

TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th May 2018

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all" - Aristotle

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.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

Please see the attached letter regarding new Data Protection Regulations.

VACCINATION REMINDER for Year 8 & 9 Girls

HPV Vaccinations are on 5th June. Year 9 girls have already consented but year 8 girls, if not already done so, need to fill in the online form that will be sent in a separate email to year 8 parent/carers. This has been extended and now closes on 1st June.

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.

APPEAL FOR WITNESSES

One of our 6th form students had an accident on their motor scooter on Tuesday 22nd May. They were travelling from Leverstock Green and the accident happened on the roundabout at the end of King Harry Lane. The student ended up with broken ribs and concussion. We are asking that if anyone witnessed a motor scooter accident Tuesday morning on Bluehouse Hill could they please contact the local police. Many thanks.

YEAR 11 AFTER HALF TERM

Please see separate email sent on Wednesday with regard to year 11 arrangements for the next half term.

CAREERS

Please see attached an article with the latest information and advice from RBS on "How to get on the Careers ladder". This is also available to read on our blog and careers page on our website. Mrs Maguire

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 which celebrates the 80th anniversary of Kindertransport. Students have watched a live webcast testimony of Harry Bribing BEM this week. Students will be writing a letter to Harry during form time after half term where these will be posted directly to him. 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 also have 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 have already been sent out and we would appreciate that payment and consent slips are to be submitted by the latest Tuesday 5th June 2018.

Finally, there is an opportunity for a family outing on Sunday 10th June at Wigmore Hall to mark the 80th anniversary of the Kindertransport this year. In 1938 14-year-old Lisa Jura, a gifted young pianist, boarded a Kindertransport train in Vienna to travel to London. Her daughter, Mona Golabek, a concert pianist, has created a one-woman show telling the story of Lisa's survival and the strength that music brought her. Further details found in link to book your tickets directly through Wigmore Hall. <https://wigmore-hall.org.uk/whats-on/the-children-of-willesden-lane-201806101500>

Year 9 GCSE

Students have been encouraged to purchase the Crime and Punishment revision guide (£4) directly from the History department 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 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 (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 upload history revision material 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.

Mrs Bailey Directory of Learning for History

ENGLISH

Just a reminder that English Language revision will be taking place on Monday 4th June for Paper 1 and Thursday 7th June before Paper 2.

These sessions will be really valuable and students are advised to attend. Over half term, we direct students to use a range of resources such as mock papers, revision booklets, BBC Bitesize and Mr Bruff. They should also try to practise some questions in timed conditions. Well done to students for all their efforts in English Literature.
The English Department

GCSE DRAMA STUDENTS THEATRE TRIP YEAR 9 AND 10

Year 9 and 10 GCSE students have their annual theatre trip to see a live production on Thursday 7th June, the coach leaves the school grounds at 5pm so all students must be back at school by 4:45pm, if they wish to stay on site at the end of the day they may do so, I will be with them and they will need a packed dinner to have before the trip. The show starts at 7:30 pm and is at the Duchess Theatre, we will be returning to school by 10:30pm. Students may wear their own clothes and must have eaten before setting off at 5pm. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me. Mrs Coates

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Yr 9/10 GCSE PE revision

- Miss Pennifold will be starting yr 9/10 GCSE PE revision in MA1 every Wednesday lunchtime after half term to help students revise and prepare for exams. All students are welcome and you can bring your lunch.

Results:

County athletics Thursday 24th May – Westminster Lodge

U14 girls

- 1st – Adrianna – high jump – 1.22m
- 2nd – Erica – Discus – 18.14m
- 2nd – Kerri – Javelin – 16.15m
- 3rd – Chiara – shot put – 7.29m
- 3rd – Deborah – 100m - 14.12s
- 3rd – Leyla – hurdles – 15.20s
- 3rd – relay team – 1.01.05

U16 girls

- 2nd – India – 300m – 49.7s
- 3rd – Tricia – 1500m – 6.12.00
- 3rd – India – long jump – 4.20m
- 3rd – Skye – triple jump – 7.47m
- 3rd – Hannah – javelin – 20.25m

U14 boys

- 2nd – Aaron - long jump – 4.21
- 2nd – relay – 54.4s
- 2nd – Godfrey - discus – 17.43m
- 3rd – Joshua – 200m – 29.4s
- 3rd – Charlie - 800m – 2.54.3

U16 boys

- 1st – Emmanuel – 100m – 11.2s
- 1st – Nayeem – triple jump – 11.62m
- 2nd – Emmanuel – long jump – 5.16m
- 2nd – Nayeem – 200m – 24.3s
- 3rd – Saleem - 400m – 1.14.2
- 3rd – Morgan – discus – 25.83m
- 3rd – relay – 50.8s

Fixtures

- County Athletics Match – Tuesday 5th June – Stevenage Athletics Track – 3.25 – 6.30/7pm
- yr 8 rounders – Wednesday 6th June at Townsend 3.25 – 5/5.30
- yr 9 rounders – Wednesday 6th June at Townsend 3.25 – 5/5.30
- Yr 8 rounders – Thursday 7th June at Nicholas Breakspear – 3.25 – 5.30
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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.

Rothamsted presents a fantastic 'on your door step' learning opportunity for students, parents & teachers - Saturday & Sunday, 23-24 June, 11am – 5pm
Please see attached.