

## **TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Just because you fail once doesn't mean you're gonna fail at everything – Marilyn Monroe

### **WORSHIP AT TOWNSEND**

Each month we have a different values focus for the school. For October our value focus is Inclusiveness 'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus - Galatians 3:28. 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.

### **NEW BUS ROUTE**

***Luton/Harpenden/Townsend Bus Route (Alternative Private Service to the Arriva 321) Please read carefully if you travel from the Luton/Markyate/Slip End/Harpenden area even if you have not yet expressed an interest.***

The new private bus service that the school has helped to facilitate will begin on November 5th, 2018. Parents/Carers will be able to book the service on the 'Three Star Coaches' website from next Monday 22nd October. Three Star Coaches have had many more enquiries than we are likely to have places on the bus for so it is recommended that parents/carers book quickly. Please use the following link (from Monday) to do so:

<https://www.threestarcoaches.com/Home>

It is important to recognise that the current route is provisional and that if the feedback dictates that it would be useful/necessary to divert to additional stops then it may be possible to do so. I have already received a number of requests about the bus stop at Markyate and have fed this back to Colin Dudley at Three Star Coaches. He has suggested that this addition to the route may be included in 'Phase 2' of the service launch once the time taken to establish the existing route and the time taken to complete it is known.

If, therefore you feel your needs have not been met by the existing Three Star Coaches service offer, or you have not been receiving information from Three Star Coaches please contact them immediately and directly via email at

**Townsend@threestarcoaches.com** . Colin Dudley has requested that parents wishing to discuss the route, the cost or any other issues relating to the service include a phone number in that email so that someone can contact you should no one be immediately available. Those parents/carers already registered for information please check your emails as information has gone out but some parents/carers have not yet responded.

### **DIVERSITY DAY – FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2018**

Townsend students have been planning and preparing their stalls for our annual event celebrating diversity in conjunction with the First World War centenary on Friday 26th October at lunchtime in the school hall. All Year 7 students will take part in Brazilian Capoeira martial arts dancing workshops throughout the day. Please make sure your child brings in their PE kit and trainers to be adequately prepared for the workshop.

Mrs Bailey, Assistant Head Teacher

### **SIXTH FORM**

#### **YEAR 13 GRADE SHEETS**

Year 13 students have received their Progress Grade sheets today. Please can take the time to look through these with your child to assess what they need to do to reach their target grades in their trial examinations and summer examinations.

Thank you Miss Gibbons

#### **YEAR 13 – TRIAL EXAMINATIONS**

Please see attached to help your child with the run up to exams.

Miss Gibbons

#### **YEAR 11 PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION EVENING**

Many thanks for your support with this on Thursday of this week. We were delighted with the attendance of 96% of parents/carers of year 11 students to hear about student progress and prepare for the trial examinations in November. Parents/Carers received a GCSE Study Guide, further information about GCSPod, a timetable of Study Clubs and a copy of the Year 11 Trial Examination timetable. If you are missing any of these please do contact me at school so we can give you the ones you are short of. Thank you too for taking the time to complete the Parent/Carer survey. Once these have been collated we will let you know the key points and any actions we are taking as a result of your comments.

We hope you found the evening informative and beneficial.

Mr Still Director of Learning Year 11

#### **YEAR 10 PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION EVENING**

A reminder that Year 10 parents evening is on **Wednesday 24th October** from 5pm to 8pm. Your child should now have made appointments with teachers and we are looking forward to see you Wednesday. This is a vital opportunity for you to meet with teachers to discuss your child's progress in individual subjects. If you have any questions regarding this evening please contact your child's Form Tutor.

Mr Armitage Director of Learning for Year 10

#### **YEAR 7**

All year 7 students have received a sheet detailing those primary schools we have heard from regarding the Primary School Visit on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Our office team are hard at work chasing for replies from those schools we are still waiting for and we will issue another updated list on Monday. We will be setting an alternative date for those schools who couldn't make the 25<sup>th</sup> or who are on half term for some time in November. Thank you for helping out with alternative arrangements for the visit if your child's teachers are coming!

#### **WELLBEING CLUB**

If anyone is able to contribute any games/board games that we can use at our lunchtime club - all donations would be gratefully received. Many children are wanting to play Monopoly and take over London. Please feel free to drop items off at the office for the attention of Mrs Hutchinson or Mrs Trigg. Thank you !

#### **FRIENDS OF TOWNSEND (PTA)**

##### **FRIENDS AGM 17TH October 2018**

Many thanks to all parent/carers joined us at the AGM this week. Last year the Friends of Townsend raised £5000 for the school through raffles, theatre trips, Easy

Fundraising website, donations at consultation evenings for refreshments, selling Christmas puddings/sweets and the Christmas and Easter Gift Stalls. This year we are aiming for even higher!

If you were not able to join us Wednesday but you are interested in joining this friendly group of parents/carers to help raise funds for the school do keep looking at Parentmail for the date of our next meeting.

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPER AND GIFT RAFFLE**

This year we are using different colours to collect Hamper items - this week's theme is 'RED'

Please send in your donations that have a theme of Red eg red wine, red soft drinks, jams, sauces and chutneys, red wrappers on packs of biscuits, sweets, tins, packets, cards, crackers, decorations, serviettes to the school office.

Raffle tickets will be on sale after half term.

**LOGS** - The weather is now getting colder and you may need to light your fire. We still have **logs for sale** here at school so if you are interested please contact reception and leave a contact number. Mr Graham will return your call..

Thanks you for all your support.

Friends of Townsend

### **DEFIBRILLATOR**

For anyone that comes into school for hiring or just visiting, we have a defibrillator located to the right of the Reception in a cabinet on the wall. The cabinet is kept unlocked for ease of access. Training is not needed as there are audio instructions that support its use.

### **SUBJECT INFORMATION**

#### **MUSIC**

There are a number of students who are not consistently attending their instrumental or singing lessons and unfortunately those lessons that are missed cannot always be made up. Please can you remind your children that they do need to check the times of their lessons on the board in the music centre.

Music lessons happen on the following days

Monday - Violin, Viola and Drums

Wednesday - Piano and Guitar (Mr Huse)

Friday - Voice, Flute and Guitar (Mr Gunter)

Thank you, Miss Kirk

### **YEAR 11 IACHIEVE FOOD AND COOKERY**

The 7 students taking this qualification will be sitting their Unit 3 externally examined assessment on Tuesday 6th November at 1.30pm. Students have been working on the content of this exam in lessons, as well as practising exam questions. They have the booklet to revise from.

Over the next 2 weeks students should do the following:

- Revise from the booklet that they have been working on in lessons
- Practise the sample exam papers on the iachieve website (all students have their login)
- Use GCSEpod to watch relevant videos on the different nutrients in the diet and balanced diets
- See Miss Gibbons or Mr Brooks if they have any questions.

We will be running an after school revision session on Monday 5th November 3.30-5.30pm to ensure pupils are fully prepared for this examination.

As parents please ensure that your child is using half term as a constructive revision period and doing as much as they can to prepare for this externally assessed unit. Thank you, Miss Gibbons & Mr Brooks

### **GEOGRAPHY IN THE NEWS**

Autumn Watch BBC2 - 8pm daily or catch up on BBC iPlayer - this live series is focused on the woodlands of the USA in New England - watching autumn turn the ecosystem golden and all the wildlife that live there. This is a fantastic series that supports our students knowledge of wildlife and ecosystems.

Wildlife Photography of the Year awards - a stunning display of the photos in the competition this year - follow the link below to see the winner and some of the entries - amazing photos that all have strong geographical links - you could look at these with your child and discuss the impact the photos have on you and what thoughts you have about the content.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-45870218>

Drought in Afghanistan - it is thought that the drought is causing more people to flee their homes than the Taliban conflict. Year 9-13 need to consider for their exams the issues associated with water as a resource. See the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-45872897>

### **Geography in School:**

**Year 7** - are currently making contour island models - if you have any cardboard/shoe boxes at home please send them in so we can make these models. Year 7 will be learning about the natural and human world in Africa after half term - over the holiday they could do some research about the different cultures and natural landscapes in Africa to prepare.

**Year 8** - have been learning about tectonics, volcanoes and earthquakes this term - have they looked online at the news to see what volcanoes are currently erupting around the world? After the half term holiday they will be learning about Asia and the Middle East - so looking at an atlas/globe to find out what countries are in this region would be very helpful, they could also find out what the political climate is like in these areas.

Year 9 - 13 - Our GCSE and A-Level students will have had or be having soon assessments on the topics they have been learning this term - they should use their exercise books to revise as well as GCSE Pod. We recommend the CGP revision guide for GCSE geography - the link below takes you to the correct revision guide on Amazon:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Grade-GCSE-Geography-Revision-Guide/dp/1782946101/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1539769820&sr=8-1&keywords=cgp+geography+aqa+revision+guide](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Grade-GCSE-Geography-Revision-Guide/dp/1782946101/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1539769820&sr=8-1&keywords=cgp+geography+aqa+revision+guide)

The relevant topics for GCSE students are below:

<b>Year 9</b>	<u>Natural Hazards – Tectonics</u>  Distribution, physical processes, effects and responses of hazards. Living with risk and reducing risk	<u>The Development Gap</u>  Global disparity of wealth the demographic transition model, population structures, uneven development, reducing the wealth gap
<b>Year 10</b>	<u>Natural Hazards – Weather and Climate Change</u>  Global atmospheric circulation, tropical storms, case studies, floods, extreme weather in the	<u>Urban Change in the UK</u>  Where do people live in the UK, social opportunities, economic opportunities, the effect on the environment, case studies

	UK
<b>Year 11</b>	<p><u>Resource Management and Water (pre-release material for mock prep)</u></p> <p>The global distribution of resources, provision of food, water and energy. Food insecurity and supply, sustainable food production, water insecurity and supply, case studies, impacts of energy insecurity, conflict, renewable resources and sustainable energy use.</p>

### **Year 10 geography trip to Swanage**

All geography students in year 10 have been given a letter and medical form for this year's GCSE residential trip to Swanage. Please return reply slips and medical form to the school office and pay deposits on School Comms. Deposit dates and payment plan dates are on the letter - if there are any queries, concerns or questions about the trip in general or for financial reasons please contact me now. We will have a parents information evening in March before we go and we will give you details then about arrangements and itinerary for the trip.

### **Year 13 geography trip to London**

On the 8th and 9th November - year 13 geographers will be going on a trip to London (returning each evening) by train. They will be looking at the regeneration of Stratford in London and how this has and will affect people. Letters will be sent home next week. The only costs will be train tickets to London on both days.

### **Cardboard and bottle tops**

If anyone has any cardboard shoe boxes or cardboard boxes (not cereal boxes) please feel free to donate them to the geography department for model making. We also need any bottle tops please - any size or colour - to create a plastics in the oceans display - our geo-club members are working on the theme of plastics in the oceans this term.

Thank you, Mrs Buckland

## **LANGUAGES**

As mentioned at the Year 11 consultation yesterday, attached are the details of the resources, I would like to ask you to consider purchasing for your children to use in their French studies.

## **ENGLISH**

Don't forget Film/Journalist Club every Friday lunchtime run by Mrs Kleyhans. If you are interested in films and writing about them then join her in E3.

### **ENGLISH WORK OVER HALF TERM**

We are fast approaching half term and we would just like to remind all parents to ensure students keep up with their Accelerated Reading – at least 30 minutes a day. Year 11 are also fast approaching their trial examinations – revision for half term should be focused on Language Paper 1 and Literature Paper 1. There are numerous support and revision materials on Show My Homework and examination papers/questions to try. Remember to encourage students to have a go at examination questions under timed conditions so they are building stamina for the examinations and they can become used to sustained writing.

For Year 11 there are already several support and intervention sessions running. If students are working with Ms Probyn they already know who they are. Mrs Kleynhans is running a Tuesday lunchtime revision class focused on Literature to which all students are welcome. Mrs Bunyan is running a Monday lunch time revision session in E5 – and Mrs Harris is running revision sessions Monday and Wednesday

lunchtimes in E1. Please encourage students to attend as these sessions are an important process in preparing our students for their exams.

## **HISTORY**

We are pleased to announce that GCSE History students will watch a performance about life of a First World War 'Tommy' and the social reforms that resulted from the war in the school Hall during Remembrance week.

This October marks the 31st annual Black History Month in the UK. The History Department is once again encouraging students to take part in Townsend's Black History Month competition, researching some fascinating but often forgotten individuals in history. Students are asked to produce an A4 or A3 poster on their individual, explaining how they have influenced society and why more people should know about them. Deadline for entries is Monday 5th November and are to be given Mrs Bailey, Head of History, in HU8.

History club is at lunchtimes on Wednesdays at 1.30 in room HU8 for all years.

### **Year 7 History**

Students have been issued with independent learning activities they can do throughout the academic year outside the classroom which will enrich their history knowledge as well as experiencing history in the wider-world. This is a great opportunity for students to get ahead during their holidays. Further details can be found on SMHW.

### **Year 8 History**

Students are currently studying the British Empire and are considering the changes and continuities to present day. Students can find the BBC bitesize link <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/zf7fr82/revision/1> on SMHW as supplementary reading to the history lessons. Please read instructions for independent learning under the Year 7 section.

### **Year 9 GCSE History**

Students are currently studying a non-examined unit this term on the topic of the First World War. This is to help them prepare and develop examination skills. The History department sell revision guides which can be purchased throughout the year. Students will study Paper 1 (Crime and Punishment) from January and it is suggested they procure themselves with a copy at the cost of £4 in order to embed revision skills early in the course. If your family has financial difficulties please do contact Ms Reynolds in confidence so that we can support you.

### **Year 10 GCSE History**

Students are currently studying Paper 2: The American West, c1835-c1895 for the term. We encourage students to purchase the American West revision guide at the cost of £4 sold directly by the History department. If your family has financial difficulties please contact Mr Armitage in confidence so that we can support you. History revision is being held weekly on Thursdays at 1.30 in Hu8. Students can refer to the revision programme to find about the skill and content covered every week. Please continue to encourage your child to revise and make use of the 'History Revision Reward' card system.

### **Year 11 GCSE History**

Students are studying Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39 and this will be the paper which they will sit during trial examination week in November 2018. We encourage students to purchase the Weimar and Nazi Germany revision guide at the cost of £4 sold directly by the History department. History revision is being held weekly on Thursdays at 1.30 in Hu8. Students can refer to the revision programme

to find about the skill and content covered every week. Please continue to encourage your child to revise and make use of the 'History Revision Reward' card system.  
Mrs Bailey, Head of History

### **COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION**

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

The specialist ADHD/Autism Trainers from ADD-Vance are offering various workshops that we would encourage parents/carters to consider where appropriate

**Weds November 14<sup>th</sup> Managing Anxiety for Parents/Carers** Members Lounge  
Hertfordshire Sports Village University of Hertfordshire de Havilland Campus Hatfield  
AL10 9EU

**Thurs November 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30-12pm Understanding ADHD for Parents/Carers**  
Members Lounge Hertfordshire Sports Village University of Hertfordshire de Havilland  
Campus Hatfield AL10 9EU

**Weds November 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30-12pm Understanding ADHD in Girls for  
Parents/Carers** Members Lounge Hertfordshire Sports Village University of  
Hertfordshire de Havilland Campus Hatfield AL10 9EU

Tickets cost £25 per person .Please book vis Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk>

If you would like to attend but your current financial circumstances are presenting you from doing so please do contact Miss Lingwood in confidence at school so we can discuss how we can support you.