

TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER
Friday 11th May 2018

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"We should certainly count our blessings, but we should also make our blessings count" – Neal Maxwell

WORSHIP AT TOWNSEND

Each month we have a different values focus for the school. For May our value focus is Charity 'The Parable of the Good Samaritan' Luke 10: 25-37. 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.

FRIENDS OF TOWNSEND

A big thank you to staff, parents/carers and Friends of Townsend PTA for supporting the charity performance On Golden Pond at The Abbey Theatre on Thursday evening. Together we raised £500 for the benefit of our young people at Townsend and £1000 for the Nepal Hands Together Project. A wonderful evening raising funds to help children both here and on other side of the world!

YEAR 11 AND 13 PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

We would like to wish all Year 11 and 13s entering their exam period the best of luck. The small canteen will be open from 8am each day for Year 11 and 13 only. Please remember to encourage your child get a good night's sleep and a good, healthy, nutritious breakfast before examinations. This will help students concentrate and be in the best frame of mind. If you or your child need any support, please do not hesitate to see us during the examination period. Miss Gibbons & Mrs Buckland.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Tickets are on sale at reception for 'The Wizard of Oz' Thursday 12th & Friday 13th July 7pm, £5 adult & £3 concession. Come and support the student's hard work for an excellent evening of entertainment.

REWARDS FOR HOUSE POINTS

This will take place in the Discovery Centre on Monday lunchtime from 1.20pm. Form Tutors will tell students how many house points they have to spend this time. Thank you and congratulations to all those House Point winners! Miss Gibbons

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK 2018

Head students have presented assemblies to all year groups around this important subject. Positive emotional well-being is a vital part of a young person's development and goes alongside academic growth and achievement. The website below offers many strategies for young people and adults in dealing with stress and anxiety. <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>
Can we also recommend you to Health Young Minds in Herts which has a range of resources strategies and advice around emotional well-being and support.
<https://www.healthyyoungmindsinherts.org.uk/>

HEALTH

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

We have sent letters home to all children whose records show they have a medical condition to ensure that we have the most up to date information. If you have received one of these please can you return it to the office as soon as possible. We do not allow students to carry their medication apart from asthma inhalers or epi-pens. All other medicine is stored in the office. It is recommended that students who carry asthma inhalers or epi pens, should also have a spare in the office. If you would like us to store a spare for your child, please send one into the office. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that any medication required by their child is in school and in date.

PIANO LESSONS

If your child receives piano lessons from the Music School, please ask them to go and check the noticeboard for the new day and times for next week only or ask at reception. The teacher will not be in on Wednesday but has split her days between Tuesday and Thursday.

SUBJECT INFORMATION

MATHEMATICS

Year 11 GCSE Mathematics Herts for Learning Revision Sessions

Please see the attached flyer for details of revision sessions which are being run locally for Year 11 students who are aiming to get a grade 4 or 5 at GCSE.

Calculators

All year groups will soon be sitting mathematics examinations. Please could you make sure that all students have a calculator, and that they are bringing it to every mathematics lessons .Thank you

Mrs Berry

HISTORY

Year 7

Students are studying a new unit on the Tudors where they will focus on how religion changed under each monarch. Students can find BBC bitesize link on SMHW which will help them get an overview of the unit.

Year 8

The GCSE History student document has been handed to students which give them an overview of the course, details on revision guides and resources for independent learning for each topic covered. This will be especially useful for students to extend their knowledge or revise during holidays (especially the summer term). Students have been suggested to add this to their history revision folder at home.

All students have been taking part of a cross-curricular project between the History and English department on the 80th anniversary of Kindertransport. Students will attend a live webcast of Harry Bribing BEM, a Kindertransport refugee who will share his testimony. This will take place on **Tuesday 22nd May in the morning**. In addition to this, the History department are running a theatre trip to London on **Tuesday 12th June 2018** where students will have an opportunity to watch the performance of the book 'The Children of Willesden Lane'. Trip letters will be sent out early next week. More information on the school project can be found on the Holocaust Educational Trust website <https://www.het.org.uk/news-and-events/641-stories-from-willesden-lane>

Year 9 GCSE History

Students have been encouraged to purchase the Crime and Punishment revision guide (£4) in preparation for their Paper 1 trial examination on the week starting **Monday 2nd July 2018**. If your family has financial difficulties, the school may be able to assist so please do contact your child's Director of Learning for the Year in confidence. They have also been encouraged to attend weekly lunchtime revision on Thursday at 1.30 in HU8 and access revision materials from GCSEpod or on the shared area from the school network (they print what they need or put it on a USB stick).

Students have been provided with GCSE History independent learning document which is explained in more detail in the Year 8 notice above. Please see not on 'History Revision Reward' below for further detail.

Year 10 GCSE History

Advance notice that students will sit a History trial examination (paper detail tbc) during the week beginning **Monday 18th June** as part of Year 10 assessment week. It is vital that students revise now in order to achieve their potential. The History department are launching a 'History Revision Reward' where students must complete a revision activity to earn a teacher signature (details are on the back of the cards). Students are rewarded for each row completed which serves as an incentive to regularly revise.

Year 11 GCSE History

Please encourage your child to make use of the Hodder revision guides for each topic as well as the History department revision guide (red cover) as part of their revision. Revision guides are still available to purchase at £4 for each topic. If your family has financial difficulties, the school may be able to assist. Please speak to your child's Director of Learning for the Year in the first instance to discuss the problem in confidence. Thursday after school revision sessions can be organised in advance with Mrs Bailey.

DRAMA

GCSE DEVISING PERFORMANCE EVENING

Year 10 will be showcasing their work on Friday 18th May at 6:30pm-8:pm. The performance will be recorded and sent off to be moderated. It counts as 40% of their GCSE. Doors open at 6:15pm and seating is on a first come first served basis, please be advised that due to the GCSE content we advise that children attending should be age 12+. Also all photography and mobile phone use is prohibited as the recording of the pieces must be clear and the sound quality unaffected. All students in the performances must be back at school by 5pm or they can stay under supervision from 3:25 in the drama studio. Please contact Mrs Coates if you have any questions or concerns.

YEARS 9 AND 10 THEATRE TRIP

The year 9 and 10 theatre trip on the Thursday 7th June is due the first payment and all reply slips should be back asap. Please let us know if your child will be attending or not as spare tickets will be offered out to other students if needed. Please contact Mrs Coates if you have any questions or concerns about the trip.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

YEAR 11 GCSE

Both year 11 final GCSE PE theory papers will be sat next week. They are 1 hour long each.

Students have been working very hard to prepare themselves for these, over the weekend and next week they should focus on going over all key topics and information regularly to keep it fresh and go through past exam papers and

questions to pick out key words so they know what the question is asking them to do.

Students have a wide variety of revision resources to use from booklets, worksheets, information sheets and past papers given out in class, to revision books, and GCSE Pod, Brainscape apps.

Revision sessions will be running on Tuesday 15th May during Period 1 and Thursday 17th May period 4 in IT5

Miss Penniford will be available in the **small canteen from 8am everyday** for any extra revision.

- Exam Paper 1 – Physical factors affecting performance - Wed 16th May 9am
- Exam Paper 2 – Socio-cultural Influences - Friday 18th May 1.30pm

Good Luck!

RESULTS

County Athletics Tuesday 8th May

U14 Girls

- 1st – Erica – Discus – 17.50m
- 2nd – Kerri – Javelin – 18.06
- 2nd – Chiara – Shot – 7.01
- 2nd – Deborah – 100m – 14.20
- 3rd – Gillian – 300m – 49.00

U14 Boys

- 2nd – Godfrey – Hurdles – 15.20
- 3rd – Aaron – 800m – 2.45.00
- 3rd – Kyle - 300m – 47.00
- 3rd – Kyle – Shot – 5.15m
- 3rd – Relay – 55.00

U16 Girls

- 3rd – Bueala – 100m – 14.10

U16 Boys

- 1st – Emmanuel – 100m – 11.50
- 2nd – Nayeem – 200m – 24.70
- 2nd – Emmanuel – Long jump – 5.32m
- 2nd – Morgan – Discus – 27.04
- 2nd – Nayeem – Triple jump – 11.20
- 3rd - Relay team – 50.00

FIXTURES

- Monday 14th May – County Athletics at Westminster Lodge, St Albans 3.30 – 6.30pm
- Tuesday 15th May – Yr 8 and yr 9 rounders at STAGS school 3.30 – 5pm

This week we have been asked to pass on the following information as part of our support for the community. Please note that although we are very happy to pass on information these are not Townsend sponsored or organised events.

DSPL7 (Delivering Special Provision Locally) Newsletter May 2018 edition - attached to parentmail