

Year 11 Success Evening 4

Additional Progress Report Collection
Upcoming Final March Mock Exam Process
Home Study Guidance

Thursday 26th February
5pm - 6pm





FAMILY EVENTS FOR KEY STAGE 4

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✓ Important dates to attend to support your child in their GCSE studies

YEAR 11 KEY EVENTS

Event 1

Thursday 9th October 5pm-6pm

Key Deadlines

- Preparation for October Mocks
- Home Run Initiative
- Period 6 information

Event 2

Thursday 27th November 5pm-6pm

October Mock Results

- Information sharing and understanding results
- How to support your child further

Event 3

Thursday 12th February 6pm-7pm

Preparation for FINAL Mocks

- Additional Progress Reports (RAG)
- Home Study information
- Guiding your child at home

Event 4

Thursday 26th March 5pm-6pm

March Mock Results

- Information sharing and understanding results
- How to support your child further in run up to exams

Event 5

Thursday 30th April 5pm-6pm

Preparing for the real thing!

- Exam timings and protocol



IT'S NOW BECOME REAL...

- **3 school weeks** until GCSE exams start.
- BUT...**
- **2 weeks** of some quality preparation

[Click here for the GCSE Summer Timetable](#)

2026						
January	February	March	April	May	June	July
1 Th <small>New Year's Day</small>	1 Su	1 Su	1 We	1 Fr	1 Mo <small>23</small>	1 We
2 Fr	2 Mo <small>6</small>	2 Mo <small>10</small>	2 Th	2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Th
3 Sa	3 Tu	3 Tu	3 Fr <small>Good Friday</small>	3 Su	3 We	3 Fr
4 Su	4 We	4 We	4 Sa	4 Mo <small>Early May Bk. Hol.</small>	4 Tu	4 Sa
5 Mo <small>2</small>	5 Th	5 Th	5 Su	5 Tu	5 We	5 Su
6 Tu	6 Fr	6 Fr	6 Mo <small>Easter Monday</small>	6 We	6 Th	6 Mo <small>28</small>
7 We	7 Sa	7 Sa	7 Tu	7 Th	7 Su	7 Tu
8 Th	8 Su	8 Su	8 We	8 Fr	8 Mo <small>24</small>	8 We
9 Fr	9 Mo <small>7</small>	9 Mo <small>11</small>	9 Th	9 Sa	9 Tu	9 Th
10 Sa	10 Tu	10 Tu	10 Fr	10 Su	10 We	10 Fr
11 Su	11 We	11 We	11 Sa	11 Mo <small>20</small>	11 Th	11 Sa
12 Mo <small>3</small>	12 Th	12 Th	12 Su	12 Tu	12 Fr	12 Su
13 Tu	13 Fr	13 Fr	13 Mo	13 We	13 Sa	13 Mo <small>29</small>
14 We	14 Sa	14 Sa	14 Tu	14 Th	14 Su	14 Tu
15 Th	15 Su	15 Su	15 We	15 Fr	15 Mo <small>25</small>	15 We
16 Fr	16 Mo <small>8</small>	16 Mo <small>12</small>	16 Th	16 Sa	16 Tu	16 Th
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19 Mo <small>4</small>	19 Th	19 Th	19 Su	19 Tu	19 Fr	19 Su
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21 We	21 Sa	21 Sa	21 Tu	21 Th	21 Su	21 Tu
22 Th	22 Su	22 Su	22 We	22 Fr	22 Mo <small>26</small>	22 We
23 Fr	23 Mo <small>9</small>	23 Mo <small>13</small>	23 Th	23 Sa	23 Tu	23 Th
24 Sa	24 Tu	24 Tu	24 Fr	24 Su	24 We	24 Fr
25 Su	25 We	25 We	25 Sa	25 Mo <small>Spring Bk. Hol.</small> <small>22</small>	25 Th	25 Sa
26 Mo <small>5</small>	26 Th	26 Th	26 Su	26 Tu	26 Fr	26 Su
27 Tu	27 Fr	27 Fr	27 Mo <small>18</small>	27 We	27 Sa	27 Mo <small>31</small>
28 We	28 Sa	28 Sa	28 Tu	28 Th	28 Su	28 Tu
29 Th		29 Su	29 We	29 Fr	29 Mo <small>27</small>	29 We
30 Fr		30 Mo <small>14</small>	30 Th	30 Sa	30 Tu	30 Th
31 Sa		31 Tu		31 Su		31 Fr



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Mon	23/03/2026	Photography 5 Hours																			
Tue	24/03/2026	Photography 5 Hours																			
Thu	26/03/2026	Art 5 Hours																			
Fri	27/03/2026	Art 5 Hours																			
Fri	01/05/2026	Travel & Tourism Component 3 2 hours <i>(Those students doing Digital IT as well will sit Travel & Tourism in the morning)</i>										Digital Information Technology Component 3 1 hour 30 minutes									
WEEKEND																					

Thu	07/05/2026	Turkish Listening Paper 1 - Higher 45 minutes					Turkish Reading Paper 3 - Higher 1 hour 5 minutes					German Listening Paper 2 - Foundation 45 minutes					German Listening Paper 2 - Higher 1 hour						
WEEKEND																							

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Mon	18/05/2026	Combined Science - Chemistry Paper 1 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 15 minutes										Urdu Listening Paper 1 - Higher 45 minutes					Urdu Reading Paper 3 - Higher 1 hour 5 minutes						
		Chemistry Paper 1 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 45 minutes																					
Tue	19/05/2026	English Literature Paper 2 2 hour 15 minutes										Food and Cookery 1 hour 30 mins											
Wed	20/05/2026	French Listening Paper 2 - Foundation 45 minutes					Religious Studies Paper 2 1 hour 45 minutes																
		French Listening Paper 2 - Higher 1 hour																					
Thu	21/05/2026	English Language Paper 1 1 hour 45 minutes																					
Fri	22/05/2026	Arabic Listening Paper 1 - Higher 45 minutes					Arabic Reading Paper 3 - Higher 1 hour 5 minutes					Business and Enterprise 1 hour 30 mins											
		Turkish Writing Paper 4 - Higher 1 hour 25 minutes																					
		Health and Fitness 1 hour 30 mins <i>(Those students doing Business & Enterprise as well will sit Health & Fitness in the morning)</i>										Health and Fitness 1 hour 30 mins											

WEEKEND																					
Mon	25/05/2026																				
Tue	26/05/2026																				
Wed	27/05/2026	Half Term Holiday																			
Thu	28/05/2026																				
Fri	29/05/2026																				
WEEKEND																					

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Mon	11/05/2026	English Literature Paper 1 1 hour 45 minutes																					
Tue	12/05/2026	Religious Studies Paper 1 1 hour 45 minutes										Combined Science - Biology Paper 1 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 15 minutes											
												Biology - Biology Paper 1 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 45 minutes											
Wed	13/05/2026	Geography Paper 1 1 hour 30 minutes																					
Thu	14/05/2026	Mathematics Paper 1 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 30 minutes										German Reading Paper 3 - Foundation 45 minutes											
												German Reading Paper 3 - Higher 1 hour											
Fri	15/05/2026	History Paper 1 2 hours																					
WEEKEND																							

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Mon	01/06/2026											German Writing Paper 4 - Foundation 1 hour 15 minutes																
												German Writing Paper 4 - Higher 1 hour 20 minutes																
Tue	02/06/2026	Combined Science - Physics Paper 1 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 15 minutes										Physics Paper 1 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 45 minutes					Polish Listening Higher 45 minutes					Polish Reading Higher 1 hour						
																	Panjabi Listening Higher 45 minutes					Panjabi Reading Higher 1 hour						
																	Persian Listening Higher 45 minutes					Persian Reading Higher 1 hour 5 minutes						
																	Russian Listening Paper 1 - Higher 45 minutes					Russian Reading Paper 3 - Higher 1 hour 5 minutes						
												Urdu Writing Higher 1 hour 25 minutes minutes																
												Arabic Writing Paper 4 - Higher 1 hour 25 minutes																
Wed	03/06/2026	Mathematics Paper 2 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 30 minutes										Geography Paper 2 1 hour 30 minutes																
Thu	04/06/2026	History Paper 2 2 hours										French Reading Paper 3 - Foundation 45 minutes																
												French Reading Paper 3 - Higher 1 hour																
Fri	05/06/2026	English Language Paper 2 1 hour 45 minutes																										
WEEKEND																												

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Mon	08/06/2026	Combined Science - Biology Paper 2 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 15 minutes						French Writing Paper 4 - Foundation 1 hour 15 minutes														
		Biology Paper 2 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 45 minutes						French Writing Paper 4 - Higher 1 hour 20 minutes														
Tue	09/06/2026	Spanish Listening Higher 45 minutes			Spanish Reading Higher 1 hour																	
Wed	10/06/2026	Mathematics Paper 3 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 30 minutes						Panjabi Writing Higher 1 hour 15 minutes														
								Russian Writing Paper 4 - Higher 1 hour 25 minutes														
Thu	11/06/2026	Geography Paper 3 1 hour 30 minutes																				
Fri	12/06/2026	Combined Science - Chemistry Paper 2 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 15 minutes						Polish Writing Higher 1 hour 15 minutes														
		Chemistry Paper 2 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 45 minutes						Persian Writing Paper 4 - Higher 1 hour 25 minutes														
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Mon	15/06/2026	Combined Science - Physics Paper 2 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 15 minutes																				
		Physics Paper 2 - Foundation/Higher 1 hour 45 minutes																				
Tue	16/06/2026	Spanish Writing Higher 1 hour 15 minutes																				
Fri	26/06/2026	Contingency Day All students must be available on this day in the event that an exam had to be moved nationally because it could not take place when planned.																				



Easter Intervention 2026: More than ever before!

Saturday 20th March
GCSE Geography
 11.30am-2pm
IN-SCHOOL
 Mrs Dunkerly's class

GCSE Religious Studies
 12-3pm
IN-SCHOOL
 Miss Brocklehurst

Monday 30th March
EXTERNAL WORKS - School Building Closed

Tuesday 31st March
Science
 Time: 8:45-3pm
IN-SCHOOL
 Invited Students (External delivery [Pet-Xi])

English
 7pm-9pm
VIRTUAL - TEAMS
 Mrs Stokes' Class + requested invites

Wednesday 1st April
Travel and Tourism
 10am-2pm
IN-SCHOOL
 All Travel & Tourism students (Mr Mitchell)

Performing Arts
 10am-2pm
IN-SCHOOL
 All Performing Arts students (Mrs Mitchell)

Health and Fitness
 10am-2pm
IN-SCHOOL
 All Health and Fitness students (Mr Earnshaw)

Thursday 2nd April
English
 9.30am-12.30pm
IN-SCHOOL
 Miss Hardy's class
 Mr Whitworth's class

Music
 10-3pm
IN-SCHOOL
 All music students (Mr McCarthy).

School Building CLOSED Good Friday

Saturday 4th April
Computing
 10am-11am
VIRTUAL - TEAMS
 All computing students (Mr Watkin)

School Building CLOSED Easter Monday

Tuesday 7th April
GCSE Art
GCSE Food
GCSE Photography
 9.30am-2.30pm
IN-SCHOOL
 (Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Cole, Mrs Medcalf)

English
 7pm-9pm
VIRTUAL - TEAMS
 Mrs Stokes' Class + requested invites

Wednesday 8th April
Maths
 9.30am-12.30pm
IN-SCHOOL
 Invited students only
 Mrs Burton, Mr Masih, Mrs Milthorpe & Mrs Irsham

GCSE History
 10-2pm
IN-SCHOOL
 Mr Parker's class

Thursday 9th April
MFL Higher
 10am-12pm
IN-SCHOOL
 Mrs Fox (French)
 Mrs Deborah (German)

MFL Foundation
 12pm-2pm
IN-SCHOOL
 Mrs Fox (French)
 Mrs Deborah (German)

Friday 10th April
English
 10am-12am
VIRTUAL - TEAMS
 Mr Worswick's Class

GCSE History
 1-3pm
IN-SCHOOL
 Miss Holmes' class

GCSE Geography
 1-3pm
IN-SCHOOL
 Mr Carr's class

Saturday 11th April
Computing
 10am-11am
VIRTUAL - TEAMS
 All computing students (Mr Watkin)



Easter: Why it matters?

This is where grades change!



Clear expectation

- ✓ You are expected to attend unless told otherwise.

Key message

- ✓ What you do over Easter will determine your results in summer.



ORGANISATION | PREPARATION | MOTIVATION

Winning Habits

3 simple actions:

- ✓ Revise every day (minimum 2–3 hours)
- ✓ Use Knowledge Organisers actively (not just reading!)
- ✓ Practice exam questions

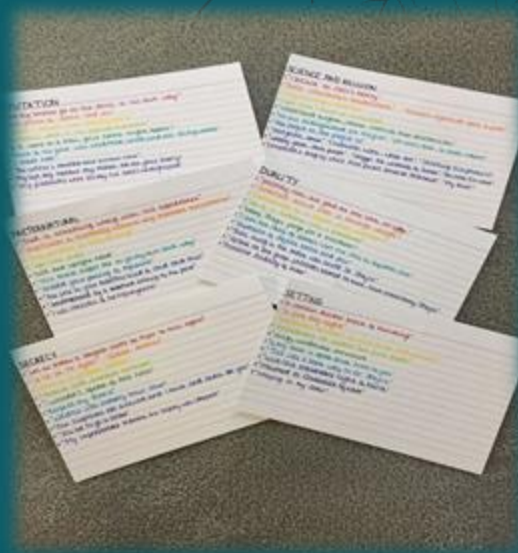
You could include:

- ✓ Retrieval practice
- ✓ Flashcards
- ✓ Past papers

“Don’t just revise—revise effectively.”



ReVISION



STUDENT REVISION TIMETABLE (GCSE Exams – May/June)									
DAY	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
DATE									
TIME	REMEMBER TO SEE THE ORDER OF YOUR EXAMS & USE THIS FOR THE ORDER OF PLANNING								
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ORGANISATION

PREPARATION

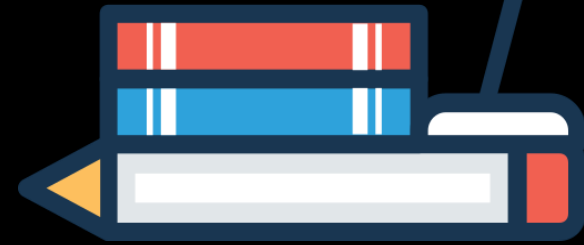
MOTIVATION

HOME STUDY





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



REVISION WEBSITES



GCSE POD

Smash your study goals with Access GCSEPod!

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.

Did you know?

Students using Access GCSEPod typically achieve 1.5 grades higher per subject than those who don't.

Username is: studentname (all lowercase, no spaces) e.g. johnsmith

Password is: newsome2026!

[Click here](#) to see the student quick guide.

COGNITO

All Year 11 students have PRO account COGNITO

Students can log into their account using their Newsome Academy email and password
(if they are accessing the account for the first time their password will be password)

- 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

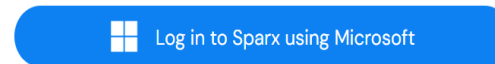
SPARX

All students have SPARX account SPARX

Students click on this button



Students log into their SPARX account using this button:



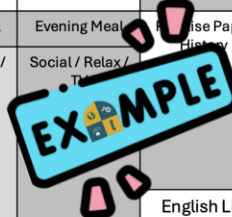
- Students complete any compulsory homework first
- Students then XP boost
- Students carry out independent learning selecting a topic of their choice

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR THEIR UPCOMING MOCK EXAMS

YEAR 10 MOCKS (NEXT WEEK) Y11 FINAL MOCKS (2ND MARCH)

STUDENT REVISION TIMETABLE

DAY	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
DATE	25th Oct	26th Oct	27th Oct	28th Oct	29th Oct	30th Oct	31st Oct	1st Nov	2nd Nov
TIME	REMEMBER TO SEE THE ORDER OF YOUR EXAMS & USE THIS FOR THE ORDER OF PLANNING								
8:00	English Lang.	Computing	Science	History	Science	History	Science	Practise Paper Maths	Practise Paper Science
9:00	English Lit.	Art							
10:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:00	Maths	English Language	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Practise Paper French	Practise Paper English Lang.
12:00		Lunch + Rest	Lunch + Rest	Maths	Lunch + Rest	Maths	Lunch + Rest		
13:00	Lunch + Rest	Lunch + Rest		Lunch + Rest		Lunch + Rest		Lunch + Rest	Lunch + Rest
14:00	Science	History	Art	Computing	English Language Writing	English Language Writing	Art	English Lit. Essay	Computing/Art
15:00		Sunday Lunch							Sunday Lunch
16:00	Break / hobby								
17:00		Maths	Evening Meal	Evening Meal	Evening Meal	Evening Meal	Evening Meal	Evening Meal	Practise Paper History
18:00	Evening Meal		English Lang	English Lang	Computing	French	Social / Relax / TV	Social / Relax / TV	
19:00	French	Social / Relax / TV	Social / Relax / TV	Social / Relax / TV	Social / Relax / TV	Social / Relax / TV			
20:00	Social / Relax / TV								
21:00									
22:00		English Lit.	French	English Lit.	French	English Lit.			English Lit.



STUDENT REVISION TIMETABLE (March Mocks)

DAY	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
DATE									
TIME	REMEMBER TO SEE THE ORDER OF YOUR EXAMS & USE THIS FOR THE ORDER OF PLANNING								
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22:00									

- ✓ Ensure that your child has their revision schedule complete. We will be conducting checks to see if there is appropriate home detail following all the recent guidance.
- ✓ Paper copies are available for your child in the main area of school.



HomeRun

Sprint to success

YEAR
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Achievement Tracker

	Maths	English Language	English Literature	Science's	Option Block A	Option Block B	Option Block C	Option Block D
Target grade								
DC1 Current								
DC1 Predicted								
DC2 Current								
DC2 Predicted								
DC3 Current								
DC3 Predicted								

Attitude to Learning Tracker


	Maths	English Language	English Literature	Science's	Option Block A	Option Block B	Option Block C	Option Block D
DC1								
DC2								
DC3								

1
Cause for Concern

2
Coasting

3
Good

4
Exceptional



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All these pages should be completed in your child's Knowledge Organiser!

GUIDANCE FOR FAMILIES & STUDENTS IN YEAR 11



YEAR
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To do list:

- ✓ **Revision Timetable** created and in bedroom & fridge door. Dedicated time each day with no phone or distractions.
- ✓ **Complete your revision timetable** and bring to school on Monday.
- ✓ **Plan and prepare for your exams** – look at the timetable on the next page
- ✓ **Access (& use) revision Apps** on page 52 of Knowledge Organiser.

[Click here](#) to access the online KO – your child has a hard copy in their bag!

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

REPORT UPDATE



Mock Results & Reports

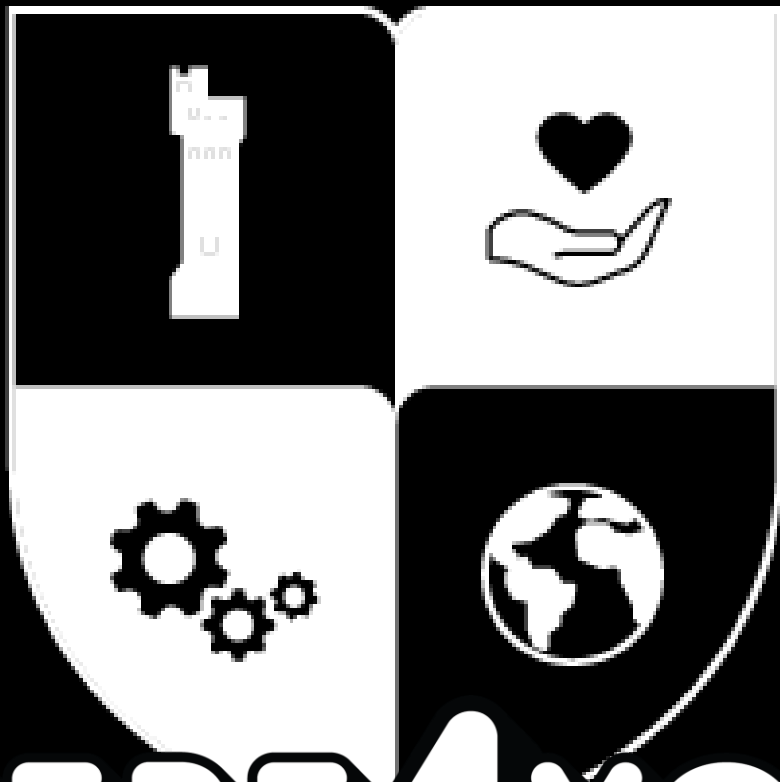
How to interpret



Attendance	Negative Points		Positive Points	
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Subject Area	ATL	Mock Grade	Current Grade	Predicted Grade
English	3	6	6	6
English Literature	3	4	4	5
Mathematics	1	4	4	5
Science	2	33	33	33
Health and Fitness	2	D1	M2	M2
History	2	2	2	3
Physical Education	2	X	X	X
Religious Studies	2	4	4	5
Travel and Tourism	2	D1	P2	P2
Careers	2	N/A	N/A	N/A
RSHE	2	N/A	N/A	N/A

Attitude to Learning Key			
4 Outstanding	3 Motivated	2 Coasting	1 Unacceptable



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Our key Leaders that are on hand for all your subject-specific needs...

SUBJECT	INITIAL EMAIL CONTACT
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Geography	Mr Carr: tcarr@newsomeacademy.co.uk
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