

**TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER**  
**Friday 24th May 2019**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind – C S Lewis

**WORSHIP AT TOWNSEND**

Each month we have a different values focus for the school. For May our value focus is Compassion 'Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbour' 1 Corinthians 10:24. 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.

**ENRICHMENT DAYS - 26TH - 28TH JUNE 2019**

The final instalment of Friday enrichment day (28th June) activities is due to the office by **FRIDAY 3rd JUNE** - the remainder of your child's activity choice must be paid by this date. A reminder of trip prices is below:

Hampton court - £15  
Snooker/ pool - £16  
Whipsnade zoo - £20  
Escape rooms - £20  
Crazy golf - £20  
Southend of sea - £25  
Orbital - £27  
Stanborough lakes - £30  
Day trip to France - £50

In order to pay for activities to the various companies, please ensure this payment deadline is met.

**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY ENRICHMENT DAY PROGRAMME** - a reminder (letter previously sent home) for the year groups on each of the days below. Please ensure you have paid via the school office or schoolcomms the contribution to these 2 days ASAP.

Year 7 - £5

Years 8 - 10 £10

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 12
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	iMatter (STEP)	Dragons Den	Science Museum	Bletchley Park	Work shadowing
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sustainability day	Science museum	STEM day	Careers carousel	Work shadowing

Thankyou, Miss Gibbons & Mr Armitage

**YEAR 8**

We are delighted to welcome Miss Pennifold to the Year 8 Tutor Team. Miss Pennifold is now the Form Tutor and first point of contact for students in 8 Exeter.

**YEAR 10**

**STUDY SUPPORT EVENING**

On Wednesday 5th June, from 7:00-8:30pm, as you aware we are holding a Study Support evening for parents /carers of year 10 students. The evening will include important information about the end of year assessment and examination process, revision techniques for pupils and how you as parents/carers can support at home. It will also include contributions from English and Mathematics Directors of Learning, transition into year 11, introduction to sixth form at Townsend and strategies to support with emotional well-being. We expect at least one parent/carer to attend along with your child. If you are unable to attend please attempt to make arrangements for another suitable adult to attend with your child as we do not want you or your child to miss valuable advice and guidance. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 5th June. Many thanks, Mr Armitage.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Last week was one of the most successful Work Experience weeks we have had. I am getting very positive feedback from many sources, with few disappointments and some glowing reports. Thank you for all your support throughout, and I look forward to reading your comments in the Work Experience Logbooks.

Margaret Wood

#### **YEAR 11**

##### **Examinations**

The Year 11s have continued this week with their GCSEs and on the whole appear to be in good spirits. Obviously their views on their papers differ from one subject/paper to the next but to coin a sporting phrase 'pupils need to focus on the next paper, and not dwell on papers gone by.' I do hope that everyone has a restful half term and has time to relax, as well as revise, and then give it one last push for their final examinations in the 2 weeks after half term.

##### **Study Leave Reminder**

Pupils only need to be in school for their examinations. If they choose to come in to revise in school rather than at home, please can you remind your child he/she must sign in at reception before morning registration, and they must remain in school until 3-25pm, or when their afternoon examination finishes. Pupils should go to the rooms they would normally be attending lessons in unless they have an examination or directed otherwise. If pupils aren't in school then they should be revising at home. Thank you for your support with this.

##### **Dates for your Diary**

24/6 6th form induction

25/6 Yr 11 National Record of Achievement Leavers Ceremony (Letters will be sent out shortly)

27/6 Yr 11 Prom at The Aubrey Park Hotel, 7pm - Midnight

If you have any questions/queries about any of the above please contact me at school. Many thanks, Mr Still.

#### **PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Just a quick reminder that the next Parent Support Group will be on Tuesday 4th June at 10am. It would lovely to see you all there. It's a great opportunity to chat with other parent/carers, sharing strategies ideas and perhaps even stresses! A problem shared is a problem halved. Have a lovely half term!

Penny Baker Inclusion Manager and ASD Lead

#### **TRIP TO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT**

Students who have taken part in BBC Young Reporters, debating club and a select few who have shown aptitude in citizenship and politics will have the opportunity to visit and take part in a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament on Monday 10th June for the day. Letters have been sent out early this week which provides further information. Please return the consent slip and make payment (£15) by the latest Monday 3rd June. Thank you, Mrs Bailey

### **SCHOOL OF ROCK - WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION:**

It is vital that students attend all rehearsals they are needed for to help make the show a success and support the other students who are involved in their scenes. As we progress closer to the show date lack of attendance to rehearsals may result in the loss of role or cancellation of the performance due to a lack of commitment. From now on 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.

The rehearsal schedule- a copy has been given to your child. If you need another copy please see Miss Kirk or Mrs Coates. All permission slips for image use need to be returned to Mrs Coates ASAP as we are still waiting for these and would love to start recording images from the rehearsal process for this year's show. If you need another letter please see Mrs Coates urgently. Also please be aware that rehearsals in July run from 3:30-5:30 Monday and Thursdays.

Tickets will be on sale at reception after the May half term, £5 adult and £3 concession.

### **GCSEPOD**

Users of the Week

Year	Pupil	Pods Watched this week
9E	Jake W & Jack F	21
10	Millie L & Holly G	67 & 19
11E & C	Aimee C and Zach N	372 & 90

Well done to all of the above. Particularly to Aimee and Millie who have topped the charts consistently. I am pleased to report that we remain 4<sup>th</sup> in the world in the GCSEpod games – a fantastic effort.

Pod of the week

The inaccurate use or understanding of graphs is a source of lost marks in many exams from GCSE Maths to A level Psychology. This set of pods of linear graphs takes you from the basics to the complex. Give them a watch!

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/10192>

### **COMMUNITY**

Please can you remind your child about behaviour leaving from and arriving at school. We are surrounded by a residential area and most of the bus stops children use are either located by houses or on main roads. We want the students to be safe but also be mindful of respecting members of the public. Thank you

### **SUBJECT INFORMATION**

#### **DRAMA**

#### **NEW VIEWS**

Congratulations to Stacy 10D for her script 'Jazz's Tiny Feet!' which was long listed for the judgement panel. We will be running New Views again next year and hope for some more fabulous entries.

**Year 7** - Are finishing the anti-bullying scheme of work which is focused around the script 'The terrible fate of humpty dumpty' teaching skills such as role play and looking at how we can tackle bullying together.

**Year 8** - Are finishing their 'Romeo and Juliet' scheme of work for this half term.

- Have now started 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 booklets that they should regularly be updating for their homework and these will be checked fortnightly to monitor their progress for their devising log which will be due in after half term. Tuesday lunch time there is GCSE support in IT1, for revisions and homework.

**Year 11** - Have completed their exams and all coursework, congratulations to them!

## **COMPUTER SCIENCE**

### **Year 8 Update**

A massive thank you for your support and congratulations to the students who have produced some very exciting pieces of homework projects this half term. There was a range of presentations and some very creative approaches. (My favourite being the shape of Pacman and a large mobile phone display to name just a couple!) Thank you for your support as the majority of year 8 students did meet their deadline.

### **GCSE year 10**

Students have been briefed about their end of year 10 examinations which will be take place through lesson time. They will be completing an examination paper with questions taken from Edexcel past papers. Please encourage your son/daughter to revise using the revision booklet provided. There will be further revision time in class to prepare for their end of year test.

Please also note, a change from the Wednesday revision session at lunchtimes. This will now run on a Friday lunchtime. All students who would benefit have been informed. Please encourage them to attend as it is a re-enforcement of the topics covered in class.

Mrs King

## **GEOGRAPHY**

### **Year 11**

Students conducted themselves superbly for Geography GCSE Paper 1, most were in agreement that it was a reasonable paper and now the students are preparing for paper 2 and paper 3 after half term. Paper 2 is the human geography paper (Challenges in Urban environments, Resource Management, Development Gap and Economy in the UK) and Paper 3 is the fieldwork and pre-release material paper. Students have copies of the pre-release resource booklet and practice questions, they have all their fieldwork booklets and resources for paper 2 as well. GCSE pod is excellent for geography, and they can use Seneca Learning online. If students would like a revision guide we still have some available to purchase.

Next half term students will be studying the following:

Year 7 - International development and economic activity

Year 8 - Weather and Climate /Climate Change

Year 9 - Physical landscapes in the UK (UK landscapes, rivers, coasts)

Year 10 - Urban Change in the UK and urban sustainability

GCSE students will be able to access resources on GCSE pod to support with these units, Seneca Learning also has great resources for our GCSE specification (AQA).

All students should try to increase their general knowledge of the human and physical world to support them with their geography and general life skills.

The following resources are useful for this:

**ONLINE:**

- Geography for Kids - <https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/geography-for-kids.html>
- BBC News - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>
- National Geographic - <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/> and <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/>
- The Royal Geographic Society - <https://www.rgs.org/geography/>

**READ:**

- Geographical (Royal Geographical Society magazine) available in good newsagents or online
- National Geographic (American geographical society magazine)
- "Prisoners of Geography" and "Worth Dying for..." by Tim Marshall
- "Gaia" by James Lovelock (and subsequent books)

**WATCH:**

- Nat Geo Wild (YouTube have clips if you can not access this TV channel)
- Animal Network
- BBC iPlayer - wildlife and science documentaries
- Earth - Power of the Planet (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b008fdjy/episodes/guide>)
- MORE THAN HONEY (2012) Directed by Markus Imhoof, 1h 35m
- GREAT BARRIER REEF (2012) - Directed by Richard Fitzpatrick, 1h (3 episodes)
- BLACKFISH (2013) - Directed by Gabriela Copperthwaite, 1h 30m

Happy half term!

Mrs Buckland

**HISTORY**

**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.

**Year 10**

Advance notice that students will sit the GCSE Paper 2 trial exam the week beginning 10th June. Early Elizabethan England 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. If your family has financial difficulties, the school may be able to assist in very special cases. Please speak to your child's Head of Year in the first instance to discuss the problem in confidence.

**Year 11**

There is a scheduled revision session in HU8 with Mrs Bailey for Paper 2 and 3 on Tuesday 4th June from 12.15 to 15.00. A reminder that students have been provided with a free red revision guide produced by the department which has useful information about revision

sessions, exam dates, examination technique, key notes, timelines, glossary, exam question banks and practice papers. Please encourage your child to use this as part of their regular history revision. A final reminder that students can purchase a revision guide for each unit (there are four) at the cost of £4 and/or a targeted revision workbook (Target 5 or Target 9) on all History topics for £2 from the History office.

Mrs Bailey – Head of History

## **MATHEMATICS**

### **Numeracy Tip:**

Want to work out how much of the price you pay is the VAT? Just divide the price by 6. So if the price is £36 including VAT, the VAT element is  $£36/6 = £6$ , i.e. the price is £30 + £6 of VAT.

For more information on supporting your child with numeracy please visit

<https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/your-childs-maths> or

speak to your child's Mathematics teacher.

Charlie Timpson

## **MEDIA**

### **YEAR 11 GCSE**

As you will be aware the GCSE Media Component 1 exam is on Monday 3rd June in the afternoon. There will be an additional GCSE Media top tips session from 12.15 pm in EN3 if students wish to come along. Thanks. Miss Scott.

## **SCIENCE**

On the 4th of July the Science Department at Townsend will be taking 30 pupils for 'a hands on' experience in areas of science, technology, engineer and mathematics featuring at the University of Hertfordshire. Pupils will attend The Big Bang Fair and learn how important scientists and engineers really are...they literally shape our futures.

Our pupils will speak to scientists and engineers and learn that there are a number of exciting career possibilities and the best news is that there is a route for everyone. You can take a route that suits you to an exciting career whether you want to learn on the job, go to college, go to university, planning for our pupils can start right now. Every pupil attending will have an opportunity to experience and be inspired by talented speakers, activities and shows hopefully leaving the fair as 'budding future scientists and engineers'.

Have a look at the website <https://www.thebigbangfair.co.uk/>

Mrs Phull

Science teacher

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

***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.***

Please find attached the 2019 summer edition of the DSPL7 Newsletter. Since our last edition the DSPL7 team has moved to Fleetville Junior School, as part of Spiral Partnership Trust, but our contact details remain the same [admin@dspl7.org.uk](mailto:admin@dspl7.org.uk).

**FREE COURSE**

**UNDERSTANDING TEENS WITH ADHD AND AUTISM FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

A 6 week course that is designed to meet the needs of parents/carers with children aged 11-16 at secondary school with a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of ADHD and/or Autism

Wednesdays 10-12pm

June 5<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup>

July 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019

(all sessions must be attended)

Hatfield Fire Station Community Room

Please book via Eventbrite:<https://add-vance-understanding-teens-hatfield-summer2019.eventbrite.co.uk>

This course is run by specialists ADHD/Autism Trainers from ADD-vance.