



WOW!

Our school has been absolutely buzzing this term and this demonstrates all the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm by all students and staff! Everyone is positively contributing to the rapid progress and development of our school.

All of the above has been evidenced by the great things said by recent external visits and reviews.

Go Team Newsome!

We approach the end of yet another busy yet fabulous term. Words can't describe the transformation change that has happened this year at Newsome and I am immensely proud of students and staff and their efforts shown in putting our school on the map. I am going to keep my termly letter to a minimum as you will be receiving our first Newsletter giving you an update on all the exciting things happening in school.

Our Y11 students are well into their run-up to their GCSE exams and have taken advantage of the vast range of intervention sessions, external expert deliverers, holiday camps, walking-talking mock sessions and much more! A student said to me this week "we have been so lucky with GCSE support - this has never happened before." This really means a lot and quantifies the hard work that staff have been putting in to support students with their exam preparation.

Our students have been exceptional this term - this is demonstrated by the fantastic amount of rewards given and the huge reduction in the number of exclusions given - over 70% reduction! Attendance has also improved and is now in-line with national averages. We have had a number of external visitors in school this term both from the Local Authority and partner schools. There is a regular theme from the feedback we receive - all saying we are going places and noting the dramatic improvements we are collectively making. We have been doing a lot of work around aspirations in school both in lessons and around the building. Longer-standing parents may remember the large amount of debt the school was previously in and this has now been tackled meaning even more investments can be made to our most important assets - the students. The building continues to have updates in order to show our high standards in every area.

School closes to students on Friday 12th April and school opens on Monday 29th April at the normal school times. On a final note, on behalf of the staff and Governors, I wish you a very happy Easter and look forward to starting a new and busy term. Thank you for your support as we continue to make our school the very best it can be - it is only by working together that we can achieve our ambitions!

Yours faithfully,

Mr Watkin

Headteacher