

**TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER**  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

“You really can change the world if you care enough” – Marian Wright Edelman

**WORSHIP AT TOWNSEND**

Each month we have a different values focus for the school. For March our value focus is Awe and Wonder ‘ Dominion and awe belong to God; he establishes order in the heights of heaven’ Job 25:2. 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**

**Friends Easter Gift stall** will be held at lunch times in front of the large school canteen (Founders Foyer) for students to buy small Easter goods in the week starting 26th March.

**Abbey Theatre Charity evening**

Please do support our school and at the same time have a great night out by joining us on Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm for an Abbey Theatre Charity evening performance of ‘On Golden Pond’ . Tickets are now on sale at £12 each. This includes a welcome drink for ‘On Golden Pond’ is a family saga suitable for all secondary school aged students. Friends and family members are also welcome. The Abbey Theatre St Albans is next to Westminster Lodge, Holywell Hill.

Townsend is sharing the charity night with the Hands Together Project who help communities in Nepal. All profits for this performance will be shared between the charity and Townsend. If you are interested in the evening please contact Finola Murphy (finola@practice-perfect.net) to buy tickets or call 07778 855875 for more details.

**Theatre trips - Friends of Townsend**

The Friends of Townsend have two theatre visits coming up Chicago 23<sup>rd</sup> May and Everyone’s Talking About Jamie on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets are £42 and £45 respectively. For tickets or enquiries please contact Heather Sharpley 07871607841 or Jackie Brunt 07921084787 or email [heatherandjackiethatreclub@gmail.com](mailto:heatherandjackiethatreclub@gmail.com) The theatre trips leave 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. See you there. Jackie & Heather

**CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS DISPLAY 2018**

Congratulations to all those students who took part. It was a fabulous evening, showcasing a diverse range of talent, skill, expertise, flair and team work. To see so many students from so many year groups all working together and sharing the stage for many items was a privilege. Well done to everyone! A special thank you too for all the staff who masterminded the event- thank you. A very proud evening for Townsend!

**HERTS ADVERTISER SCHOOL AWARDS**

Entries are now open for the Herts Advertiser School Awards 2018. Nominations can be made by both teachers and parents. There are various categories which nominations can be made for. The nomination process is very quick and easy and you only have to give a fairly short supporting statement. Finalists will be invited to

an awards evening and their pictures will appear in the Herts Advertiser. So if you know of a member of teaching or support staff who does a great job why not nominate them for an award. Please see the attached flyer for details of the categories and how to make a nomination.

### **STUDENTS MEDICATION IN SCHOOL**

We do need your support with any medication your child needs to take in school. Please remember that it is the parent's/carer's responsibility to ensure that any student's medication stored in school is within date. If you need to check when medication expires, please phone the office.

### **TERM DATES**

A reminder that we finish the Spring Term on Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm. The dedicated school buses will be here for 1230 but if your child catches a public bus he/she will need to check the departure times for their own buses.

Term begins again on Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>

As well as having a deserved break - there will be an expectation that year 11 and 13 students will be completing practice papers and revision tasks over the Easter holidays. Other year groups may be set holiday tasks by teachers and this will be on Show My Homework.

### **YEAR 11 GCSE EXAMINATIONS**

Please see flier attached 'Year 11 8 Weeks to go' Tips

### **YEAR 11 HOODIES**

The order for hoodies will be placed on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March, please make sure that payment has been made through the School Gateway or cash/cheque to the office with the reply slip by Monday lunchtime or your order will not be placed.

### **HEALTH FOR TEENS**

Please remind your child about 'Health for Teens' a confidential health and advice support service provided for young people - students can text the school nurse on 07480635050 for any health advice or related issue. There is a flier attached to parentmail you may like to download for use at home.

### **SUBJECT INFORMATION**

#### **HISTORY**

##### **Year 7**

Students are currently studying Islamic civilisations and the Crusades. They will write an assessment on impacts of the Crusades on both Europe and the Middle East in the Middle Ages after Easter. A good starting point for further reading is [http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/history/the\\_wider\\_world/medieval\\_islamic\\_world/revision/2/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/history/the_wider_world/medieval_islamic_world/revision/2/)

##### **Year 8**

The independent learning project for this half term must be submitted to history teachers on the dates below. Please refer to project sheet and SMHW for instructions and deadlines are as following for each form 8C – 28/03, 8D – 29/03, 8E – 29/03 and 8Y – 27/03. Important note: child protection is our greatest priority therefore it is important that students do not bring in original copies of official documents and have been warned against showing their personal data to others. The personal nature of the project means that only the teacher will see the content for marking and they will be locked in our Humanities office.

## **Year 11 GCSE**

A reminder that Year 11 GCSE History revision takes place every Monday (boys only) in HU6 at 1.30 and every Thursday (girls only) in HU8 at 1.30. Your child has been given a lunchtime revision and lesson countdown as a guide. GCSE History lunchtime revision sessions will run until 10th May. Advance notice: students will sit Paper 3 in lessons after the Easter break therefore they must revise for this mock examination.  
Mrs Bailey

## **RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

Each Year 11 student has been given a 50 day countdown. This includes a 20 minute daily revision challenge to prepare them for their first examination on Monday 14th May. They have been given a hard copy but an electronic copy can also be accessed on Show My Homework. We would appreciate your co-operation in supporting your child/children to complete these daily tasks by signing each box once you have seen the relevant completed task. Thank you for the continued support.

Religious Studies revision guides can also be bought from the School Shop each Tuesday and Thursday breaktime for £2.75. If you are struggling financially please do contact us in confidence so we can see how we can help. Ms A Sheppard

## **PARENTS/CARERS OF STUDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS**

Two newsletters with information and updates you may be interested in  
Please click on the links to access the newsletter

<http://handnews.hertfordshire.gov.uk/issue-42-march-2018/news-this-month/welcome-to-your-march-hand-news>  
<http://send-news.tfemagazine.co.uk/february-2018>

***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.***

## **Information from Dacorum DSPL**

Dacorum DSPL (DSPL Area 8) is one of 9 areas in Hertfordshire where parents, early years settings, primary and secondary schools, further education, local authority professionals and other agencies work together to review what is available and develop provision to fill in the gaps.

## **AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER**

### **Parent/carer support groups**

Within Dacorum there are a number of family support groups.

- Woodfield Special School, Wednesday mornings: phone 01442 253476 or visit their website at <http://www.woodfield.herts.sch.uk/2013-01-09-15-46-47/coffeemornings>
- Hemel Hempstead: contact Families in Focus on 01442 219 720 or visit their website at [www.familiesinfocus.co.uk](http://www.familiesinfocus.co.uk)
- Tring and Berkhamsted: contact Dacorum Family Services on 01442 401 222 or visit their website at [www.dacorumfamilyservices.org.uk](http://www.dacorumfamilyservices.org.uk)

**ADD-Vance workshops for parents and carers:** DSPL Dacorum is working with ADD-Vance, a registered charity providing support for children, adults and families on issues relating to Autism, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and related conditions, to provide training workshops for parents and carers. To find out

about the current range of workshops, email Ashley Fabray on  
fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk

To find out more about ADD-Vance, visit their website on [www.add-vance.org](http://www.add-vance.org)