



Important Exams Information for all Y11 Students

Dear Parents and Carers

Your child is soon approaching their GCSE exams – in 7 weeks in fact!

Since the new leadership joined Newsome, we have all developed an unresounded passion for supporting the radical change needed and part of this process has been the reorganisation of the curriculum your child has studied. Your child originally studied far too many qualifications to demonstrate their full potential; but we have made up for this by streamlining their qualification diet down to ensure focus is on quality and not quantity.

With the above in mind, we have taken some additional measures:

- **Weekly assemblies** delivered by Mr Watkin (Headteacher), Miss Dodds (Deputy Headteacher for Teaching & Learning) and Miss Morgan (Assistant Headteacher for Achievement & Standards). We focus on preparing students to plan for their upcoming exams and strategies to support them – please ask them if they are doing what we ask, starting with their revision timetable on the fridge door!
- **Additional revision sessions** after school and in the holidays. Easter sessions will be on the website soon – please ensure your child attends as staff are giving up their free time to support.
- **Catch-up qualifications** to replace those who were in need of replacement GCSEs – some have already completed this but there will also be some which will take place over holiday periods – this is a must regardless of other commitments. There's only one chance!
- **Additional Mock Exams** to build on student resilience – previously students buckled under the pressures and were unprepared. It is clear that more work is needed here and I have sent personalised letters to those who have struggled to adhere to exam protocol.

I must also draw your attention again to our commitment to ensuring that no student negatively affects these all-important chances in these next few weeks. With this in mind, a very clear and focussed approach in terms of expectations will be had on those who are not as committed as we are. These students will be dealt with swiftly with our Discipline policy and may mean any disruptive students are removed from lessons/exams to ensure progress continues.



We have included some important information below to help you discuss with your child in readiness for their exams.

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- Get your child to use the [website support area](#) located under Students>Success Zone. As well as example papers, there are other tools to support your child in their exam preparation including exam timetables.
- Your child has been given a [progress card](#) in assembly – please ask them to go through this as it contains their target and current grades.
- If your child has been selected for a forthcoming [additional qualification](#), please work with us and ensure they are in school.
- Please go through the [holiday revision timetable](#) and ensure your child attends all sessions that are being held by staff.

Yours faithfully

		
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