

Dear Families

Welcome to your weekly weekend Key Stage 4 Guidance Newsletter for all families in Year 10 and Year 11. These aim to make things simple for families when supporting their child in their GCSE Studies.

- **All Y10/Y11 student now have a printed Knowledge Organiser in their bag – this is their passport to success!** Please check that they have this and challenge accordingly. This is to be used each night and has everything they need to know. Remember that the electronic version has on the links to past papers and revision and can be located by [clicking here](#).

Scroll on to your year group and complete the 3 quick activities with your child.

Theme

HOME LEARNING

REVISION PREP

ENSURING ALL FAMILIES FOLLOW THE RANGE OF MATERIALS & GUIDANCE SUPPLIED BY THE SCHOOL.

- Last week, I asked that families go through their weekly revision timetables (pages 67 and 72).
- **This weekend/week, I ask that you refer to page 52 of their Knowledge Organiser. Watch your child log-on and access each of these. Guidance is provided on this page.**

Every student has resources to support their revision: GCSE pod – all subjects
Cognito – Science, English, Maths, History, Geography
SPARX – Maths

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 to 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> <p>Username is: studentname (all lowercase, no spaces) e.g. johnsmith</p> <p>Password is: newswome2026!</p> <p>Click here to see the student quick guide.</p>	<p>All students have PRO access to COGNITO</p> <p>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"> • Students select the course they are studying – check it is the correct exam board & level (H/F) • Students can watch videos/read notes on the topic they are focusing on to check understanding • Students do quiz and flashcards to consolidate learning • Students try exam questions to practice retrieval 	<p>All students have SPARX account</p> <p>Students click on this button</p> <p>Students log into their SPARX account using this button:</p> <p>Log In to SPARX Learning Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students complete any compulsory homework first • Students then XP boost • Students carry out independent learning selecting a topic of their choice

REVISION WEBSITES

gcsepod
SPARX Maths
COGNITO



GUIDANCE FOR FAMILIES & STUDENTS IN **YEAR 11**

- ✓ Revision Timetable created and in bedroom & fridge door.
- ✓ Accessed revision Apps on page 52 of [Knowledge Organiser](#).
- ✓ Looked at all your courses and created a bank of past papers from the links.

Your next MOCK EXAMS ARE ON W/C 2nd March.



SPECIAL OFFER

REVISION PACKS

HUGELY DISCOUNTED ADDITIONAL REVISION SUPPORT!

Y11 - SPEAK TO MRS FACEY IF YOU WANT DISCOUNTED REVISION GUIDE PACKS THROUGH SCHOOL!

Race to Exceptional

Preparing for Success



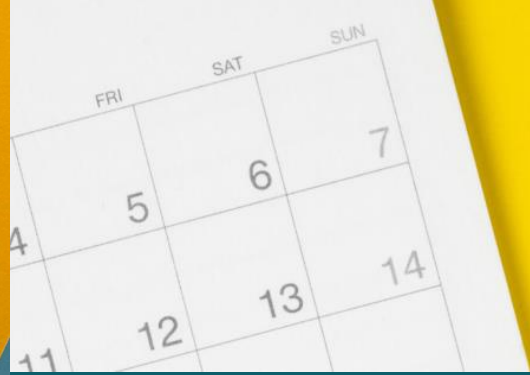
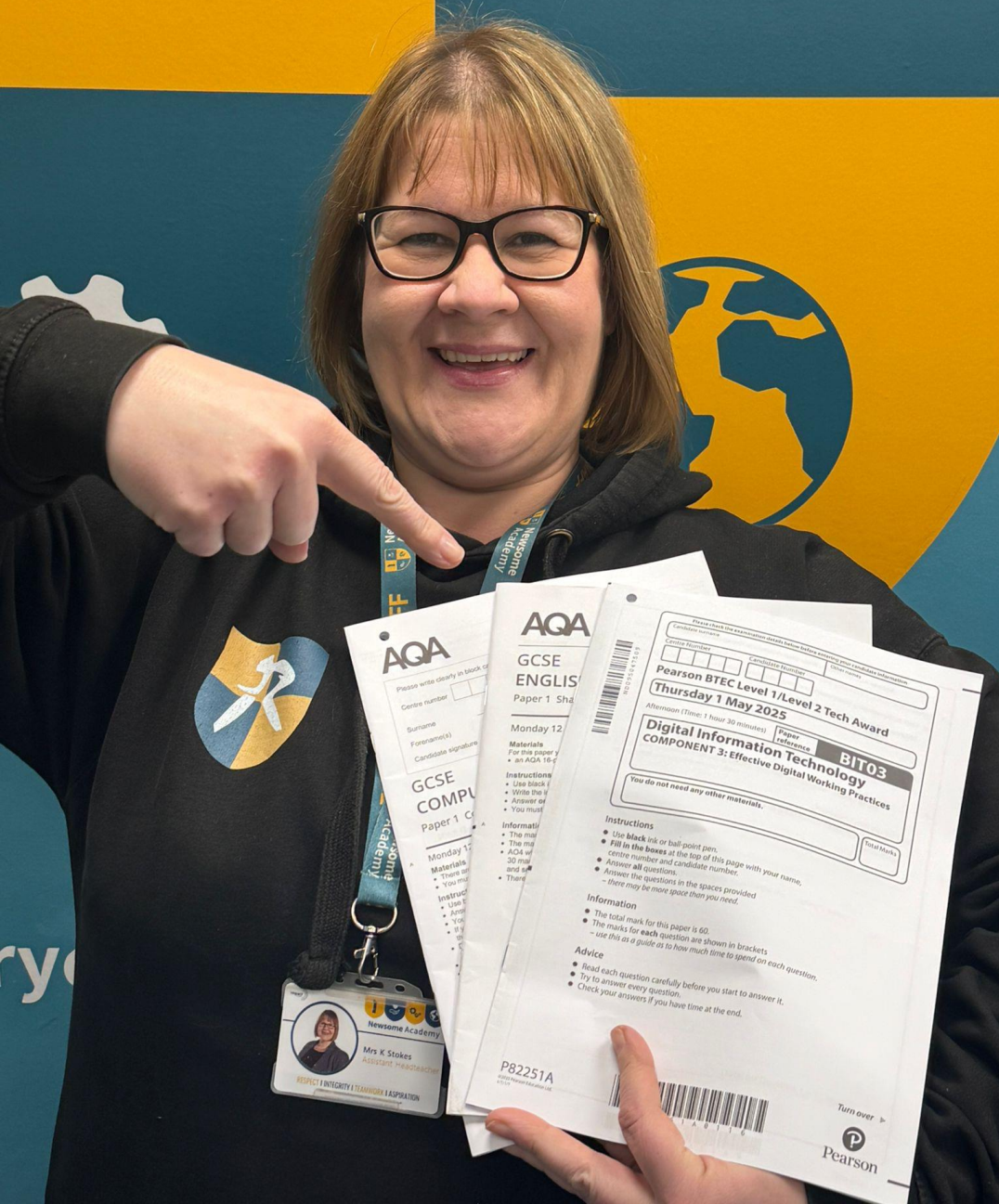
GUIDANCE FOR FAMILIES & STUDENTS IN **YEAR 10**

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Your next MOCK EXAMS ARE ON W/C 9th Feb.

Y10 FEBRUARY EXAMS

ARE YOU & YOUR FAMILY DOING YOUR BIT AT HOME?



Dates for the diary



YOUR MOCK EXAMS FOR

- ENGLISH
- MATHS
- SCIENCE

START FROM 9TH FEB UNTIL 13TH FEB.