

**TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER**  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Success is not final, failure is not final, it is the courage to continue that counts –  
Winston Churchill

**WORSHIP AT TOWNSEND**

Each month we have a different values focus for the school. For January our value focus is Hope 'We wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and saviour, Jesus Christ' Titus 2:13 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.

**STAFFING UPDATE**

We thought you would like to know Mr and Mrs McNeillis have had a baby boy. Mr McNeillis is currently on paternity leave and will be returning Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup>. We welcome Mrs Svetlana Emelianova an experienced science specialist who is covering Mrs McNeillis maternity cover (although we have a different science specialist teacher for next week because of a prior commitment) Mr Hill will sadly be absent for another week. This follows an incident in the holidays where he was physically assaulted and suffered a serious injury. We wish him a speedy recovery.

**PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

This parent/carer support group starts again this new year on Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> with two sessions at 10.00-11.00am and again at 6.30pm -7.30pm. Can we remind all our school community it is a group that was set up last term to offer additional support for parents/carers with students who have additional needs. These needs may be learning or emotionally related. It is a group where parent/carers can share concerns experiences and strategies. All are welcome. Further dates to add to your diary are Feb 27<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**SCHOOL KITCHEN**

We would like to congratulate the Head of Kitchen, Angela and her team for achieving a 5 star rating following a recent Environmental Health Officer visit. This is the top rating that can be achieved and demonstrates the hard work and professionalism of the kitchen staff in maintaining a clean and safe environment in which to prepare and serve food to our pupils and staff. Well done.

**YEAR 9 CONSULTATION EVENING**

Please could I remind you that Year 9 Consultation Evening is on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 5pm-8pm. Pupils will be receiving letters regarding this next week. Please could you sign the reply slip and return it by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you. Mr Armitage

**IMMUNISATIONS FOR YEAR 10 – 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

A parentmail was sent out in December regarding these immunisations. Can we remind you a response is required asap via the attachment. Thank you

### **YEAR 13 EURODISNEY TRIP**

A reminder that the second instalment of £100 is due by 2nd February. Please pay online using Schoolcomms or send a cheque into school. Thank you. Miss Gibbons

### **CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS DISPLAY THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

Please encourage your child to get involved in one of the many pieces for the creative and performing arts display, to be held at the Alban Arena on Thursday 22nd March. There is lots going on in school for this that your child can be a part of - gym club, dance club, drama club and the choir. Along with open auditions for other pieces on Wednesday 24th January in the hall at lunchtime! We hope to see you there. Miss Gibbons & Mrs Brooks

### **YEAR 11 STUDY SUPPORT EVENING**

We are looking forward to seeing ALL Year 11 students with their parents/ carers on Thursday evening at 7pm. This is the last formal occasion we will meet with you before the GCSE examinations in May and all year 11 teaching staff will be present. If you have been requested for an appointment by a member of subject staff you will receive your appointment times in the post. Thanks, Miss Gibbons & Mrs Buckland

### **SUBJECT INFORMATION**

#### **FOOD TECHNOLOGY FOR YEARS 10 & 11**

##### **Young Chef of the year competition.**

There is an exciting opportunity for our keen food students in year 10 and 11. They have the chance to enter a competition at Oaklands College by creating, then cooking, a course of their choice. Please see the details and deadline on the poster. We would love our students to enter to show their talent, skills and creativity. Mrs Woodward (Food Technology)

#### **GCSE HISTORY**

A reminder that Year 11 GCSE History revision takes place every Monday (boys only) in HU6 at 1.30 and every Thursday (girls only) in HU8 at 1.30. Please encourage your child to attend these especially if trial examination results were poor.

We encourage all history students to buy Revision guides (includes key information and exercises) for the American West, Elizabethan England and Weimar and Nazi Germany at £4 each. They may obtain these directly from their History teacher. Please note that the Crime and Punishment revision guide will be available in February 2018. If your family has financial difficulties, the school may be able to assist in special cases. Please speak to your child's Head of Year in the first instance to discuss the problem in confidence. Thank you for your support, Mrs Bailey

#### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

##### **Fixtures**

- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – year 7 district futsal tournament at Samuel Ryder Academy 3.25 – 6pm
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – year 8/9 district futsal tournament at Samuel Ryder Academy 3.25 – 6pm

***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.***

### **Epoc Careers Conference**

*Epoc Careers organises high quality careers events for students. Places are available at our next events:*

*Improve Your Chances of Becoming a Doctor, Saturday 3 February 2018*

*Improve Your Chances of Becoming a Lawyer, Sunday 4 February 2018*

*These one-day careers conferences run from 10:00am to 4:30pm, at University College London.*

*We give students a good understanding of university admissions, interviews, career options and many other issues. We also give students all the information they need on BMAT and UKCAT (for medicine) and LNAT (for law).*

*The careers conferences are principally designed for students in years 11 and 12.*

*Students in year 10, parents and staff also find the events useful and enjoyable.*

*People travel to our events from all over the country.*

*For full details, including costs and to book places, see [www.epoc.org.uk](http://www.epoc.org.uk).*

*If you have queries, please contact me at [frances@epoc.org.uk](mailto:frances@epoc.org.uk).*

### **LEGO MASTERS SERIES 2**

*I am emailing from a TV production company called Tuesday's Child who made the first series of the popular Channel 4 series – Lego Masters.*

*Following the success of Series 1, we are again on the hunt to find Britain's most talented Amateur Builders. With that in mind I was hoping to see whether you would mind distributing the attached flyer to your students, teachers and parents to see if the next winner of the series is learning or working at your school!*

*We are looking for anyone over the age of 9 (on 31st March 2018) who loves to build! Either individuals or teams are welcome to apply.*

*Katie Hale (Researcher)*

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