

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
FAB FRIDAYS!

ATTEND SCHOOL ON A FRIDAY AND
ON TIME TO BE ENTERED INTO A

LUCKY DIP



FROM THE REWARD SHOP SHOP
1 WINNER PER YEAR GROUP



AND SCHOOL ON A FRIDAY AND
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LUCKY DIP





Yr 7- Oduyoye Ayodamola
Yr 8 – Idris Gaye
Yr 9 – Abi Docherty
Yr 10 – David Giwa
Yr 11 – Daniel Moses



Whole School – 94.54%

Year Group	Attendance
7	95.37
8	94.58
9	94.30
10	94.29
11	92.57



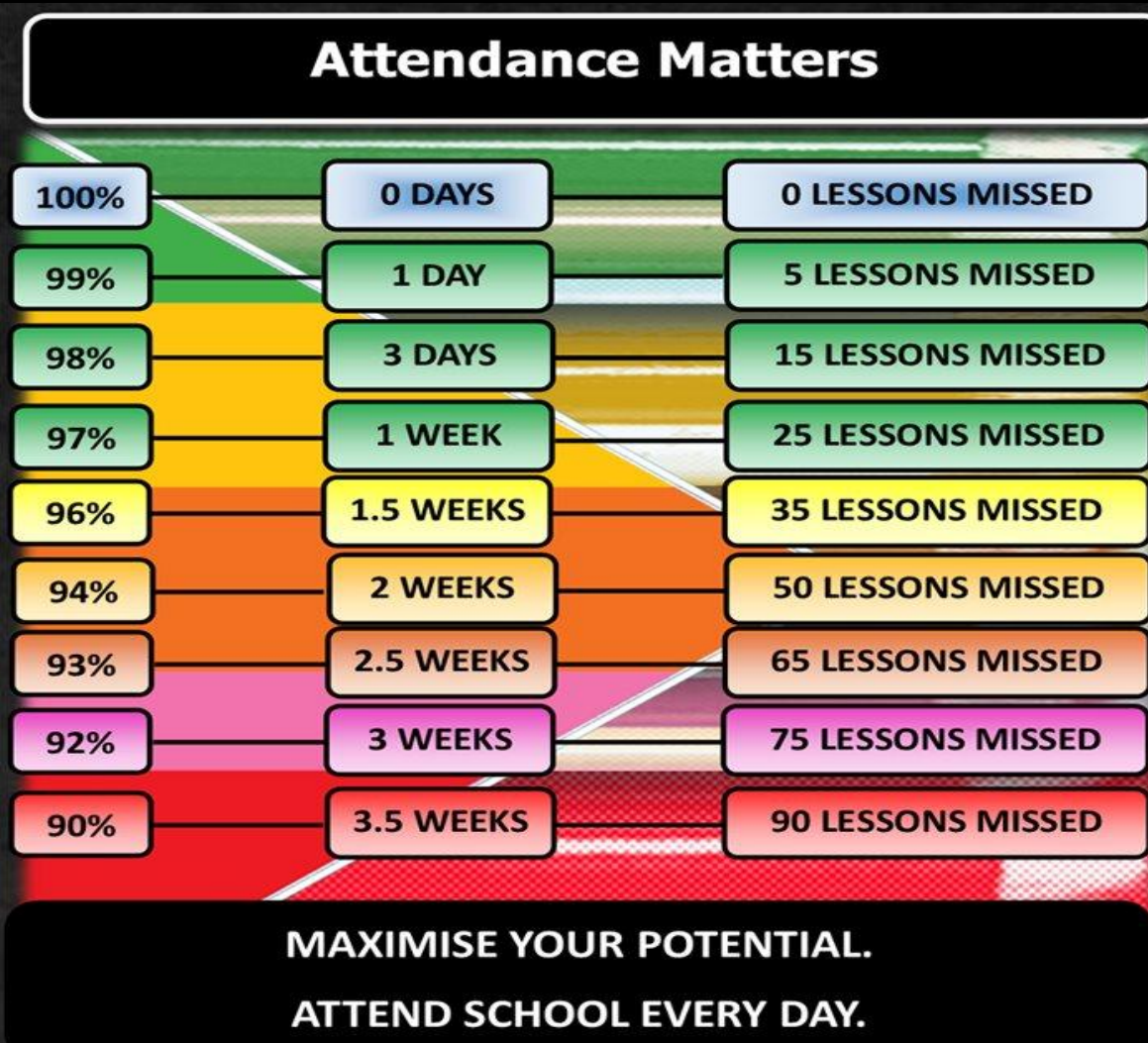
Year 10		94.29%
Team	Attendance %	Rank
AMC	87.31	6
CBR	91.92	5
GAU	93.08	4
 IPA	100.00	1 
LDE	96.40	3
TAM	97.04	2



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General Expectations

✓ Attendance matters



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



YEAR 10 SEMINAR

WEEK STARTING 26TH JANUARY 2026

HOLIDAY INSET Y6 TRANSITION

2025					2026						
August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
1 Fr	1 Mo ³⁶	1 We	1 Sa	1 Mo ⁴⁹	1 Th ^{New Year's Day}	1 Su	1 Su	1 We	1 Fr	1 Mo ²³	1 We
2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Th	2 Su	2 Tu	2 Fr	2 Mo ⁶	2 Mo ¹⁰	2 Th	2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Th
3 Su	3 We	3 Fr	3 Mo ⁴⁵	3 We	3 Sa	3 Tu	3 Tu	3 Fr ^{Good Friday}	3 Su	3 We	3 Fr
4 Mo ³²	4 Th	4 Sa	4 Tu	4 Th	4 Su	4 We	4 We	4 Sa	4 Mo ^{Early May Bk. Hol.} ¹⁹	4 Th	4 Sa
5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Su	5 We	5 Fr	5 Mo ²	5 Th	5 Th	5 Su	5 Tu	5 Fr	5 Su
6 We	6 Sa	6 Mo ⁴¹	6 Th	6 Sa	6 Tu	6 Fr	6 Fr	6 Mo ^{Easter Monday} ⁵	6 We	6 Sa	6 Mo ²⁸
7 Th	7 Su	7 Tu	7 Fr	7 Su	7 We	7 Sa	7 Sa	7 Tu	7 Th	7 Su	7 Tu
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25 Mo ^{August Bk. Hol.} ³⁵	25 Th	25 Sa	25 Tu	25 Th ^{Christmas Day}	25 Sa	25 We	25 We	25 Sa	25 Mo ^{Spring Bk. Hol.} ²²	25 Th	25 Sa
26 Tu	26 Fr	26 Su	26 We	26 Fr ^{Boxing Day}	26 Mo	26 Th	26 Th	26 Su	26 Tu	26 Fr	26 Su
27 We	27 Sa	27 Mo ⁴⁴	27 Th	27 Sa	27 Tu	27 Fr	27 Fr	27 Mo ¹ ⁸	27 We	27 Sa	27 Mo ³
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3 WEEKS

UNTIL FEBRUARY
BREAK

3 WEEKS

UNTIL Y10 GCSE
MOCKS
9TH FEB



11 WEEKS

UNTIL GCSE EXAMS
START
5TH MAY

14 SCHOOL WEEKS

UNTIL THE END OF
SCHOOL YEAR

**WE
ARE
HERE**



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Theme

HOME LEARNING

REVISION PREP

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

Y11 FAMILY MEMO: GCSE HOME PUSH
MEMO SENT: 26TH JAN 2026

GCSE SUCCESS

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.

- 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>Track your study goals with Home School!</p> <p>Our platform is your ultimate companion for staying ahead in school and using your learning. 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? Students using Home School typically achieve 1.5 grades higher per subject than their classmates.</p> <p>Access to assessments (all lessons, no special e.g. 5th term)</p> <p>Personalised revision 2026!</p> <p>Click here to see the student quick guide.</p>	<p>All students have PFD account COGNITO</p> <p>Students can log into their account using their Newsome Academy email and password. If they are accessing the account for the first time their account will be password.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students select the course they are studying – check it is the correct exam board & level (A/AT) Students can watch educational 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students complete any compulsory homework first Students then XP level Students can now independent learning selecting a topic of their choice.

REVISION WEBSITES

Home School
Cognito
SPARX



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.

Event 1 HT2 – Thurs. 13th November - 5pm - 6pm	Intro to GCSE Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for Mocks • Race to Exceptional Initiative • Work Experience
Event 2 Thursday 26th February 5pm-6pm	February Mock results and Parents' Evening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information sharing and understanding results • How to support your child further
Event 3 Monday 18th May 5pm - 6pm	Work Experience preparation (w/c 8th June) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final prep for Work Experience • How to support your child further
Event 4 Thursday 9th July (5pm – 6pm)	June Mock results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam timings and protocol

COMMUNICATION: SPECIFIC



✓ Please make sure you know your exam board qualifications.

✓ **WORK EXPERIENCE DEADLINE for inputting employer choice: 30.01.26**

✓ **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**



NOTICES

- **Student Surveys** - in Microsoft Teams for two awards we are striving for as a school: SEN and Wellbeing. Please complete the surveys – deadline 30.01.26

SEN Survey:

<https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/Y0sSC5INEUMJL04fzfVHkSilg?domain=app.awardplace.co.uk>

Wellbeing

survey: <https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/FjFnClvrVt18XGXcGfLHzG0fd?domain=app.awardplace.co.uk>

EXCEPTIONAL



**THE
SPECIAL 6**
STEPS TO EXCEPTIONAL

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



Fundamental British Values
underpin what it is to be a
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Great Britain valuing our
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values are:

**Democracy, Rule of Law,
Respect and Tolerance,
Individual Liberty.**

**Which FBV does the theme of
'revision' 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





Revision Mindset

“I’ll do it later . . .”

“I was going to get started, but I decided to do _____ first”



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Procrastination

—
“Just coming . . . I’ll be there in a mo . . .”

“I don’t have my homework because the dog ate it. I’ll have it for tomorrow, I promise!”





Delay



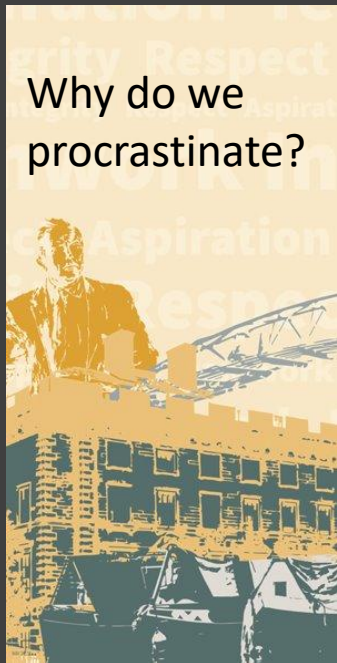
Low value



Low self-efficacy



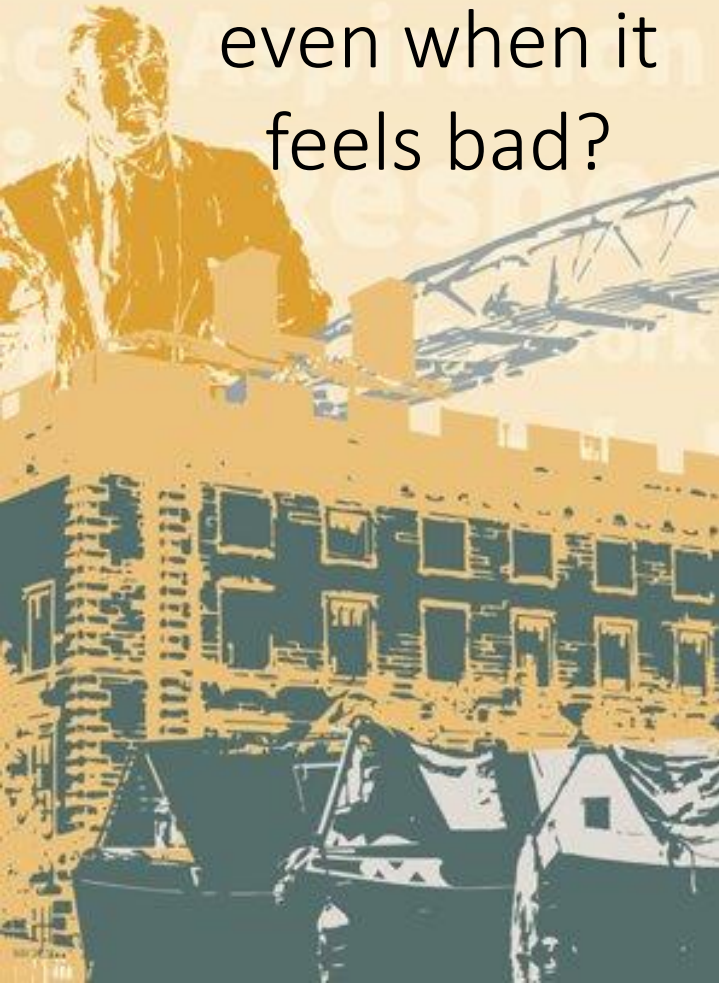
Impulsiveness



Self-efficacy, a concept proposed by psychologist Albert Bandura, refers to an individual's belief in their capacity to execute the behaviours necessary to achieve specific goals. It's about believing you can succeed, not just possessing the skills.



Why you procrastinate even when it feels bad?



Procrastination Common Reasons:

- Exploring the underlying reasons why people procrastinate, which can include fear of failure, perfectionism, lack of motivation, or simply disliking the task and ADHD.

“A day can really slip by when you’re deliberately avoiding what you’re supposed to do.”

- Bill Watterson, *There's Treasure Everywhere*

AVOIDING WORK? WATCH THIS

TEDEd





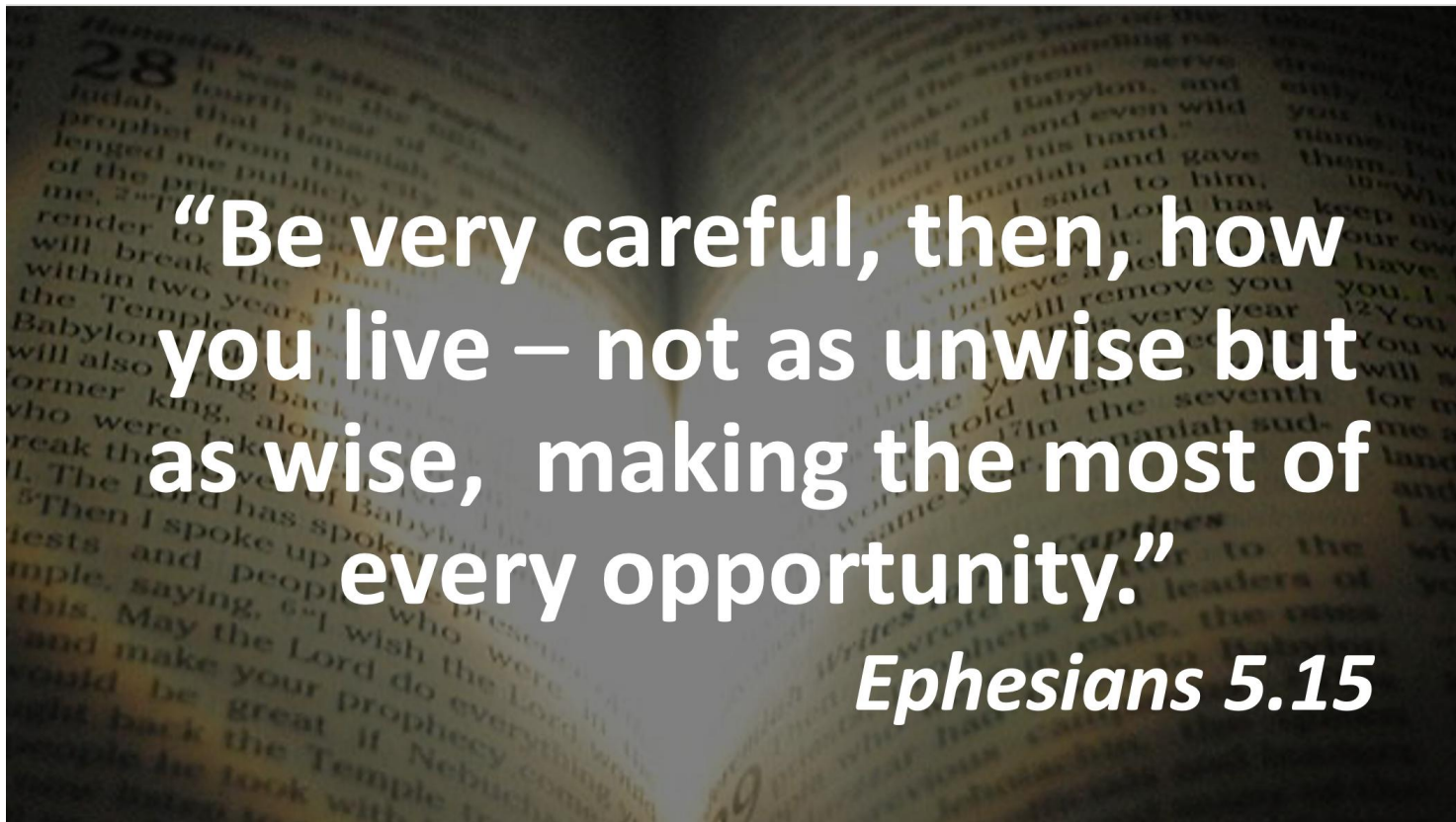
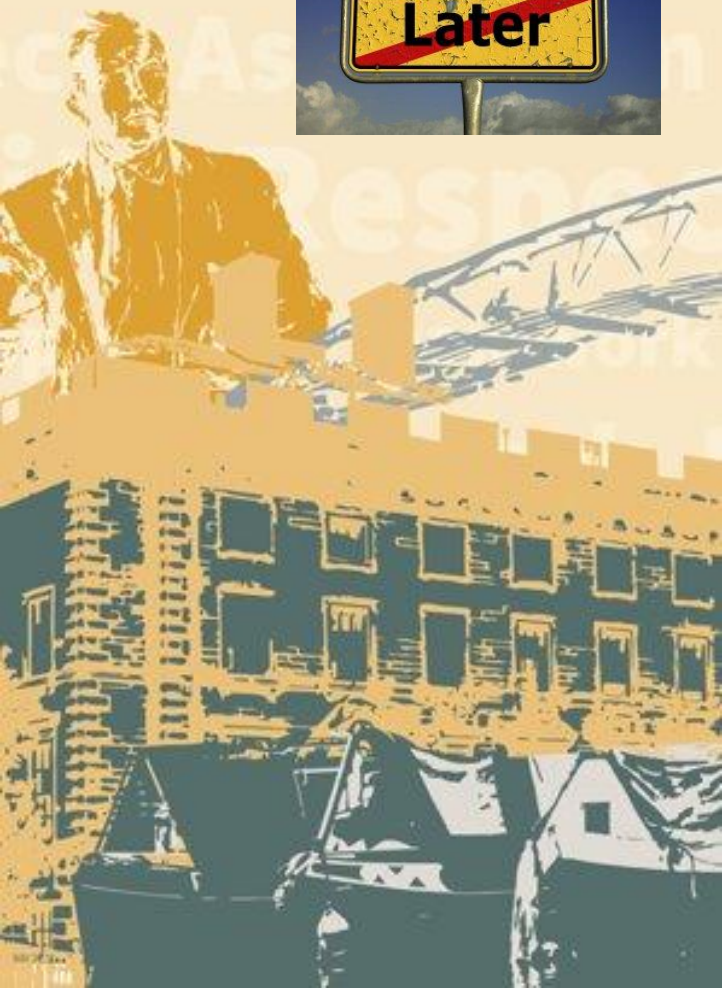
Strategies for Overcoming Procrastination:

Providing practical tips and techniques for breaking the procrastination cycle, such as breaking down tasks into smaller steps, setting realistic goals, using time management strategies, and seeking support.

Top Tip

The three-minute rule, on the other hand, is a strategy for overcoming procrastination. How does it work? It's simple: if you have a chore you're in danger of putting off, try doing it for just three minutes.

Remember





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
Deputy DSL

How can I keep Safe?

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

SPRING TERM 1 2025-2026



Extra-Curricular Activities: Spring Term 1 25/26



DAY	CLUB	LOCATION	STAFF	P6 Week A	P6 Week B
MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netball • Trampolining 25 Places • Cooking Club • Writing Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Hall • Gym • Cooking Room • Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRA/SMT • JDA/GEA • JBA • ASQ 	Option A	Option D
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheelchair sports club • Music Club (Invite Only) • KS3 Coding Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Hall • 401 • 608 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCU • AMC • OMO 	Science	Science
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/8 Girls Football FEB Start • BSL Club • STEM on Track (Invite only) • Music Club • PRIDE club – Week A lunch time • Badminton 24 places 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astro • 805 • Lecture Theatre • 401 • 302 • Sportshall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRA/HH • DCR/ SHE • EGA • AMC • CBR • JDA, BD 	Maths	Maths
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR 10 H&S • Basketball • IDEA Lab • Choir • Drama Club • Sparx Support Club • DOFE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 606 • Sportshall • 503 • 401 • Lecture Theatre • 402 • 402 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMT • JDA,BD • EGA • ECO/CBR • LAB/BRO • EBU • GEA/JDA 	English	English
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Council KS3 – Week A lunch • Student Council KS4 – Week A lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 302 • 302 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBR • CBR 	Option B	Option C



FRESH FUTURES

Improving lives, inspiring change

SCHOOLS OUT

HOLIDAY CLUB!

Free for children on free school meals.

MONDAY - THURSDAY

1000 - 1400

9 - 15 YEAR OLDS

**BRIAN JACKSON
HOUSE**

**FEBRUARY HALF
TERM**

SCAN ME



LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE!



Sports Tournaments

Intro to Cooking

Seasonal Arts & Crafts

Chill Zone

Onsite Cinema





British Values



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SAMPLE WEEK BREAKDOWN

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



MAIN ACTIVITY FOCUS:

SPORTS TOURNAMENTS
INDOOR & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

INTRO TO COOKING
BUY, MEAL PREP + EAT

SPORTS TOURNAMENTS
INDOOR & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

BAKE OFF DAY
CUPCAKES, COOKIES, BISCUITS

ADDITIONAL:

ACCESS TO ONSITE
CINEMA IN PM

ARTS + CRAFTS & CHILL
ZONE IN PM.

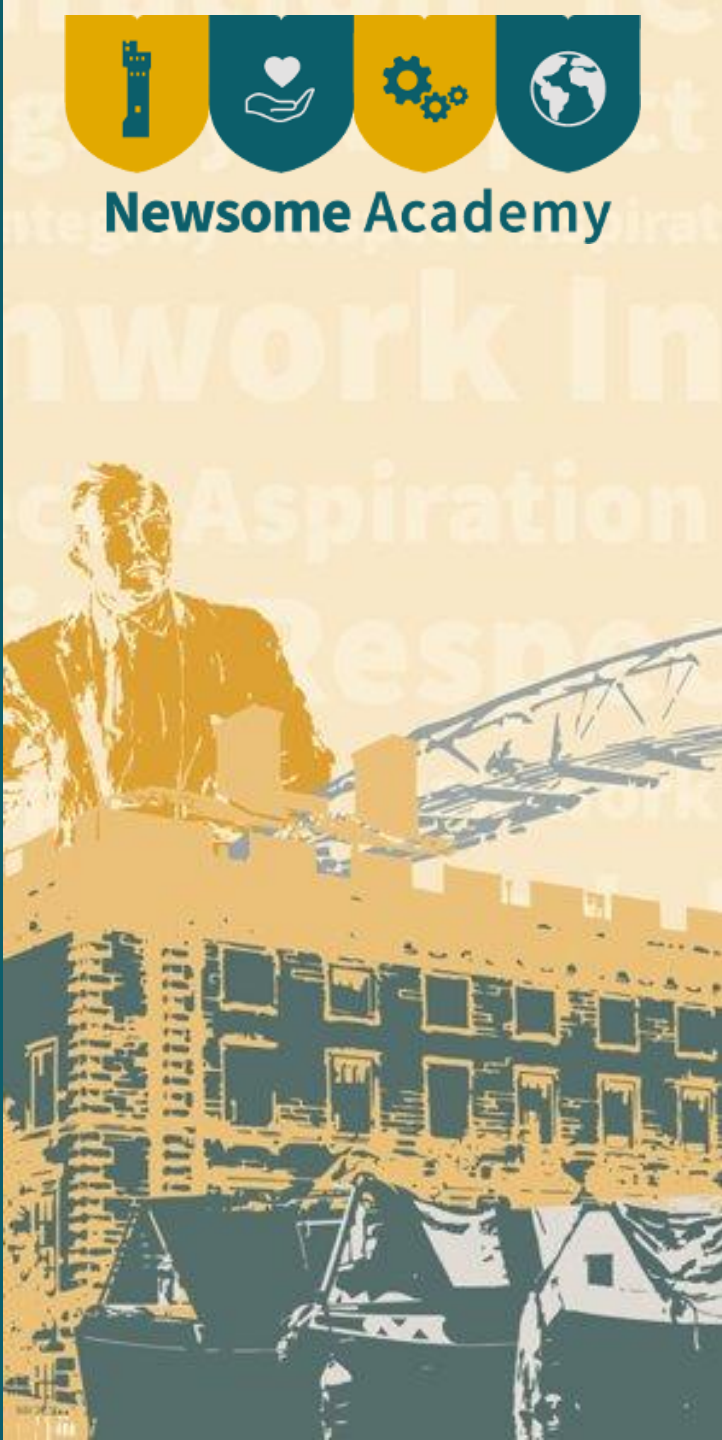
ACCESS TO ONSITE
CINEMA IN PM

BAKE + DECORATE + EAT!





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Have a **great** weekend!

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

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