

## **TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"There are no shortcuts to any place worth going"- Beverly Sills

### **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.

### **CAREERS INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE**

We are delighted to inform you that we have successfully passed part 1 of a 3 part award for the Investor in Careers Award. We are aiming to complete the Award by the end of the academic year. Further details are posted on our web page. Mrs Maguire

### **RAMADAN**

We would like to wish all members of our community who are observing Ramadam, 'Ramadan Kareem'.

In order to support students through Ramadam, the Prayer and Reflection Room will be available at breaks and lunch times. When students who are fasting have Physical Education lessons they will be expected to have their correct kit with them but will have modifications made to lesson content so that they are still able to participate in the less active sessions by taking on roles such as coaching or officiating. Thank you for your support with this.

### **YEAR 10 EXAMINATIONS**

Students will be taking Year 10 examinations June 27<sup>th</sup> - June 29<sup>th</sup> in Mathematics (three papers), English (one paper) and Science (three papers). Examinations will take place in the gym under formal examination conditions to provide a realistic experience for the students regarding the 2019 GCSE examinations. Students will need to be fully equipped and prepared for each examination so that they give themselves the best possible chance of achieving the results that reflect their ability. Access arrangements will also be in place where pupils require this support. Please encourage your child to speak to their individual subject staff for any additional guidance/support.

Mr Still

Non-core-subject assessments will take place during the week commencing June 18th June. These assessments will take place in lesson times and individual subject staff will direct the pupils in terms of the arrangements for these. Pupils should be revising at home for the assessments using a variety of revision methods which work for them, GCSEpod, Bytesize, Mathswatch, Flashcards, Practice Papers etc, as well as reading through or making notes. Staff will build time in their lessons to support with revision skills and assessment preparation. We are expecting students to start creating a revision schedule that involves independent study at home to prepare for both lesson assessments and core subject examinations

## **YEAR 7 WORK SHADOWING – FRIDAY 15TH JUNE**

All students in Year 7 will be taking part in a Work Shadowing Day on Friday June 15th. This will involve the students having their first 'formal' view of the world of work and we believe will be of considerable value to them. Students have been given information during form time and will be bringing home a letter with further information. Students will be preparing for their work shadowing placement in Townsend Learning Community lessons. We would be grateful for your support with this in finding an appropriate placement for your child - either with you or perhaps another relative or extended family member. We would very much like all our year 7 to benefit from this opportunity. We ask that all slips are returned to school by Monday 4th June. Thank you for your support. Miss Scott.

## **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

A final reminder for the return of the Medical Forms that were sent out for parents/carers to return regarding arrangements for medications/health issues in school. We would very much appreciate your support in returning these to Mrs Dell in the school office as soon as possible.

## **VACCINATIONS - URGENT**

### **Year 8 HPV**

Please find attached the 2018 electronic consent and letter for these vaccinations.

**This year the process has changed and the consents will not be returned in paper to the school.** Instead, parents will complete the consent form online and return it electronically directly to the School Health Immunisation Team.

**Year 9 pupils (girls only)** who have received the HPV immunisation in 2017 are now due a second dose. These pupils have already consented and will not need to complete an electronic consent. However, any pupils who did not consent last year and now wish to receive the HPV immunisation should consent electronically and should also be sent the electronic consent link.

## **HOMEWORK CLUB**

There will be no homework club on **TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY** due to staff training.

## **SUBJECT INFORMATION**

### **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**

All students have been taking part of a cross-curricular project between the History and English department on 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. 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>. Students have also been given the opportunity to go on a theatre trip in London on Tuesday 12th June. The play is based on the book The Children of Willesden Lane which they are currently reading in their English lessons. Trip letters went out last week and we

would appreciate that payment and slips are to be submitted by the latest Tuesday 5th June 2018. Thank you for your support, Mrs Bailey

### **Year 9 GCSE**

Students have been encouraged to purchase the Crime and Punishment revision guide in preparation for their Paper 1 trial examination on the week starting Monday 2nd July 2018. If your family has financial difficulties please do contact your child's Director of Learning (Year) in confidence so that we can support you. Students have also been encouraged to attend weekly lunchtime revision (which covers Paper 1) on Thursdays 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). Please continue to encourage your child to revise and make use of the 'History Revision Reward' card system (further explained below).

### **Year 10 GCSE**

Advance notice that students will sit a History trial examination on Paper 1 (Crime and punishment) the week starting Monday 18th June as part of Year 10 assessment week. All have been encouraged (students who received a letter of underachievement must attend) to attend weekly lunchtime revision which covers Paper 1 on Thursdays 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). The History department have launched a 'History Revision Reward' where students must complete a revision activity (including revision session) 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. Thank you for your support with this.

### **ENGLISH**

Year 11 students will be having English Literature revision sessions next week before each of their exams. On Monday 21st May please can all students bring either 'Macbeth' or 'Romeo and Juliet' into school, as well as their copy of 'A Christmas Carol'. On Thursday 24th May students will need to bring in their poetry anthologies and their copies of 'An Inspector Calls'.

Mrs Harris Director of Learning for English

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

**Results** - County Athletics – Monday 14th May

#### **U14 girls**

- 1st – Erica – Discus – 17.44m
- 2nd – Chiara – Shot – 6.46m
- 3rd – Deborah – 100m – 14.80s
- 3rd – Adrianna – 200m – 32.80s
- 3rd – relay team – 1.00.5s

#### **U14 boys**

- 2nd - Aaron – 800m – 54.7s
- 2nd – Joshua - high jump – 1.37m
- 3rd – Godfrey - hurdles – 14.80s

#### **U16 girls**

- 2nd – India – 300m – 49.2s
- 3rd – Hannah – Javelin – 24.94m
- 3rd – Skye – Triple jump – 7.85m
- 3rd – Bueala – 100m – 15.00s

#### **U16 boys**

- 2nd – Nayeem – 200m – 24.90
- 2nd – Nayeem – Triple jump – 11.45m
- 2nd – Oliver – Javelin – 24.37m
- 2nd – Morgan – Discus – 24.34m
- 3rd – Saleem - 100m – 12.50s
- 3rd – Nathan - hurdles – 17.9s
- 3rd – relay team

### **FIXTURES**

- Athletics – Thursday 24th May @ Westminster Lodge, St Albans 3.25 – 6.30/6.45
- Yr 7 rounders match @ Roundwood – Tuesday 22nd May 3.25 – 5.45pm

***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.***

Natural Flair Coaching Limited  
"What Is It With My Teen!" Understanding The Development of The Teenage Brain. (See attachment to parentmail )