

Dear Families,

I wanted to say a HUGE thank you for your support this term, from attendance, to behaviour and engaging with securing work placements. We have now over 100 confirmed work placements for students and less than 50 to secure before the end of Term 2!

Ms Fletcher and I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Best festive wishes everyone!

Mrs Stokes



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**Attendance Matters  
Week Commencing – 08.12.25-12.12.25**





Whole School – 94.57%

Year Group	Attendance
7	94.72
8	94.05
9	96.43
10	94.11
11	93.11



Year 10		94.11%
Team	Attendance %	Rank
AMC	95.28	3
CBR	92.69	5
GAU	87.69	6
IPA	96.92	2
LDE	95.20	4
<b>SJO</b>	<b>97.04</b>	<b>1</b>

Well done to Mr Jones, who achieved 1st place and also happens to be leaving us this week.

On behalf of the whole year group and staff, we wish you all the very best!

Take care!



**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
	 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	 £10	 £15	 Christmas Hamper and 3 x Selection Boxes



# YEAR 10 SEMINAR

WEEK STARTING 15th DECEMBER 2025

# 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>1</sup> <sup>5</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
9 Sa	9 Tu	9 Th	9 Su	9 Tu	9 Fr	9 Mo <sup>7</sup>	9 Mo <sup>11</sup>	9 Th	9 Sa	9 Tu	9 Th
10 Su	10 We	10 Fr	10 Mo <sup>46</sup>	10 We	10 Sa	10 Tu	10 Tu	10 Fr	10 Su	10 We	10 Fr
11 Mo <sup>33</sup>	11 Th	11 Sa	11 Tu	11 Th	11 Su	11 We	11 We	11 Sa	11 Mo <sup>20</sup>	11 Th	11 Sa
12 Tu	12 Fr	12 Su	12 We	12 Fr	12 Mo <sup>3</sup>	12 Th	12 Th	12 Su	12 Tu	12 Fr	12 Su
13 We	13 Sa	13 Mo <sup>42</sup>	13 Th	13 Sa	13 Tu	13 Fr	13 Fr	13 Mo <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>	13 We	13 Sa	13 Mo <sup>29</sup>
14 Th	14 Su	14 Tu	14 Fr	14 Su	14 Tu	14 Sa	14 Sa	14 Tu	14 Th	14 Su	14 Tu
15 Fr	15 Mo <sup>38</sup>	15 We	15 Sa	15 Mo	15 Tu	15 Su	15 Su	15 We	15 Fr	15 Mo <sup>25</sup>	15 We
16 Sa	16 Tu	16 Th	16 Su	16 Tu	16 Fr	16 Mo <sup>8</sup>	16 Mo <sup>12</sup>	16 Th	16 Sa	16 Tu	16 Th
17 Su	17 We	17 Fr	17 Mo <sup>4</sup>	17 We	17 Sa	17 Tu	17 Tu	17 Fr	17 Su	17 We	17 Fr
18 Mo <sup>34</sup>	18 Th	18 Sa	18 Tu	18 Th	18 Su	18 We	18 We	18 Sa	18 Mo <sup>21</sup>	18 Th	18 Sa
19 Tu	19 Fr	19 Su	19 We	19 Fr	19 Mo <sup>4</sup>	19 Th	19 Th	19 Su	19 Tu	19 Fr	19 Su
20 We	20 Sa	20 Mo <sup>43</sup>	20 Th	20 Sa	20 Tu	20 Fr	20 Fr	20 Mo <sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup>	20 We	20 Sa	20 Mo <sup>30</sup>
21 Th	21 Su	21 Tu	21 Fr	21 Su	21 We	21 Sa	21 Sa	21 Tu	21 Th	21 Su	21 Tu
22 Fr	22 Mo <sup>39</sup>	22 We	22 Sa	22 Mo <sup>52</sup>	22 Th	22 Su	22 Su	22 We	22 Fr	22 Mo <sup>26</sup>	22 We
23 Sa	23 Tu	23 Th	23 Su	23 Tu	23 Fr	23 Mo <sup>9</sup>	23 Mo <sup>13</sup>	23 Th	23 Sa	23 Tu	23 Th
24 Su	24 We	24 Fr	24 Mo <sup>48</sup>	24 We	24 Sa	24 Tu	24 Tu	24 Fr	24 Su	24 We	24 Fr
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
26 Tu	26 Fr	26 Su	26 We	26 Fr <sup>Boxing Day</sup>	26 Mo <sup>5</sup>	26 Th	26 Th	26 Su	26 Tu	26 Fr	26 Su
27 We	27 Sa	27 Mo <sup>44</sup>	27 Th	27 Sa	27 Tu	27 Fr	27 Fr	27 Mo <sup>1</sup> <sup>8</sup>	27 We	27 Sa	27 Mo <sup>31</sup>
28 Th	28 Su	28 Tu	28 Fr	28 Su	28 We	28 Sa	28 Sa	28 Tu	28 Th	28 Su	28 Tu
29 Fr	29 Mo <sup>40</sup>	29 We	29 Sa	29 Mo <sup>1</sup>	29 Th		29 Su	29 We	29 Fr	29 Mo <sup>27</sup>	29 We
30 Sa	30 Tu	30 Th	30 Su	30 Tu	30 Fr		30 Mo <sup>14</sup>	30 Th	30 Sa	30 Tu	30 Th
31 Su		31 Fr		31 We	31 Sa		31 Tu		31 Su		31 Fr

**WE ARE HERE**



**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. Starting with Thursday 23rd October, 5pm – 6pm.

<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>

# COMMUNICATION: SPECIFIC



- ✓ Please make sure you know your exam board qualifications.

✓ **WORK EXPERIENCE**  
**EXTENDED DEADLINE for**  
**inputting employer**  
**choice: 13.02.26**

- ✓ GCSE Mock 1 – W/C 9th February
- ✓ Mock results & Parents Evening - 26th February
- ✓ WORK EXPERIENCE – **W/C 08.06.26 - 12.06.26**
- ✓ GCSE Mock 2 – 18th June till 1st July
- ✓ End of Year Reports Home – 16th July

## QUALIFICATIONS

- ENGLISH LANGUAGE - AQA
  - ENGLISH LITERATURE – AQA
  - FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ENGLISH LEVEL 2 - AQA
  - STEP UP TO ENGLISH - AQA
- MATHS (HIGHER) - AQA
  - MATHS (FOUNDATION) - AQA
  - ENTRY LEVEL MATHS - AQA
- BIOLOGY - AQA
  - CHEMISTRY - AQA
  - PHYSICS - AQA
  - COMBINED SCIENCE TRILOGY - AQA
  - ENTRY LEVEL SCIENCE - AQA
- GERMAN - PEARSON EDEXCEL
  - FRENCH - PEARSON EDEXCEL
  - ARABIC - PEARSON EDEXCEL
  - HISTORY - PEARSON EDEXCEL
  - ITALIAN - AQA
  - PERSIAN - PEARSON EDEXCEL
  - SPANISH - AQA
- GEOGRAPHY – AQA
  - RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AQA
  - HISTORY - AQA
  - ENTRY LEVEL GEOGRAPHY – OCR
  - ENTRY LEVEL HISTORY - OCR
- BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE – NCFE
  - COMPUTING (DIT) - PEARSON EDEXCEL
  - TRAVEL & TOURISM - PEARSON EDEXCEL
  - MEDIA - PEARSON EDEXCEL
- HEALTH & FITNESS – NCFE
  - PERFORMING ARTS – WJEC
  - HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE - OCR
- ART & DESIGN (ART, CRAFT & DESIGN) - AQA
  - ART & DESIGN (PHOTOGRAPHY) - AQA
  - MUSIC - PEARSON EDEXCEL
  - FOOD & COOKERY – NCFE
  - PHOTOGRAPHY - AQA



# 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**

CONTACT LIZZIE CARTER FOR MORE DETAILS  
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IMPROVING  
BEHAVIOUR &  
ATTENDANCE  
TOGETHER

SHARING & DEVELOPING **TOGETHER**



**Christmas Jumper Day** – non-uniform on the last day - £1 donation for 'Save the Children'



# NOTICES

Please find marketing materials attached for our upcoming Apprenticeship events in 2026. The events take place on:

- **Kirklees Apprenticeship Event - 25th February 2026 – The Accu (formerly John Smith’s) Stadium, Huddersfield**
- **Calderdale Apprenticeship Event - 4th March 2026, The Shay Stadium, Halifax**

Employers, training providers, colleges and more will be exhibiting at the event and bringing their Apprenticeship vacancies for 2026.

C+K Advisers will also be on hand to give advice and guidance throughout the events.

Hard copies of the invites will be sent in to school in January, to be given out to students.

**Chat**  
Support, advice and guidance  
for young people in  
Calderdale and Kirklees

01484 213856  
chat@ckcareers.org.uk  
Facebook messenger

Linking employers with  
Young people and adults

**C+K**

Investors  
in Diversity  
Gold UK  
Leaders in Diversity

Until  
March  
2026



**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 'Christmas' 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



#### 3. Individual Liberty

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

#### 4. Mutual Respect

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

#### 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





# The Designated Safeguarding Leads @TNA

Miss Hall is the Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Miss A Hall**  
DSL



**Ms H Baxter**  
Deputy DSL



**Ms R Leroy**  
Deputy DSL



**Ms E Carter**  
Deputy DSL



**Ms J Brook**  
Deputy DSL



**Ms G Coldwell**  
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How can I keep Safe?

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# Have a **great** holiday!

**Ms Fletcher, Mrs Stokes  
& your Team Leaders**

**will be ensuring you are 100% focused  
on your studies so that you excel in  
your GCSE studies!**