

YEAR 10 SEMINAR/S

WEEK STARTING 19TH OCTOBER 2026

NOTICES

VISION

WHERE HEARTS AND MINDS CONNECT.

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Dear Families,

As the SLT link for Year 10, it's always lovely to reflect on the half-term we have just had, so please take the time to read what Year 10 have been up to and other updates below and the slides ahead, including pictures from our RITA seminar led by Ms Carr. Thank you.

THANK YOU - I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your support, but to all the Year 10 students for their focus this half-term – the majority have embraced the true dedication needed for KS4 behaviour for learning and should be ready for those first mocks in Term 2 in February.

WORK EXPERIENCE - All students should now have logged onto their NYBEP portal and some students have even secured placements for June 2027 – the deadline to secure places is December 2026, hoping the majority will have organised their placement by then, so NYBEP can run their checks. IF NOT, this half-term is the perfect opportunity for your child to get their CV sent to employers or go and seek experience for the week of 7th-11th of June 2027.

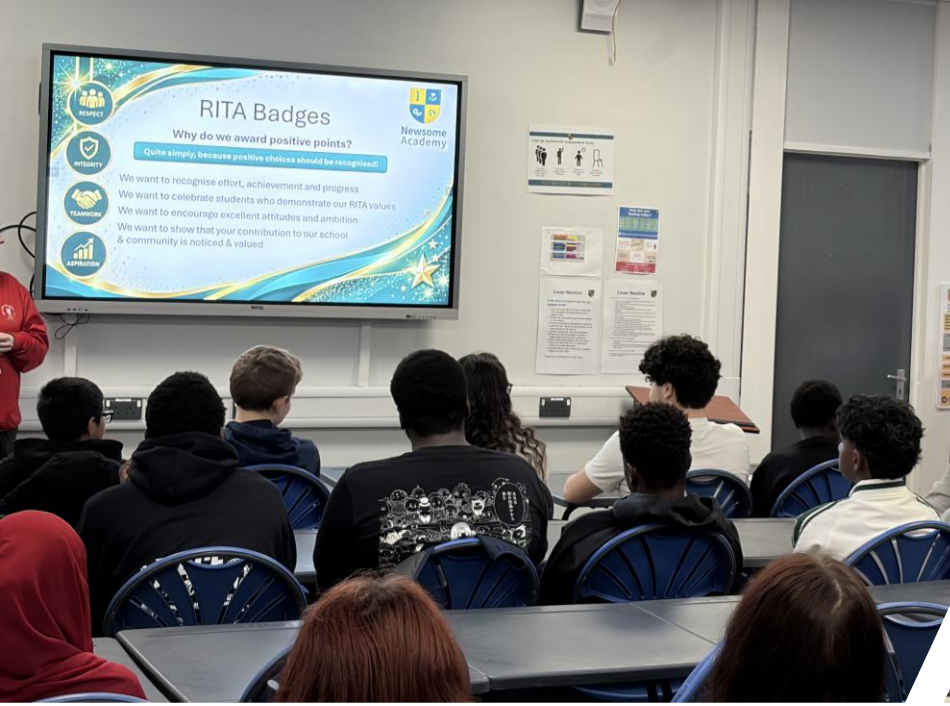
PRIDE - I am very proud of the many extra-curricular activities and events the year 10s get involved with too, from the football matches I have watched and cheered on to watching students attend basketball after school and apply for the anti-bullying ambassadors – all of which help towards their CVs and personal development growth.

MOCK INTERVIEWS - all year 10 have their mock interviews with external employers either on the 2nd of 3rd of November; although students have prepared in school for some answers, please encourage them to discuss what they excel at and would like their future to look like – we all remember those first interviews, so this will be their first in readiness for the 'real world of work'. All information can be found in Microsoft Teams for Year 10.

HEAD OF YEAR – My final shout-out goes to our Head of Year, who works tirelessly in the background and devotes extra time to support our cohort, so thank you Ms Carr!

I wish all families a lovely half-term break in readiness for half-term 2.

Mrs Stokes


RITA Badges
Why do we award positive points?
Quite simply, because positive choices should be recognised!
We want to recognise effort, achievement and progress
We want to celebrate students who demonstrate our RITA values
We want to encourage excellent attitudes and ambition
We want to show that your contribution to our school & community is noticed & valued
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From September 2026

Kirklees local authority will be actioning the 10 in 10 fining process, make sure you are in school regularly to avoid your parents been fined.

Whole School – 95.47% ↓	
Year Group	Attendance
7	94.97 ↑
8	96.07 ↑
9	96.22 ↑
10	95.22 ↓
11	94.81 ↓





Year 10	95.22% ↓

Team	Attendance %	Rank
BMU	97.31 ↓	3
EBU	93.67 ↓	6
GAU	96.92 =	4
HIR	94.52 ↓	5
KLY	99.29 ↑	1
MAS	97.41 ↓	2



RISE	
Team	Attendance %
Year 7MBO	90.00 ↓
Year 8MBO	84.00 ↑
Year 9JWO	80.00 ↑
Year 10 HHI	97.50 ↓

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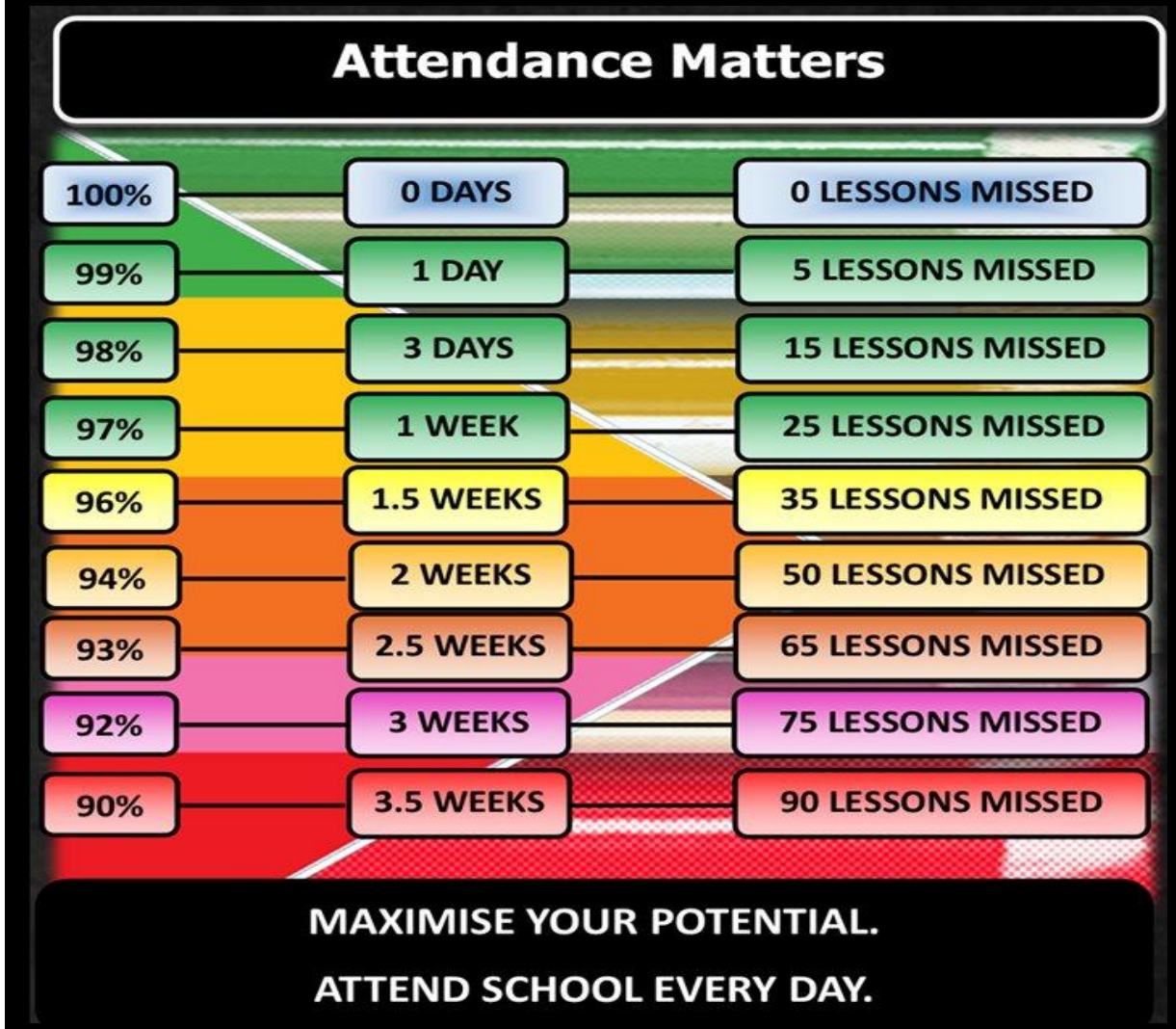
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General Expectations

✓ Attendance matters



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

COMMUNICATION: SPECIFIC





- ✓ **Please make sure you know your exam board qualifications.**
- ✓ **MOCK INTERVIEWS** 2nd and 3rd of November
- ✓ **DC1 Reports December 15th**
- ✓ **GCSE Mock 1** – W/C 1st February
- ✓ **Mock results & Parents Evening** - Thursday 25th February
- ✓ **DC2 Reports** – issues on Thursday 25th March 2027
- ✓ **WORK EXPERIENCE** – 7th-11th of June 2027
- ✓ **GCSE Mock 2** – 21st June till 2nd July 2027
- ✓ **Mock Results Evening & DC3** – Thursday 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 & ENTERPISE – 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

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Have a great half-term break !

Ms Carr, Mrs Stokes
& your Team Leaders
will be ensuring you are 100% focused on your studies so that you excel in your GCSE studies!