

TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER
Friday 14th July 2017

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Once you replace negative thoughts with positive one, you'll start having positive results' – Willie Nelson

WORSHIP AT TOWNSEND

Our value focus for July will be *Humility* - See: *John 13: 1-17*

CELEBRATION CEREMONIES

We warmly invite parents/carers to attend the following Celebrations for your children.

All celebrations begin at 2pm

Year 10 Monday July 17th

Year 8 Tuesday July 18th

Year 7 Wednesday July 19th

LAST WEEK OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Next week students will get the chance to swap their House points for prizes and on Thursday morning they will participate in a House Awards Ceremony. School will finish at 12.30 Thursday. Our two school buses will arrive at 12.30. Please make sure your child finds out about the travel times for public buses.

STAFFING

We do have some staff who are leaving at the end of this term but we will provide a full report about any staffing changes in in next week's parentmail. We are delighted with the quality of the new appointments we have in place for September 2017 and can reassure you that we will be fully staffed from September 2017 with subject specialist teachers in all curriculum areas.

T51/52 BARNETT COACHES

We received this from Barnett coaches so are passing it onto parents/carers.

Early Bird Discount

Here at Barnett's coaches we have decided that we will be offering an 'early bird discount' to parents/carers of current students and new year 7 students using our bus routes T51 & T52. The new price will be on our new booking form that will be uploaded on our website by the end of the week. This early bird discount price is for the T51 going from Redbourn to Townsend and our T52 going from Hemel Hempstead to Townsend. Please note that this early bird discount will only apply to annual purchases before 31st July.

SUBJECT INFORMATION

ART EXHIBITION - GCSE & A LEVEL

Wednesday 19th 4.30pm-7pm. See attached flyer

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Students in all Years have been set summer homework to help them prepare for the next academic year. The work for each Year is as follows:

Year 7- Close reflection on a passage from a Sherlock Holmes story, followed by writing the opening to a detective novel.

Year 8- Close reflection on the opening of 'Of Mice and Men'.

Year 9-Close reflection on a monologue from a character in the GCSE play 'An Inspector Calls'. Students are also encouraged to try to purchase a copy of 'An Inspector Calls'. The chosen version is the Penguin Modern classics version. The ISBN number is: 978-0-141-18535-4.

Year 10 –Mr Ware and Mrs Noble classes only. Creative Writing task. Two options: Write a description of a stormy sea as suggested by the picture. Or write a story that begins with the sentence: 'This was going to be a terrible day, one of those days when it's best to stay in bed because everything is going to turn out bad.' The piece must be completed within the 45 minute time frame and students must remember that 16 marks out of 40 are for technical accuracy.

Students can either complete the homework in their current exercise books or on lined paper. Please remind them to bring their homework with them on the first week back after the holidays so that it can be marked. Thank you for your support.

SPORTS DAY

A big thank you to all parents/carers who came in on Wednesday to support our students on another fantastic Sports Day. Luckily the weather came through and we were able to hold the event as planned.

All student performed fantastically across the events with a range of success stories leading up to a very close final score, with only 6 points between forms in some year groups, showing that every competitors scores counted greatly to the overall forms performance.

Results:

Year 7

	Girls	Boys	Overall
1 st	Exeter	York	York
2 nd	Canterbury & York	Durham	Exeter & Durham
3 rd		Canterbury	
4 th	Durham	Exeter	Canterbury

Year 8

	Girls	Boys	Overall
1 st	Canterbury	York	Durham
2 nd	Exeter	Durham	Canterbury & York
3 rd	Durham	Exeter	
4 th	York	Canterbury	Exeter

Year 9

	Girls	Boys	Overall
1 st	Canterbury	Exeter	Canterbury

2 nd	Durham	Canterbury	Exeter
3 rd	Exeter	Durham	Durham

Year 10

	Girls	Boys	Overall
1 st	Canterbury	Durham	Canterbury
2 nd	Exeter	Canterbury	Exeter
3 rd	Durham	Exeter	Durham

OVERALL WINNERS: CANTERBURY

"The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part. Just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well." Pierre de Coubertin

Physical Education

Kit: If anyone has any old PE kit or trainers they no longer use, please could we request they are donated to the school to be used as second hand kit, or spare kit for those who have forgotten their own to enable all students to take part in PE lessons effectively.