

TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER
Friday 22nd June 2018

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle – Christian D Larson

WORSHIP AT TOWNSEND

Each month we have a different values focus for the school. For June our value focus is Wisdom 'And he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills' Exodus 35:31 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.

FRIENDS OF TOWNSEND - THEATRE TRIP

The Friends of Townsend have a theatre visit coming up for 'Everyone's Talking About Jamie' on Wednesday 4th July. **We have a few tickets left** which are £45 inclusive of coach. The theatre trip leaves school at 5pm and back to school around 11.30pm. Nothing could be easier for an enjoyable evening out! For anyone wishing to join the database or come off database please let me know. For tickets or enquiries please contact Heather Sharpley 07871607841 or Jackie Brunt 07921084787 or email heatherandjackietheatreclub@gmail.com
Thanks. Jackie & Heather

SIXTH FORM

Induction Day

Tuesday 26th June is Sixth form induction for all students in Year 11 who have applied to Townsend Sixth Form. Year 11 should come dressed according to the sixth form uniform code and be in the sixth form block by 8.45am where they will be registered. We look forward to welcoming Year 11 into the sixth form. Miss Gibbons & Mrs Buckland

Year 13 Lanyards/ Science Books and Year 11 Locker Keys

Year 11 students will receive their locker key money in exchanged for the locker key at the Celebration ceremony on Wednesday 27th June.

Year 13 students will receive their exchanges at the Dinner/Dance on Saturday 30th June.

YEAR 10 SUMMER EXAMINATIONS

Hopefully the Year 10 assessments for non-core subjects have been going well for your child. We are pleased with the positive attitude that the majority of students are showing. Next week core subject examinations will be taking place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the gym to give the students an experience of what the formal GCSE examination will be like. We want the students to be prepared for each examination and to aim to do their very best but at the same time these are year 10 examinations and students should not be feeling overwhelmed. This programme of assessments is good practice for the 'real thing' in a year's time.

The outcomes of these tests will provide a wealth of information for students and staff that can be built upon through the holidays and through year 11.

May we remind you of the additional Year 10 Study and Support Evening we have added to the calendar for Tuesday July 17th at 7pm for students and parents/carers

Thank you for your ongoing support
Mr A Still

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Tickets

Tickets are on sale for this year's school production 'The Wizard of Oz' on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th July at 7:00pm, tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for concession. Come and support the students who have worked their socks off to give you an excellent show.

Rehearsals

As shown on the rehearsal scheduled from Monday 18th June after school rehearsals will be from 3:30-5:30pm on Monday's and Thursday's. Please make sure that students are checking their schedule as it is vital that they are present at all rehearsals leading up to the show.

Costume

If you have any unwanted or old green material or t-shirts etc which you would like to donate to the school show for costumes please feel free to bring them in to reception and say they are for the Drama department. Any donations would be much appreciated!

It has been such a privilege and joy to be working on such a great project, thank you all so much for the support of parents/carers with rehearsals etc. See you all in July, Mrs Coates.

SPORTS DAY

Wednesday 4th July is Sports Day this year.

All students should have selected the events they are competing in in their forms and should be practising them in athletics lessons in PE, and at athletics practice on Monday lunchtimes and Wednesday after school on the field.

Parents/Carers are welcome to come to this event that starts at 12.00. Please do remember to sign in at the table as you come round to the field at the back of the school. Students attending must be accompanied by an adult or have made prior arrangements to help with an event. We strongly advise students to be appropriately equipped with sun cream, hats and water. Water will also be available at the event. The afternoon will end at 3.15 when students are expected to return to classrooms for registration. Students may go home in their PE kit.

Any questions please contact form tutors or Miss Pennifold, Head of Physical Education.

HELP WITH TRANSPORT

If you are travelling to school by car from Markyate, Wheathampstead or Flamstead and you have space for another student or you are interested in making a private arrangement for car sharing please can you leave a message for Miss Lingwood in the school office as she will put you in contact with each other to allow you to make a private arrangement. We are aware of a couple of students struggling with transport so if you are able to help that would be great.

CELEBRATION CEREMONIES 2018

Invitation letters will be sent out shortly but can we take this opportunity of warmly inviting you all to these occasions that celebrate the cohort's achievements through

the year. We have listed the dates below. All ceremonies will begin at 2pm and we ask that you are seated by 1.45pm.

Year 12- Tuesday July 17th

Year 11 - Wednesday June 27th

Year 10 - Friday July 13th

Year 9 - Monday July 16th

Year 8 - Wednesday July 18th

Year 7 - Thursday July 19th

UNIFORM DONATIONS

As we approach our New Intake Evening for the students joining us in September we would like to ask all our parents/carers if you have any unused uniform or uniform in good condition that has been 'grown out of' that we could have to offer the many families that are constantly asking about uniform or for those new families joining the school. Can we ask in particular parents/carers of year 11 where students are going into the 6th form and won't need their uniform and at the end of term the year 10 who will be wearing a black blazer next year. The school ties are in particular demand! If you could ask your child to bring in any ties/uniforms at the Year 11 Celebration Ceremony it would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

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

Year 8 students who have chosen History as their GCSE option will be provided with summer work before the end of Summer Term. Please note that the work can be completed on either the sheets provided or on a computer provided that they follow the recommended template. There will be more than one fact file to complete therefore students must request hard copies from their History teacher if home printing is an issue.

Year 9 GCSE

Students will be sitting Paper 1 trial examination on the week starting Monday 2nd July 2018 and they have been encouraged to purchase the Crime and Punishment revision guide (£4) directly from the History department. 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 as well as access revision materials from GCSEpod or upload history revision material 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.

Year 10 GCSE

Students have now sat their Paper 1 trial examination which will be marked and feedback to students in due course. Students meeting or exceeding their minimum target grade can expect a home reward card and house point for their progress. Students achieving below their minimum target grade will receive an appropriate

intervention plan and parents will be contacted on both attainment and further strategies to ensure students meet their full potential.

Mrs Bailey, Head of History

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

GCSE PE

Revision sessions will be running every Wednesday lunch time in MA1 for yr 9 and 10 students to support with catching up on missed work, revision and examination techniques. All students are welcome. Students who didn't achieve their target grade in their trial exams will be expected to attend each week.

District Athletics Championships Results

Overall

We came 1st out of the small schools winning back the trophy!

Across the whole district we came 9th.

Girls

Overall – 9th place

- Yr7 – 11th place

- Yr8 – 9th place

- Yr9 – 12th place

- Yr10 – 9th place

- Senior – 9th place

Boys

Overall – 10th place

- yr7 – 10th place

- yr8 – 12th place

- yr9 – 11th place

- yr10 – 9th place

- Senior – 11th place

A special mention to athletes who came in the top 6 in their event

- Emmanuel – yr10 boys – 1st – 100m

- Nayeem – yr10 boys – 1st – 200

- yr 10 boys - 2nd - relay

- Hannah – yr 10 girls – 3rd - Javelin

- Chiara – yr8 girls – 3rd – Shot put

- Morgan – yr10 boys – 4th - discus

- Arianna – yr7 girls – 4th – hurdles

- Deborah – yr7 girls – 4th – 100m

- Emmanuel – yr10 boys - 5th – long jump

- Nayeem – yr10 boys – 5th – Triple jump

- Erica – yr8 girls – 5th – discus

- Aaron – yr8 boys – 5th – long jump

- Abi – yr 10 girls – 5th - discus

- Michaela – yr7 girls – 6th – Javelin

- Euan – yr9 boys – 6th – hurdles

If any athlete would like to know all the placements and times/distance please see Miss Pennifold