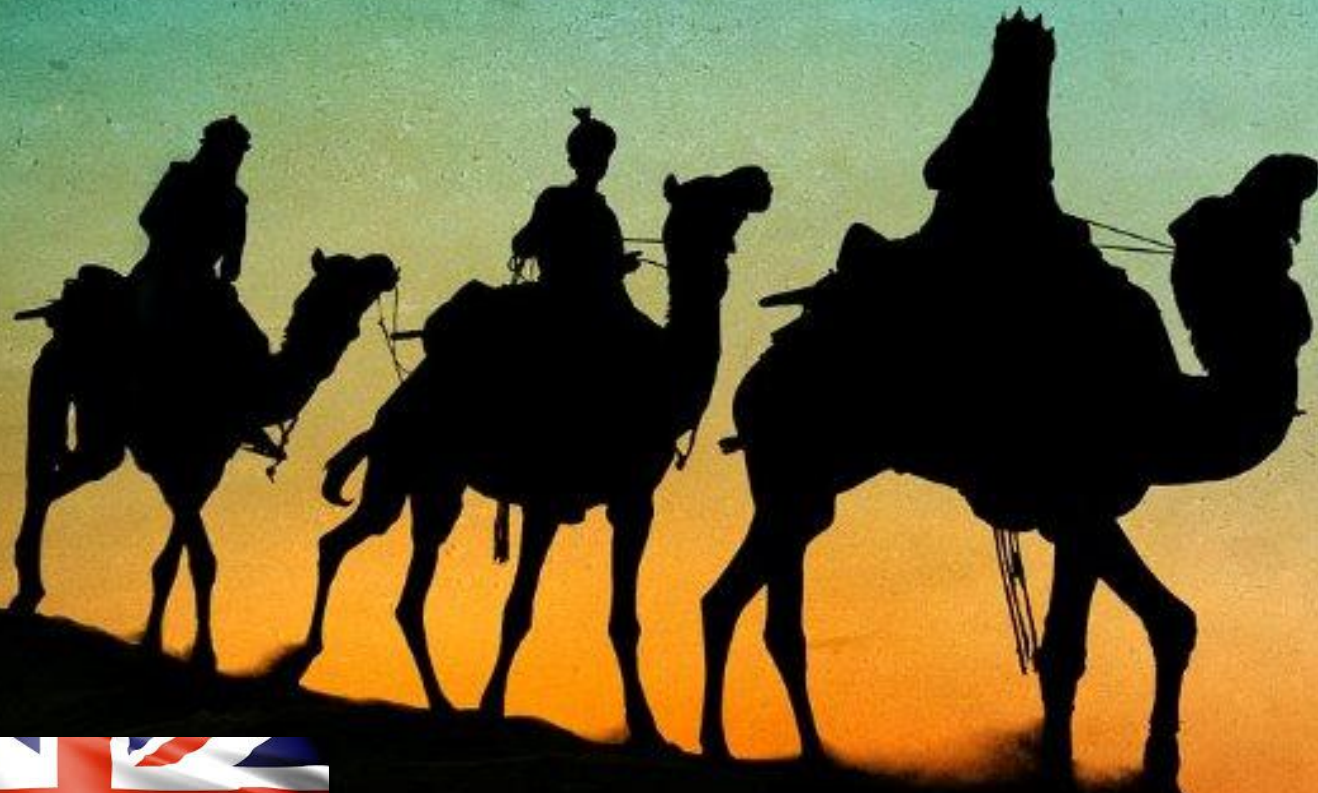
The word "Christmas" comes from Middle English Cristes mæsse, meaning "Christ's Mass," combining Cristes (from Greek Christos, meaning "anointed one") and mæsse (from Latin missa, meaning "Eucharist service"). The name refers to the Christian celebration of Jesus' birth, first appearing in English around the 12th century. The abbreviation Xmas uses the Greek letter Chi (X) for Christ, a practice with roots in Middle English.





# Who are the three Kings?

The Three Kings, also known as the Magi, are legendary figures from the East who visited baby Jesus, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and Myrrh, representing wisdom and prophecy fulfilment; traditionally named Melchior (the oldest from Persia/Europe who brought gold), Casper (the youngest from India, who brought frankincense); and Balthasar (middle-aged from Arabia/Africa, who brought myrrh), though in the Bible, they are referred to as the "wise men" with names and kingly status added by later tradition.





## Have you ever wondered how people celebrate Christmas in other parts of the world?

This short video from the *WiKi Mind* takes a whistle-stop tour around the world to show how the holiday season is enjoyed in more than 15 countries.

From old traditions to fun modern celebrations, see the special ways people bring Christmas to life. Whether it's a big seafood feast in Italy, or sunny barbecues in Australia, there is so much to explore!

For some countries, Christmas is a time for family and religious traditions, while others use it as a chance to show off their creativity with colourful decorations and exciting festivals. Each place has something wonderful and unexpected to offer.





**USA**



**UK**



**GERMANY**



**ITALY**



**FRANCE**



**MEXICO**



**CANADA**



**AUSTRALIA**



**JAPAN**



**PHILIPPINES**



**SPAIN**



**BRAZIL**



**RUSSIA**



**SOUTH AFRICA**



**INDIA**



# The Twelve Days of Christmas

**“On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me...”**

**You probably know the words of this famous carol. But do you know what the 12 days of Christmas really are?**

**This next entertaining animated video from *English Heritage* explains the 12 days in a nutshell.**





**12 days of Christmas**

**History in a nutshell**



# A Newsome Christmas

In this last week before Christmas Newsome is celebrating throughout the week, here's what's happening:

**Monday:** Find the Christmas jumpers around school – the first 10 to complete win a prize

**Tuesday:** Christingle and Christmas sing along after school in the Lecture Theatre 3-4pm

**Wednesday:** Candlelight concert at the Newsome Centre tickets can be bought on parent pay

**Friday:** Christmas quiz and whole school seminar





# Merry Christmas





**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



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How can I keep Safe?

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