STUDENT SEMINAR

and combined family newsletter

WEEK STARTING 23RD NOVEMBER

THEME TEACHING & LEARNING ROUTINES

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- **4 WEEKS** UNTIL CHRISTMAS BREAK

- **OPEN EVENING** 17TH SEP
- **COLLEGE PREDICTIONS** TBD (BE PREPARED)
- **Y7 SETTLING IN EVENING** 15TH OCT
- **Y11 GCSE MOCK EVENING** 22ND OCT

- **Y11 MOCKS** 2ND NOV
- **Y11 DC1 DEADLINE** 24TH NOV
- **Y11 PROGRESS EVE & MOCKS** 26TH NOV
- **DC1 (ALL YEARS)** 2ND DEC
- **REPORTS SENT HOME** 15TH DECEMBER

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026/27 INSET DAY HOLIDAYS BANK HOLIDAY LIKELY EID

2026				2027							
September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
1 Tu	1 Th	1 Su	1 Tu	1 Fr New Year's Day	1 Mo 5	1 Mo 9	1 Th	1 Sa	1 Tu	1 Th	1 Su
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	31 Sa		31 Th	31 Su		31 We		31 Mo Spring Bk. Hol. 22		31 Sa	31 Tu

WE ARE HERE

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

ATTENDANCE	SCHOOL MISSED	LESSONS MISSED
100%	0 DAYS	0 LESSONS MISSED
99%	1 DAY	5 LESSONS MISSED
98%	3 DAYS	15 LESSONS MISSED
97%	1 WEEK	25 LESSONS MISSED
96%	1.5 WEEKS	35 LESSONS MISSED
94%	2 WEEKS	50 LESSONS MISSED
93%	2.5 WEEKS	65 LESSONS MISSED
92%	3 WEEKS	75 LESSONS MISSED
90%	3.5 WEEKS	90 LESSONS MISSED



MAXIMISE YOUR POTENTIAL.

ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

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HIGHLIGHTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Well done!

SENDIA Inclusion Award

WAS promoting emotional wellbeing and positive mental health

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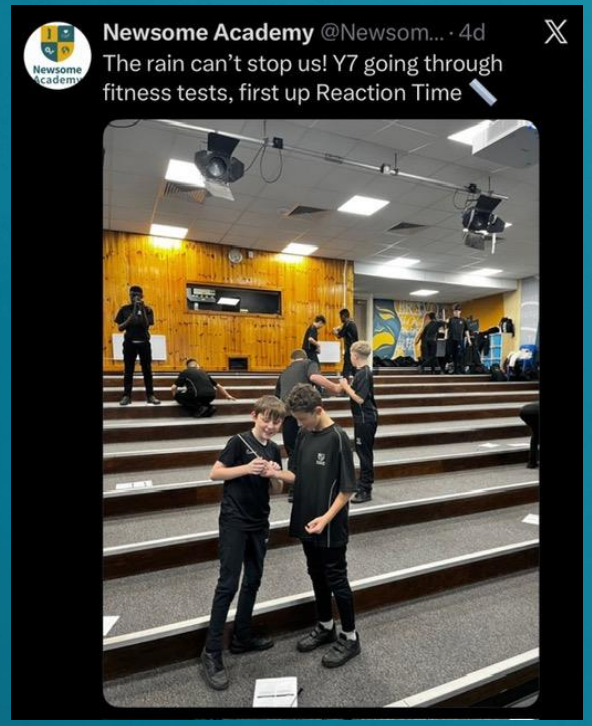

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OUR VALUES

RESPECT | INTEGRITY | TEAMWORK | ASPIRATION



Fundamental British Values underpin what it is to be a citizen in a modern and diverse Great Britain valuing our community and celebrating diversity of the UK. These 5 values are: **Democracy, Rule of Law, Mutual Respect, Tolerance, Individual Liberty.**

Which FBV does the theme of 'Teaching & Learning Routines' 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

3. Individual Liberty
   - The right to believe, act and express oneself freely
   - The right to freedom of speech
   - The right to vote

4. Mutual Respect
   - To treat people politely and thoughtfully, to show we value them
   - Seeing things from someone else's viewpoint

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



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MAIN THEME

TEACHING & LEARNING ROUTINES

Where hearts and minds connect.

YOUR BRAIN IS

UNDER CONSTRUCTION.



Every experience matters.
Every challenge matters.
Every lesson is an opportunity.

You are not just learning subjects. You are developing how you learn.

Your brain is literally rewiring itself during your teenage years

SYNAPTIC PRUNING

Some connections are weakened or removed as brain networks are refined.

The brain removes some connections between neurons that are used less frequently.

MYELINATION

Insulation around many nerve fibres helps signals travel more efficiently.

Think: upgrading the connections in a communication network.

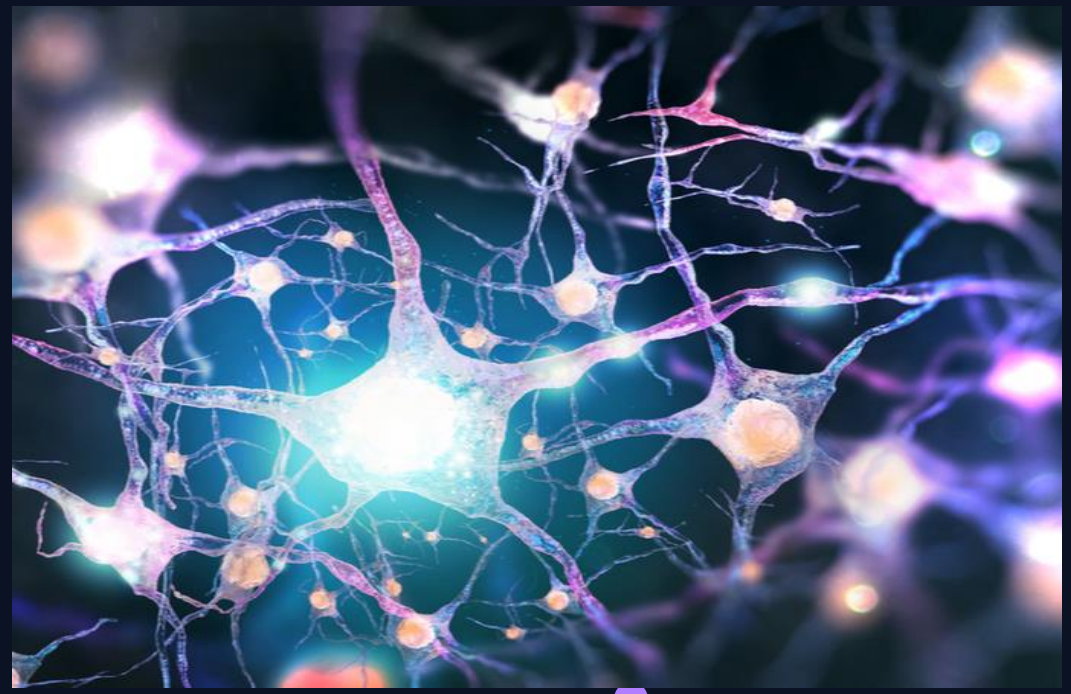
Your brain is not finished developing. Experience helps shape it.

Your brain has around 86 BILLION neurons

Scientists estimate that the human brain contains approximately 86 billion neurons.

But here's the interesting bit: neurons communicate through connections called synapses.

These connections form incredibly complex networks that allow you to remember, think, move, recognise faces and learn new things.



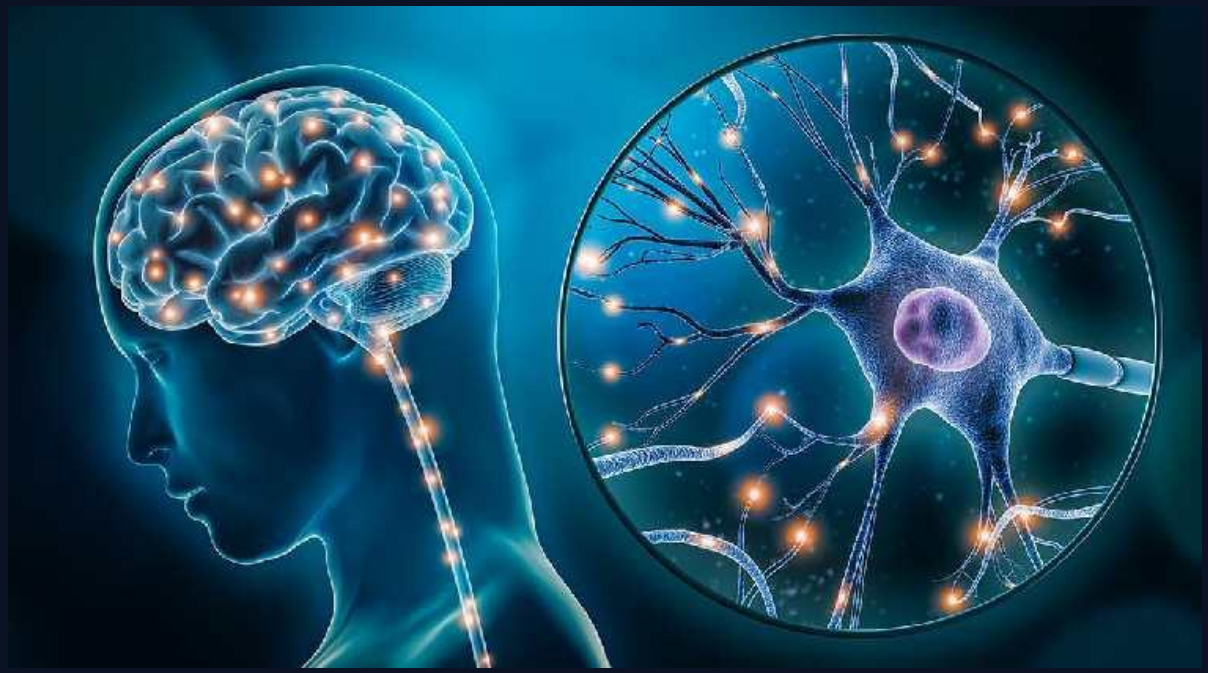
Memories involve networks of activity across different brain regions

Practice can strengthen communication between neurons

LONG-TERM POTENTIATION

LTP

Scientists have discovered that when certain connections between neurons are repeatedly activated, communication between those neurons can become stronger.



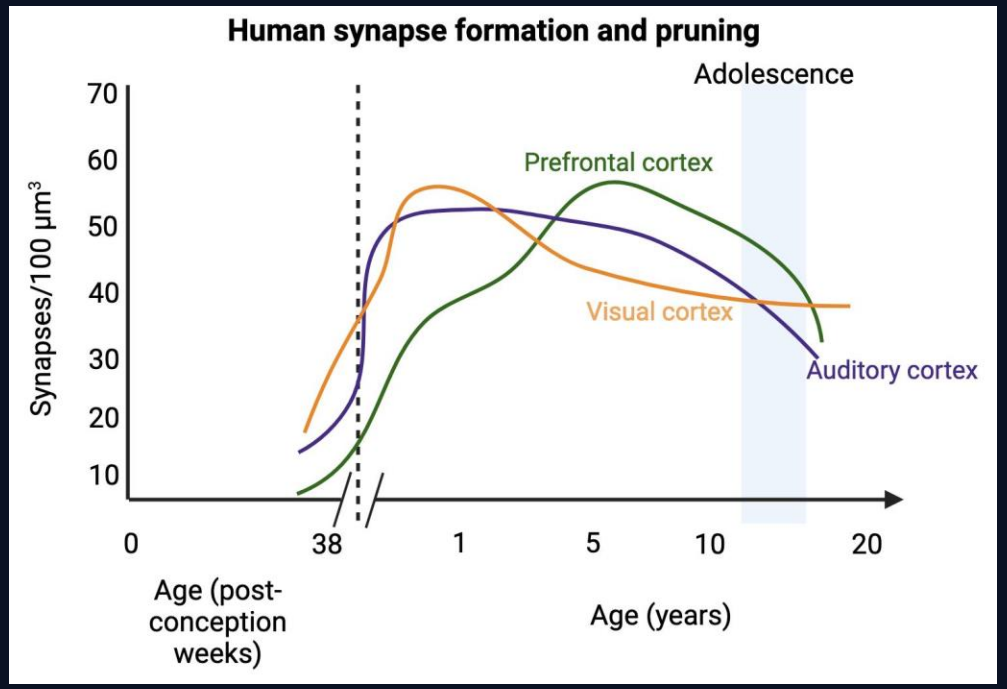
The more we use neural pathways, the easy it becomes to retrieve information.

Your brain actually deletes connections!

SYNAPTIC PRUNING

Some connections are weakened or eliminated; others are maintained and refined.

This helps developing brain networks become more efficient. This doesn't mean that every individual connection you use is guaranteed to survive, or that unused knowledge is automatically erased. It is a much more complex process.



The experiences you have during adolescence help shape the brain you develop.

Your working memory has limits

WORKING MEMORY

The brain's temporary mental workspace.

The brain holds and works with information while you think. Your brain has to manage competing demands. Research into working memory shows that the amount of information we can actively maintain is limited.
Your brain isn't a machine that can process unlimited information. Every distraction competes for some of your attention.



Distractions compete for limited attention. Focus protects space for learning.

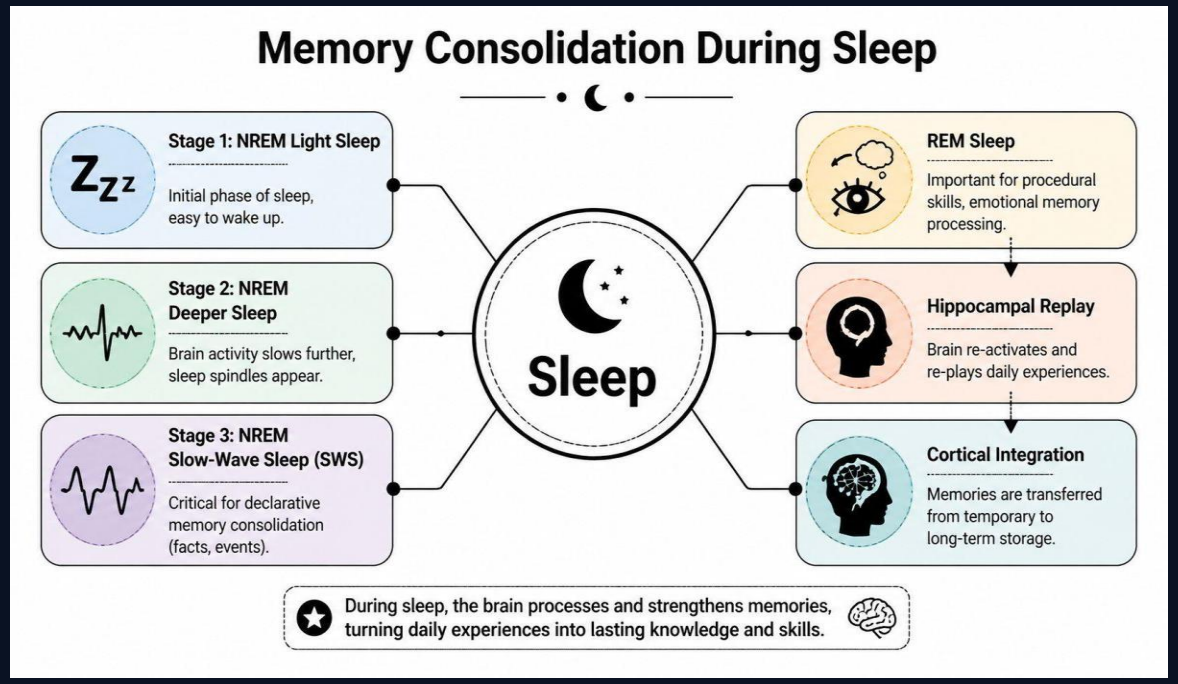
Your brain keeps working after you fall asleep

MEMORY CONSOLIDATION

Sleep helps stabilise and reorganise memories formed while you are awake.

During sleep, the brain is involved in processes that help stabilise and reorganise memories formed during the day.

Researchers have found that sleep plays an important role in memory consolidation.



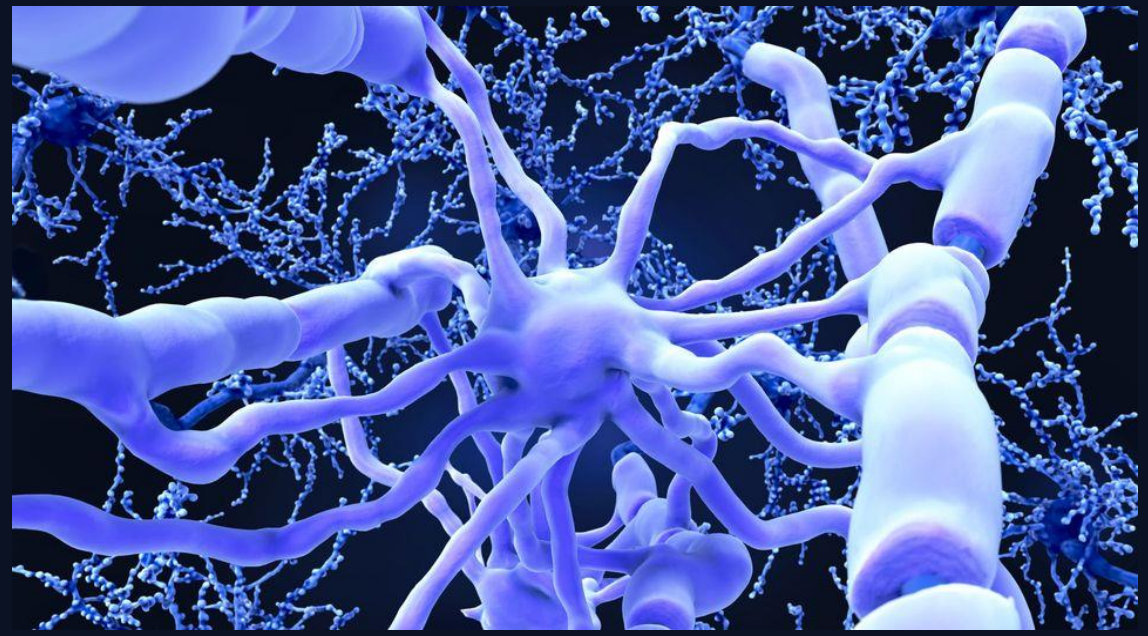
Learning doesn't stop when you close your books. Sleep plays an important role in memory consolidation.

Practice can change how your brain works

MYELIN

An insulating layer around many nerve fibres that changes during adolescence.

Learning and experience can also influence aspects of neural structure and function. When you become better at something, it isn't necessarily just because you have memorised more information. Your brain is physically adapting too.



Your ability today is not your final destination.

Three stages. One learning journey.



ACTIVATE

Wake up your brain!

Recall prior learning and skills to help with long term memory.
Connect what you already know to what you are about to learn.



MOTIVATE

Feed your brain!

Take in new knowledge, make connections and build understanding.



DEMONSTRATE

Use your brain!

Practise, apply and retrieve your learning independently so it becomes easier to remember.

Each stage supports a different part of how your brain learns.

Wake up what you already know

WHY THIS MATTERS

Your brain learns new information by linking it to knowledge already stored.

RETRIEVAL PRACTICE

Trying to remember first helps bring earlier learning back into use.



MAKE A CONNECTION

What do I already know that could help me understand this?

In a lesson: answer the starter, retrieve key facts, revisit a skill or explain a previous idea.

Feed your brain with new knowledge

WHY THIS MATTERS

Your working memory can only handle a limited amount of new information at once.



BUILD THE CONNECTIONS

Listen • question • discuss • make links

WE HELP TO MAKE IT MANAGEABLE

Teachers explain, model, chunk and revisit ideas. Tasks and discussion help you make sense of them.

In a lesson: meet new ideas through explanation, modelling, examples, discussion or carefully designed activities.

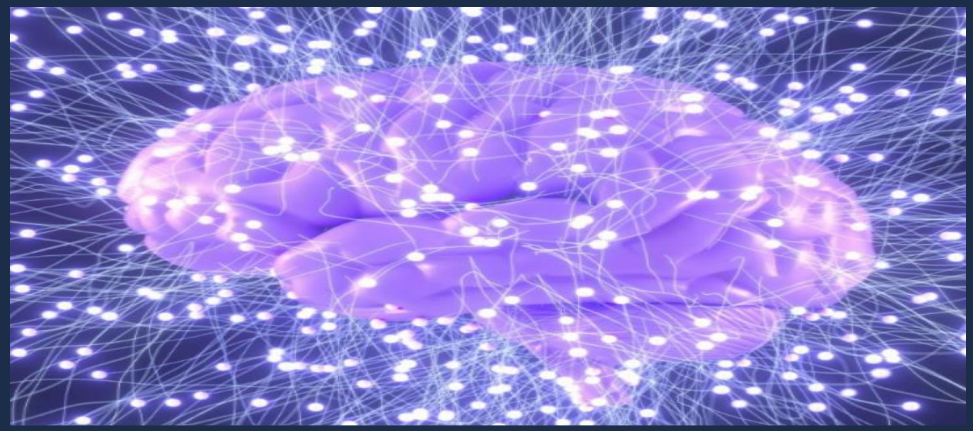
Show what your brain has learned

WHY THIS MATTERS

Remembering without looking is not just a test. It is part of how learning becomes stronger.

RETRIEVE • APPLY • CHECK

Independent practice shows what you can do, reveals gaps and gives your brain another chance to strengthen learning.



MAKE IT YOURS

Practise • explain • solve • create

In a lesson: complete independent work, answer questions, solve problems or explain your thinking without being shown every step.

Why the routine works as a sequence



ACTIVATE Bring prior knowledge to mind



MOTIVATE Attach new ideas to what you know



DEMONSTRATE Retrieve and use the learning independently

The stages work together: remembering, understanding and using knowledge all matter.

YOUR BRAIN IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

Make every lesson count.



ACTIVATE

Think back.



MOTIVATE

Lock in.



DEMONSTRATE

Have a go.

You are not born knowing everything. Be active learners!

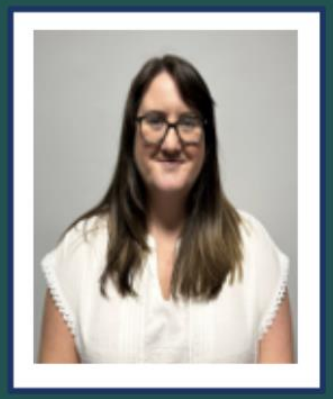
The Designated Safeguarding Leads @TNA

Miss Hall is the Designated Safeguarding Lead

How can you keep safe?



Miss A Hall
DSL



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Safeguarding Lead



Ms R Leroy
Deputy DSL



Ms H Baxter
Deputy DSL



Ms E Carter
Deputy DSL



Ms J Brook
Deputy DSL



Ms H Sykes
Deputy DSL

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

AUTUMN TERM 2 2026-2027

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Extra-Curricular Activities: Autumn Term 2 26/27 (3-4pm)

Day	Club	Location	Staff Lead	YR11 P6 WK A	YR 11 P6 WK B
MONDAY	• Girls Netball All years • D of E • YR7 Boys Football • Level 3 Algebra (Invite only) • STEM on Track (Invite only) • Sparx • Anti-Bullying club (Ambassadors only)	• Sports Hall • 402 • Fields • 407 • Lecture theatre • 402 • 103	• HRA/SMT • JDA • GEA • MAS • BMU • EBU • BRO	Option C Art Business Computing Heal th& Social Science (Triple) Springboard	Option B Humanities Geography and History
TUESDAY	• Wheelchair sports club • Music Club (Invite Only) • KS3 Coding Club • Year 10 Careers club (CV/Work experience • Languagenut club French	• Gym • 401 • 608 • 102 • 103	• SCU • AMC • BSU • HDU/LCA/KST • LDE/ GAU	Science	Science
WEDNESDAY	• Student council • 7/8/9 Girls Football • BSL Club • Music Club week B- debate club • Computer Science (invite only) • STEM on Track (Invite only) • Textile Club • Art Club	• 302 • Astro • 805 • 401 • 302 • 608 • 607 • 609	• CBR • HRA/SMT/HH • ABU/ OTO • AMC • CBR • OMO • EGA	Maths	Maths
THURSDAY	• Reading/HW Club (KS3&4) • Choir • Drama Club • 8/9/10 Boys Football • Cooking Club • Design and Technology club	• Library • 401 • Lecture Theatre • Fields • 602 • 610	• KST • ECO • LAB • JDA/GEA/DH/ • BRO • AME	English	English
FRIDAY	• Basketball 3.10 - 4.10	• Sports Hall	• External	Option A Frech German Health and Social	Option D Art Media Food Tech Health &Fitness

ACTIVITIES

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BSL Club - Every Wednesday!

Interested in learning British Sign Language (BSL)?

Come along to our BSL Club, where you can learn new signs, develop your communication skills, and have fun with friends.

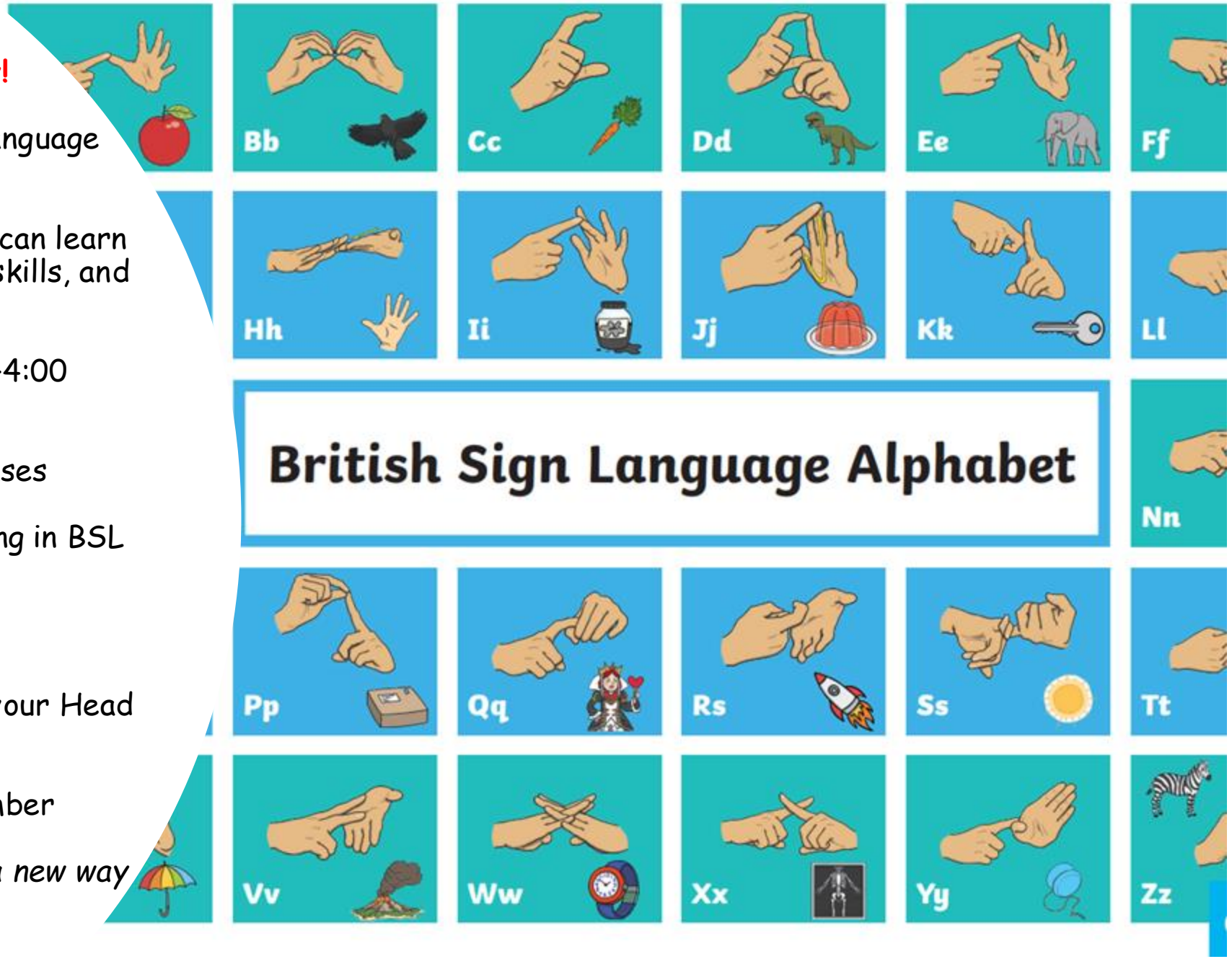
🗓️ When: Every Wednesday 3:00 -4:00
📍 Where: HI Base
⏰ Time: Lunchtime
✅ Learn everyday signs and phrases
✅ Make new friends
✅ Build your confidence communicating in BSL
✅ Open to all students

Everyone is welcome!

👉 If you would like to join, please let your Head of Year know.

Starting Wednesday 23rd September

Come and discover a new language and a new way to communicate! 🤟💙



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