

## **TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny" – C S Lewis

### **WORSHIP AT TOWNSEND**

Each month we have a different values focus for the school. For July our value focus is Appreciation 'Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus' 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Our values for each month will be shared in daily worship sessions. Students will have the opportunity to reflect on their meanings with a particular reference to how we lead our everyday lives.

### **A THANK YOU TO STUDENTS**

As a thank you to students who made a significant contribution to our recent Ofsted Inspection, we are making our last day of term a Non Uniform occasion. The day will end with the whole student body on the school field celebrating House results for the academic year. Students will go home at 12.30pm.

### **YEAR 10**

#### **BLAZERS**

As Friday is a Non Uniform Day if you are able to donate your child's purple blazer before they move into the black blazer for Year 11, there will be staff collecting donations on the school gate Thursday at 3.30pm Thank you for your support with this.

#### **ACHEVEMENT EVENING TUESDAY JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> 7PM**

We are looking forward to seeing as many parents/carers as possible with students at this event. It will last no longer than an hour but we would like your support in joining us for this important evening in preparation for the Year 11 GCSE examination year 2018/2019.

### **YEAR 7 REPORTS**

Year 7 students were issued their end of year reports this week. Please ensure that you sit down with your child and discuss what they have done well and what areas they need to develop. Students will be issued with a progress review booklet next week. The booklet will allow students to assess their individual learning and consider what steps they can take to further their progress and achieve their targets. Thank you for your continued support. Miss Scott.

### **YEAR 8**

#### **Reports and summer homework**

Envelopes were distributed to students today with their end of year report and a booklet containing summer homework. Please do talk to your child about this, especially focusing on the targets for their new GCSE subjects next year.

The homework booklet contains homework for all subjects. We are expecting students to complete the homework for core subjects and their option subjects over the summer, totalling approximately 12-15 hours of work, or 3 school days, in preparation for their GCSEs in September. Pre-learning will certainly help with the start to the revised and tougher GCSE examinations.

## **Year 8 Group Picnic**

This was held on Thursday and was great fun. Thank you to all parents/carers for supporting this event and providing food to share to make this annual event a great time to get together and have fun. We had an unofficial 'silly awards ceremony' during the picnic but look forward to seeing you next Wednesday afternoon for the more formal event!

Miss Reynolds

## **GCSE AND A LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS**

Results can be collected from school as follows:-

**GCE (A2 and AS)** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August

**GCSE** Thursday 23<sup>th</sup> August

The results can be collected between 9am and 11am only.

If a student is unable to collect their results in person and would like the results posted they must bring a **stamped addressed envelope** (A5 size is sensible) and give it into the school office explaining it is for GCSE/A' Level Results.

If a student would like someone else to collect the results on their behalf (parents, friends or other family) they must give that person a letter of authorisation. Without it we will not be able to release the results to anyone else.

To support students on results days we have been asked to pass on the following information from YCHertfordshire. Please do share this with your child.

*Getting your results marks the start of a new era. Whether your results are better or worse than you expected it's not too late to rethink your plans to make the most of the opportunities available to you, such as going to college, finding a job or apprenticeship, going into the sixth form or doing some training.*

*Speak to a Personal Adviser at your local YC Hertfordshire Access Points...*

*Hemel Hempstead Access Point*

*XC Centre*

*Jarman Park*

*Hemel Hempstead*

*HP2 4JS*

*Tel: 01442 454934*

*Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 2.00-5.00pm*

*St Albans Access Point*

*41 Catherine Street*

*St Albans*

*AL3 5BN*

*Tel: 01442 454060*

*Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 2.00-5.00pm*

## **CELEBRATION CEREMONIES 2018**

Invitation letters have been sent out but can we take this opportunity of warmly inviting you all to these occasions that celebrate the cohort's achievements through the year. We have listed the dates below. All ceremonies will begin at 2pm and we ask that you are seated by 1.45pm.

Year 9 - Monday July 16<sup>th</sup>

Year 12- Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup>

Year 8 - Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup>

Year 7 - Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup>

## **HOMEWORK CLUB**

Please note that there will be no homework club on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July. We look forward to seeing all the students back in September. Thank you.

## **FRIENDS OF TOWNSEND THEATRE CLUB**

The next show will be Strictly Ballroom on 19<sup>th</sup> September at a cost of £42 which includes the coach. If you are interested please see attached and filled in and return to either Heather or Jackie. Thanks

## **SUBJECT INFORMATION**

### **CAREERS**

'Please see the attached up-to-date information on Apprenticeships in the local area'.  
Mrs Maguire

### **HISTORY**

#### **Year 7**

Students have been set Independent learning tasks they can complete in their own time for house points during the summer holidays and throughout the 2018-19 academic year. This has been set on SMHW and hard copies can be requested from History teachers. They simply need to record what they did and how they did it on the sheet. Students are to show completed activities to their teacher to sign for a house point and students who complete all of the activities on the sheet will receive a House point, certificate (announced in Year Assembly) and Head commendation for their self-determination to widen their experience of History outside of the classroom. Please note that it is not obligatory for your child do complete these but merely an option for them to engage with the subject.

#### **Year 8**

Year 8 students who have chosen History as their GCSE option will be provided in the GCSE summer work booklet before the end of Summer Term. Please note that the work can be completed on either the sheets provided or on a computer provided that they follow the recommended template. Summer work is uploaded on SMHW. There will be more than one fact file to complete therefore students must request hard copies from their History teacher if home printing is an issue. Please ensure that your child has completed the work and ready to submit on their first History lesson in September for marking. Students have also been provided with a GCSE Independent learning booklet (also uploaded on SMHW) which helps further consolidate their learning and widen their historical knowledge on topics studied.

#### **Year 9 GCSE**

Students have now sat their Paper 1 trial examination which is being marked and will be fed back to students before the end of Summer Term. Students who have met or exceeded their minimum target grade should expect a home reward card and a house point for their attainment and progress. Students achieving more than one level below their minimum target grade will receive an appropriate intervention plan and a letter of concern which will be sent home regarding both attainment and further strategies to ensure your child meets their full potential. Students will also receive their GCSE History summer work booklet which will prepare them for the new topic of 'The American West, c1835-c1895' starting in September. The summer work has also been uploaded on SMHW. Please ensure that your child has completed the work and ready to submit on their first History lesson in September for marking. Students have also been provided with a GCSE Independent learning booklet (also

uploaded on SMHW) which helps further consolidate their learning and widen their historical knowledge on topics studied.

**Year 10 GCSE**

Students will be set GCSE History summer work on 'Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39' which will prepare them for lessons in September. The summer work has also been uploaded on SMHW. Please ensure that your child has completed the work and ready to submit on their first History lesson in September for marking. Students have also been provided with a GCSE Independent learning booklet (also uploaded on SMHW) which helps further consolidate their learning and widen their historical knowledge on topics studied.

Mrs Bailey, Head of History