

TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER
Friday 4th February 2019

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK –

May your choices reflect your hopes not your fears – Nelson Mandela

WORSHIP AT TOWNSEND

Each month we have a different values focus for the school. For February our value focus is Agape 'This is my commandment; that you love one another as I have loved you' John 15:12 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.

PARENT/CARER SUPPORT GROUP TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

This is a monthly event aimed at supporting parents/carers of children with additional needs (either learning or emotional). It is an opportunity to pick up information about local courses and workshops but more importantly it's an opportunity to share what is working and what you may need help with. Often sharing experiences and meeting other parents/carers who are in a similar position can be reassuring and supportive. We look forward to seeing you from 10-11.00am tomorrow.

YEAR 11 TARGETED INTERVENTION EVENING FOR PARENTS/CARERS AND STUDENTS FEBRUARY 7TH 7-8.30PM IN THE DISCOVERY CENTRE

Apologies for the postponement of this important event last week. As you are aware we have rescheduled this for Thursday of this week and the same arrangements apply as before.

Letters have already been sent out to parents/carers of those students whom teachers most want to see in terms of possible under performance or lack of focus or perhaps not putting in the hours required after school hours. However, as this is the final formal event in school for parents/carers of year 11 support, we are aware there may be other parents/carers and students who may wish to see teachers. We would not want to deny anyone the opportunity to speak to their teachers but without appointments we are unable to guarantee access to the member of staff with whom you wish to speak to on this particular evening. They may be available via 'drop-in' appointments on the evening but again we must stress that priority will be given to parents/carers and students with appointments. If the member of staff a parent/carer wants to see is not available, senior members of staff will be attendance and are happy to field queries, offer support, or take messages. Thursday evening is an additional evening we have added for Year 11 to try to boost achievement - if you are keen to meet or talk with any Year 11 teacher about a particular issue, please do contact the office to leave a message for that teacher, so an appointment or call back can be made to suit you. We will also be issuing a general Study Guide to support with GCSE preparation and this will be available to all students.

YEAR 11 FOOD & NUTRITION

Year 11 students are currently completing their controlled assessment - a 20 hour project in which they have to be in school for every lesson. If they miss an hour, they have to make this time up during their own time. On Wednesday 6th February students will be completing their final practical exam linked to this piece of work and must be ready to cook 3 dishes that they have planned and produced a timeline for.

This all has to be done under supervision, therefore it is vitally important that students are in every lesson in order to get the best possible mark in this piece of work that is worth 35% of their overall food and nutrition grade. Thanks, Miss Gibbons

URGENT REMINDER - YEAR 9 IMMUNISATIONS

In line with the national immunisation programme all children in year 9 are offered immunisation boosters against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio and Meningococcal ACWY. All the details you need regarding these immunisations are in the letter attached to the bulletin. There is also a link to the electronic consent within the letter. Can we remind you the electronic consent form will close at 10pm February 4th. The Year 9 immunisations will take place in school **Tuesday February 5th**. Your child cannot be immunised unless you have provided your consent.

CHELSEAS CHOICE THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7TH PM YEAR 9

Information was sent out last Friday to Year 9 parents/carers about this theatre in education presentation. *'Chelsea's Choice' is a hard-hitting, 45-minute-long Applied Theatre Production that has proven highly successful in raising awareness around the sexual exploitation of children and young people.*

The play has been seen by over 850,000 young people and hundreds of professionals around the UK and has proven highly effective at covering:-

- *What makes a healthy/unhealthy relationship*
- *Safe Internet Use/Sexting*
- *What is consent*
- *What is grooming*
- *What is sexual exploitation*
- *Raising awareness around the risks of victim blaming*
- *Sign-posting relevant services*

If you would like to find out more please email alteregocreativesolutions@gmail.com or go to www.alteregocreativesolutions.co.uk. We are hoping that all our students in year 9 will be in attendance for the presentation and one of our Senior Designated teachers for Child Protection will be present throughout. At the end of the 'show' students have the opportunity to ask questions from the cast members. Should you have any concerns or queries about the show or about your child watching it please do get in contact with Miss Reynolds (Director of Learning Year 9) or Miss Lingwood in charge of safeguarding at Townsend.

SIXTH FORM ATTENDANCE

Please can you talk to your children about the need for sixth form students to remain in school all day every day. Many year 13 students seem to be leaving school during this time, which is **not allowed**. Students should be onsite for all 5 lessons and

morning and afternoon registration. They are able to leave during break and lunch but must sign out and in at reception. Thank you, Miss Gibbons

6TH FORM DISNEYLAND PARIS TRIP

For those 6th formers who have their name down for the Disney trip, a gentle reminder that the next instalment of £130.00 is due on 4th February. Thank you

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

KEYSTONE WORKSHOPS

Growth Mindset - A Guide For Parents - Monday 4th March, Maltings Theatre St Albans, 19.30 - 21.00. See attached flyer

This is an excellent opportunity for parents to understand the theory and research behind this exciting and progressive concept, now embraced by many schools.