Where hearts and minds connected through Half Term One

End of term message to families...



Dear families,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I want to thank you for your continued support and reflect on the many positives across Newsome Academy. It has been a busy and purposeful start to the year, with much to celebrate and a clear focus on helping every child achieve their very best. Our vision, "Where hearts and minds connect," sits at the centre of everything we do. We want every child to feel welcome, safe and valued, while being challenged to work hard and aim high. Our RITA values of Respect, Integrity, Teamwork and Aspiration guide those expectations every day. It has been particularly lovely to see our Year 7 students settling into academy life. More than 90 families attended our recent settling-in evening, and hearing how much families value the care and support their children receive was a real highlight. Thank you for working alongside our staff to make this important transition a positive one.

Attendance continues to be a strength, and we are proud of how positively it compares with other schools. This reflects the commitment of our students, families and staff. Every day in school helps children build knowledge, confidence, friendships and a sense of belonging. Please continue to support excellent attendance and punctuality, and contact us early if your child is finding coming to school difficult so that we can work together. Our commitment to inclusion and wellbeing remains equally strong. We continue to develop our provision through the SEND Inclusion Award and Wellbeing Award for Schools, alongside opportunities for families to share their experiences through our Parent Forum. Your feedback helps us understand what is working well and where we can improve further.

A key learning priority is reading, writing, literacy and oracy. To succeed, students need to understand the language of their subjects, explain their thinking and confidently interpret questions. Across lessons, we are reinforcing vocabulary, supporting careful reading and encouraging students to speak and write with greater precision. At home, regular reading, discussing unfamiliar words and asking your child to explain what they have learned can make a valuable difference.
For Year 11, the next half term is particularly important. Thank you to families who joined our GCSE mock examination launch evening. The mock examinations run from Wednesday 4 November to Friday 20 November. Over half term, students should follow a manageable revision plan, spread their time across subjects and use the support materials provided. Time to rest matters too: steady preparation and a balanced routine will help students return ready to do their best.

Please note these key dates:

- Wednesday 4–Friday 20 November: Year 11 mock examinations.
- Wednesday 11 November: Our annual Remembrance event, including performances in the outdoor spaces.
- Thursday 26 November: Year 11 Mock Results Evening, when students will receive their results.
- Tuesday 15 December: Year 7–10 Data Collection 1.
- Thursday 17 December: Launch of the Year 9 options process.

My message to our whole community remains simple: consistency is key. Consistent attendance, routines, effort and support give children the strongest foundations for success. Thank you to our staff for their dedication, to our families for their partnership and, most importantly, to our students for everything they contribute to making Newsome Academy special.

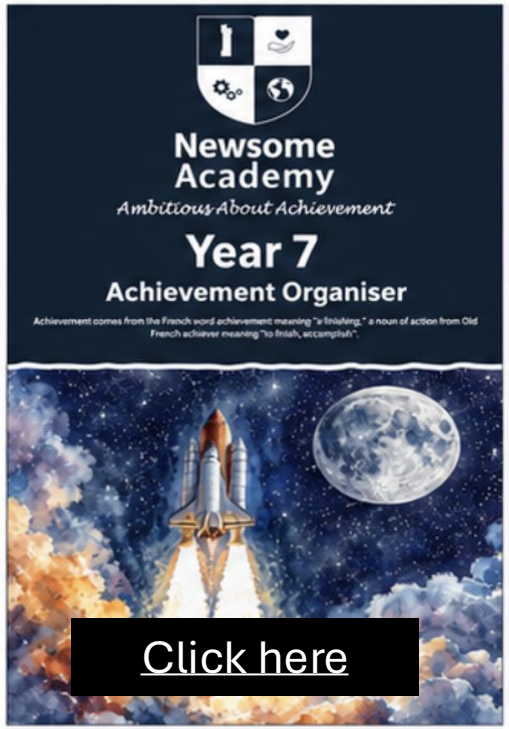
I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Dean Watkin
Headteacher

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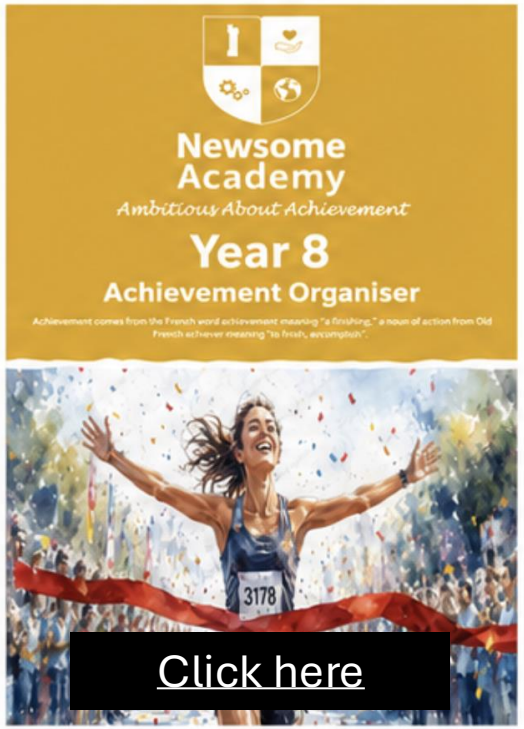
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Please check your child's learning arrangements so you know what they are studying.

Year 7



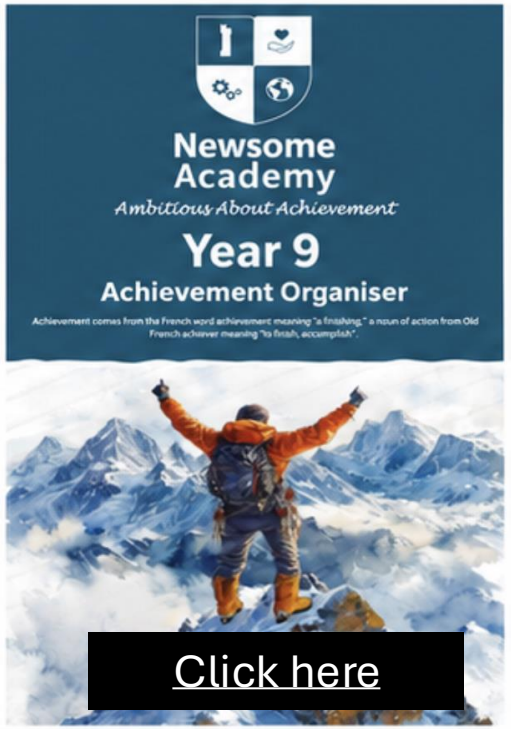
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Year 9



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Home Learning | KS4

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01

Year 10

Work is set on Microsoft Teams.

Students know how to access their tasks and resources.

02

Year 11

Work is set on Microsoft Teams.

Families have received preparation materials for the November mock exams.

Please use the revision resources already shared.

Mock prep resources sent can be accessed here.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home.



Thank you all for everything you do to make our Academy special.
Have a lovely half-term.

See you on Monday 2nd November at normal school times.