

# COMMUNITY NEWS



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Academy**

**Week 16b – Tuesday 6th December**



**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                           | 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 We                          | 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 <sup>51</sup>            | 15 Th                          | 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>47</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 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 Sa  | 30 Tu               | 30 Th               |
| 31 Su  |                     | 31 Fr               |                     | 31 We                          | 31 Sa                          |                    |                     | 31 Tu   | 31 Su  |                     | 31 Fr               |

**WE ARE HERE**

**6 WEEKS**

UNTIL FEBRUARY  
BREAK

**5 WEEKS**

UNTIL Y10 GCSE  
MOCKS  
9TH FEB

**14 WEEKS**

UNTIL GCSE EXAMS  
START  
5TH MAY

**24 SCHOOL WEEKS**

UNTIL THE END OF  
SCHOOL YEAR





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**YEAR 11**  
**GCSE EVENTS**  
**THROUGHOUT**  
**THIS YEAR TO**  
**SUPPORT YOUR**  
**CHILD**

# YEAR 11 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. The next evening will be on 19th March 5-6pm.

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| <b>Event 1</b><br><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><br><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><br><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><br><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>  |



**YEAR 10**  
**GCSE EVENTS**  
**THROUGHOUT**  
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| <p><b>Event 1</b><br/> <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><br/> <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><br/> <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><br/> <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>   |

# GCSEs and beyond



readingplus®

**Week commencing January 5th** - Certificates provided for top 2 students per class for most time spent reading lessons on Reading Plus. (Between 05/01/26 - 16/01/26)

**Week commencing January 19th** - Certificates provided for top 2 students per class for most reading lessons completed on Reading Plus. (Between 19/01/26 - 30/01/26)

**Week commencing February 2nd** - Certificates provided for top 2 students per class for total highest words read on Reading Plus. (Between 02/02/26 - 13/02/26)

**End of term- Certificate provided for top 3 students per year group for highest reading level gained.**



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Newsome spreading the festive joy today ❤️

# SPECIAL moments



**IMPROVING  
BEHAVIOUR &  
ATTENDANCE  
TOGETHER**

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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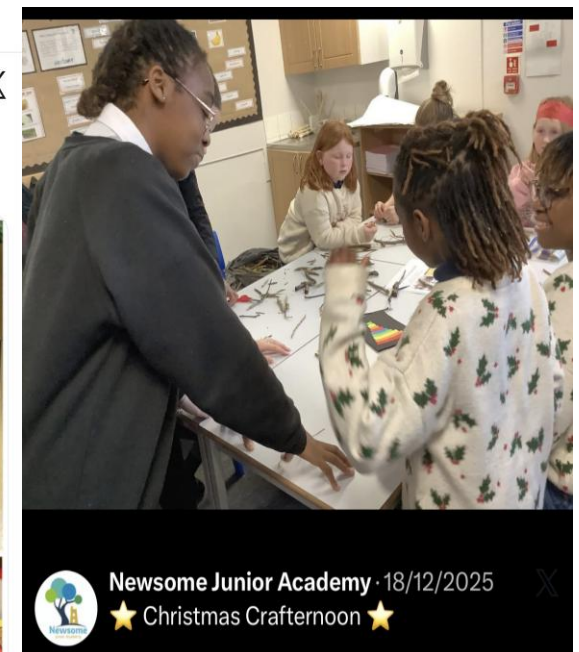
**SHARING & DEVELOPING TOGETHER**



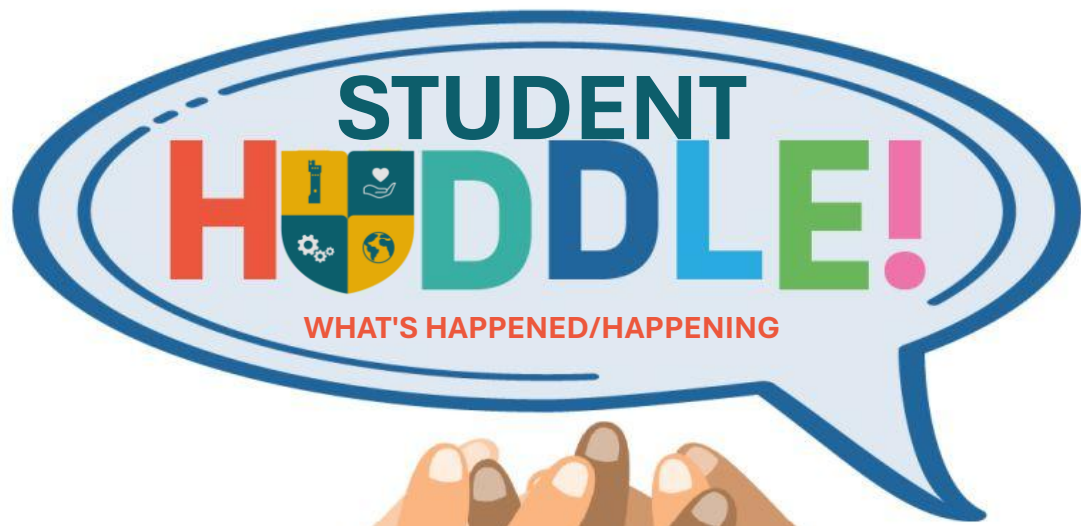
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★ Christmas Crafternoon ★



# WEEKLY UPDATE

## WEEK STARTING 12th December

- **Mental Health and Healthy Relationships** - Postponed until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 due to illness. Y7 P1, Y8 P2, Y9 P3, Y10 P4 and Y11 P5. Please register your group and take them straight down to the Lecture Theatre and supervise please.
- **BBC Bitesize Careers Tour** - on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of January - details to be shared that week
- **Thank you** for all your donation for 'Save the Children' on the last day of term, once this has been added up, the final amount to be donated will be shared!



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Routines**  
A sequence of actions regularly followed.  
"Routines help create a sense of direction."  
"Routines support the learning."  
"Routines support the development."  
It's what we do, not how we do it.

**Save the Children.**

**HomeRun**  
Sprint to success  
**YEAR 11 GCSE STRATEGY**  
A TEAM SPIRIT APPROACH CONNECTING HEARTS & MINDS  
ORGANISATION | PREPARATION | MOTIVATION

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# EXCEPTIONAL



**THE  
SPECIAL 6**  
STEPS TO EXCEPTIONAL

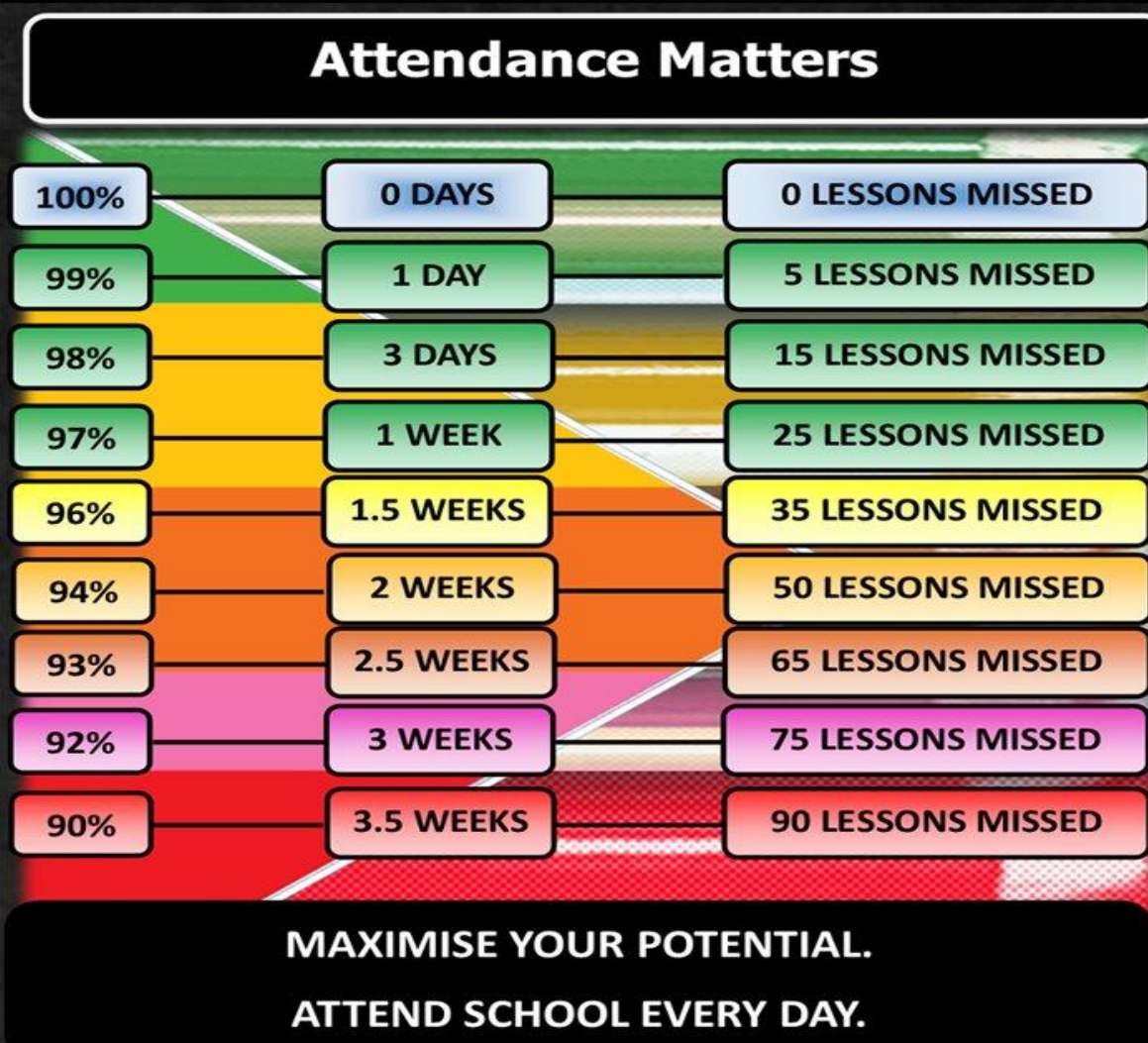
- ✓ **ATTENDANCE**
- ✓ **ATTITUDE TO LEARNING**
- ✓ **CONDUCT**
- ✓ **REWARDS**
- ✓ **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**
- ✓ **HEALTH**



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# General Expectations

✓ Attendance matters



Remember the impact that a low attendance figure has on College applications and life chances!



### Whole School – 93.31%

| Year Group | Attendance |
|------------|------------|
| 7          | 94.38      |
| 8          | 93.54      |
| 9          | 94.67      |
| 10         | 94.27      |
| 11         | 89.20      |



# MINDS ET

## MASTERY





**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 'New Year's Resolutions' 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





## What exactly is a New Year's Resolution?

New Year's resolutions are personal goals or promises people make at the start of a new year, focusing on self-improvement, habit changes, or new experiences, like eating healthier, exercising more, saving money, learning a skill, or spending more time with family. They serve as a fresh start for positive changes, drawing on the idea of a new beginning to reflect on the past year and set intentions for the future.

### But first, it's important to reflect on the year that has just passed ...

- Has the year been an overall positive one or had things happened you could have changed?
- What were your achievements from 2025?
- What memories have you created in 2025?
- What did you learn about yourself?
- Who supported you the most?
- What will you want to let go from 2025?

**Ultimately, what will your ideal 2026 look like?**





## What traditions do we have in the UK to celebrate the New Year?

### New Year's Eve (December 31st)

- **Parties & Fireworks:** Gatherings with music, food, drinks (like champagne), and large firework displays in cities like London and Edinburgh.
- **Auld Lang Syne:** At midnight, people link arms and sing the traditional Scottish song to remember old friends and welcome new ones.
- **First-Footing:** In Scotland and Northern England, the first person to cross the threshold after midnight (the "first footer") brings luck.
- **"Black Rabbits":** A Yorkshire tradition to say "black rabbits, black rabbits" just before midnight and "white rabbits, white rabbits" right after for good luck.



### New Year's Day (January 1st)

- **New Year's Resolutions:** Many Brits make promises for self-improvement, such as losing weight or learning a new skill, though many resolve to break them quickly.
- **Family Meals & Walks:** Relaxing at home, enjoying a large family meal (similar to Christmas dinner), and taking walks to clear the head.
- **Calennig:** In Wales, children carry decorated apples door-to-door; and
- **First-Footing (continued):** The luck brought by the first footer continues into the day, with families hoping for a good start.

**WHY DO WE**

**SING**

**AULD LANG SYNE  
ON NYE?**





## Understanding Resolutions...

"resolution" - "re..." (re-do or revisit) and "solution" (an answer to a problem) to explain its meaning.

## Envision 2026 ...

- **Goals and dreams:** What are your top 3 goals? What do you want to achieve or feel?
- **Values & Alignment:** How do you want to feel? What values will you prioritise? Do your achievements align with your future career and life goals?
- **New habits & Actions:** What daily actions or habits do you need to build or break? What new skills will you learn?
- **Balance & Presence:** Where do you need to slow down? How can you be more present and creative?
- **Theme/Mantra:** What will be your theme or mantra for 2026?

## Why do we make resolutions?

- They leverage the fresh start of a new year for self-reflection and new beginnings.
- They encourage self-awareness and development.
- They can provide a roadmap for a more fulfilling life.





## Tips for success!

**Be specific:** "do better with my revision" is harder to track, so create a revision plan with timings and subjects choices

**Make small steps:** break down big goals into manageable actions.

**Create a plan:** perhaps a vision board to keep you motivated or a resolution jar!

**Prepare for set-backs:** understand that failure can happen and just plan for it!



**What's  
this?**





**The New Year offers fresh chances for growth and positive change.**

**2026**



**EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE**

**SPRING TERM 1 2025-2026**



# Extra-Curricular Activities: Spring Term 1 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<br>German<br>Health and Social Care<br>Media A<br>Travel and Tourism A   | Humanities<br>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<br>11C Food<br>11C Health and Fitness<br>11C Performing arts<br>11C Photography<br>11C/Re1<br>11C/Sc1<br>11C/Travel and tourism | 11D/Art1<br>11D/Business and Enterprise 1<br>11D/Computing1<br>11D/Food t1<br>11D/Health and fitness1<br>11D/Media 1<br>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**  
Deputy DSL



**Ms E Carter**  
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How can I keep Safe?

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