

TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th June 2019

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The best way to predict your future is to create it – Abraham Lincoln

WORSHIP AT TOWNSEND

Each month we have a different values focus for the school. For June our value focus is Appreciation 'Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" Hebrews 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.

THE HERTS ADVERTISER SCHOOL AWARDS 2019

We are extremely pleased to announce that Skye in Year 10 has been shortlisted as a finalist for 'Pupil of the Year' award. She has significantly contributed to the school in raising awareness of racial and gender equality through assemblies and poetry performance. Skye will receive her award at the ceremony on 26th June at Oaklands.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

District Athletics Championships

A huge congratulations to all students involved in the District Athletics Championships on Thursday at Woodside Athletics Stadium. Everyone involved performed outstandingly throughout the day and each individual result contributed to Townsend winning the Small School District Athletics Cup, retaining it again from last year by beating Nicholas Breakspear and Samuel Ryder Academy by over 100 points!

A special mention to the following medalists:

- Gianni – 1st in year 7 boys 1500m
- David – 1st in year 7 boys 100m
- Livcia – 3rd (by a 100th of a second) in year 7 girls hurdles
- Debora = 2nd in year 8 girls 100m
- Godfrey – 2nd in year 8 boys triple jump
- Kyle – 3rd in year 9 boys Discus

SCHOOL OF ROCK - WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION THURSDAY 11TH & FRIDAY 12TH JULY 7PM

All rehearsals on Monday's and Thursday's are full cast rehearsals and all students involved on stage must be there, principle and chorus roles included.

If you need another copy of the rehearsal schedule, please contact Miss Kirk or Mrs Coates.

Rehearsals in July run from 3:30-5:30 Monday and Thursdays.

Tickets are on sale at reception, £5 adult and £3 concession.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

ENGLISH UPDATE

Following an on-going bout of illness we are very sad to inform you that Mrs Probyn will not be returning this term and has recently tendered her resignation from Townsend. We would like to thank her for her many years of committed service to the school and wish her well with her recovery and for her future plans.

Mr Posner will remain teaching English this term

From September we look forward to the start for three new English teachers we have recently appointed. All of whom we are excited about joining our staff. Can we also take the opportunity to thank our existing English staff, in particular Mrs Harris who have all rallied round to help during the long absence of Ms Probyn and Mrs Bunyan. It is always unfortunate and sad when colleagues are hit by unexpected and complex illness, but totally unavoidable, so we do thank you for your patience through this difficult time. At all times we have tried to do our best to ensure all students have continued to receive English teaching.

TRIP TO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Students enjoyed their visit the Houses of Parliament on Monday 10th June where they visited the palace of Westminster, House of Commons and House of Lords. Check out the school Instagram account @Townsendcommunity for greater insight into the pupils' visit. Assistant Head Teacher, Mrs Bailey

YEAR 11 GCSES

Well done to our Year 11 students for their commendable effort and behaviour in their GCSE examinations. I have only had positive feedback from our team of examination invigilators, and staff regarding our students. Good luck to those pupils sitting Further Mathematics on Monday, once that exam is complete you can then relax for the summer!

Dates for the diary

Monday 24th June - 6th Form Induction @ School 8-45am

Tuesday 25th June - Yr 11 Leavers Ceremony @ School Hall, 1-45pm. Please do return any outstanding slips

Thursday 27th June - Yr 11 prom @ Aubrey Park Hotel, AL3 7AF, 7pm - Midnight.

Thursday 22nd August - GCSE Results - Collection from School : 8am-10am

Can I remind you again that if you have any spare uniform that you and your child no longer want to keep or need, it will always be well received in school! We have a lot of families who would benefit as well as the New Year 7 Intake evening coming up on July 4th.

Ties, purple blazers and PE kit are always useful to all years. We would like to offer any black blazers that are longer required to year 10. Thank you

Mr A Still

YEAR 10 END OF YEAR TESTS/EXAMINATIONS

Year 10 students start their End of Year Tests in core subjects on Monday. Please support your child with revision at home so that they are fully prepared for their tests. All students have had a core test timetable and there is also one attached to this parent mail. If your child misses a test then they will still need to sit the test at another time. Please only keep your child off school if it is absolutely necessary. Your child will also need to make sure they are fully equipped for each exam including a scientific calculator for the Maths exam. Thank you for your support during this period. Mr Armitage

NEW INTAKE YEAR 7

We are excited with the anticipation of a new cohort for Townsend. We are expecting a cohort close to our capacity but as ever numbers are likely to keep changing until September! If you have friends or know of any family whose year 6 child hasn't got a place for September or who is unhappy with their place in September, it is still worth encouraging them to ring Mrs Free in the school office to get details.

The New Intake Evening is July 4th 5pm - 7pm. We would be grateful for any parents/carers volunteers who could help out on the evening and we would also be grateful for any donations of unrequired /grown out of Townsend uniform that families were willing to

donate. There is always a great demand for nearly new uniform on the night so anything from a skirt to a tie to a blazer or PE kit would be gratefully received.

SUBJECT INFORMATION

DRAMA:

Year 7 - Have started their stage combat scheme of work, which they are thoroughly enjoying. They will learn basic combat skills which they will then be able to choreograph into scenes.

Year 8 - Have started their ghost story genre scheme of work called 'Darkwood Manor' which focuses on how to build tension on stage.

Year 9 - Are studying a play DNA by Dennis Kelly, they will be performing extracts of this before the summer holidays to practise Component 3 of the GCSE. Tuesday lunch time there is GCSE support in IT1, for revisions and homework.

Year 10 - Have completed the performance for their Component 2, this counts for 40% of the GCSE. They have started their devising logs which is the written element of the coursework, this is due to be handed in complete and in full on 25/06/19. Tuesday lunch time there is GCSE support in IT1, for revisions, devising logs and homework.

HISTORY

Year 8

Year 8 pupils who have opted for GCSE History will be approached in the next few weeks to support their induction into GCSE History starting in September 2019. Students will receive a booklet with key information about the course (topic overview, exam board, textbooks, revision guides and opportunities to extend knowledge).

Year 9

Advance notice that students will sit the GCSE Paper 1 trial exam the week beginning 1st July. Crime and Punishment revision guides can be purchased at the cost of £4 from the History office. Students can also purchase a targeted revision workbook (Target 5 or Target 9) on all History topics for £2. Please speak to Ms Reynolds if there are financial implications.
Mrs Bailey, Head of History

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please note that although we are very happy to pass on information these are not Townsend sponsored or organised events.

FIRST AID FLYER

Please see attached flyer about a First Aid Course for Teenagers in October. If any child was interested but required financial support we would be willing to discuss, in confidence the possibility of this.