

TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER
Friday 27th September 2019

**WORSHIP AT TOWNSEND
RESPECT**

The Value for this half term is RESPECT: 'Treat others the same way you want them to treat you' Luke 6:31. The values will be shared in daily worship sessions and students will have the opportunity to reflect on their meanings with a particular reference to how we lead our everyday lives.

Ms Sheppard, Head of Religious Education and School Worship

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

TIMETBALE – REMINDER. Next Week is **WEEK 1**.

OPEN EVENING

A big thank you to all those involved with supporting us on this big occasion for the school. Whether you were arranging alternative transport, helping at the event or simply encouraging your child to volunteer - thank you. The many favourable reports we received about the school, the staff and in particular, our student ambassadors made us very proud!

PARENTS/CARERS COFFEE MORNING

We are holding another coffee morning and catch up for all Parents/Carers on **Tuesday 1st October at 10am**.

This is for all parents/carers regardless of year group and those who regularly attend find it a great source of support. It could be especially helpful for those with children just starting Year 7 since there is no longer a chance to chat at the school gates at Secondary school and it can leave you feeling out of the loop.

We can get professionals to come in and give talks on subjects that are particularly concerning parents/carers and we can share strategies that have been tried and tested as it gives us the opportunity to keep the lines of communication open in order for you to feel supported by the school.

If you would have liked to attend the coffee morning but are unable as you work full-time (or any other reason) then do let the school reception know. We previously ran a session during the day and one in the evening, however the evening session was poorly attended. It may be that now more parents/carers can attend, so you wish to attend an evening session so please let us know and we'll see what we can do.

We hope to see you on Tuesday 1st October.

Many thanks

Penny Baker

Inclusion Manager and Autism Lead

CONSULTATION EVENINGS -AUTUMN TERM 2019

YEAR 11 PARENT/CARER EVENING Thursday 17TH October 5-8pm

YEAR 8 PARENT/CARER EVENING Thursday 24TH October 5-8pm

YEAR 10 PARENT/CARER EVENING Thursday 21st November 5-8pm

CYCLING TO SCHOOL

Any child who is cycling to school needs permission from their Head of Year and MUST wear a helmet and a luminous jacket/vest/strips. This is around student safety on the journey to and from school. Thank you.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

A Year 11 student is taking the lead in delivering assemblies, prepare form activities and whole school activities to promote and celebrate Black History Month. We would like you to encourage your child to participate in a debate on the relevance of Black History Month and poetry performance workshops also delivered by a Year 11 student.

LITERACY

The English Department is participating in National Poetry day next week on the 4th of October. We will be celebrating the day in our English lessons and students will be given the opportunity to enter a poetry competition. Students who want to participate need to enter their original poems online, more information is available at: WWW.TOWERPOETRY.ORG.UK.

Another poetry competition that we would encourage our poets to enter online can be found at: <https://voices.poetry.blog/competition/> Entries for this last one, however, closes on the 30th of September, so please encourage your young poets to write and submit these this weekend!

BBC YOUNG REPORTER COMPETITION

The BBC Young Reporter club leaders are pleased to announce a new competition is open to 11-18 year olds to submit a suggested story and why they want to tell it online. The BBC are looking for original story ideas on the themes '*My Life*' and '*Our World*' (no need to produce a report, just a suggested story with reasoning will do!). The winners will get to work with a BBC programme team such as Newsround, The One Show or BBC Breakfast, to make and broadcast their story. We hope you can encourage your child to share their unique story with us and we will enter them for a chance to win this unique experience to work alongside a BBC journalist to report on their story! Winners will be chosen across the UK and entries must be in by Saturday 26 October.

Thank you, Mrs Bailey and Mr Glanville

PHYSICAL EDUCATION FIXTURES

District Cross Country Event on Thursday 3rd October at Verulam School 3.25 - 5pm
Year 10 netball match Vs Marlborough on Wednesday 2nd October at Marlborough School 3.25 - 5/5.15pm

NUMERACY TIPS

Your support, encouragement and interest can make a spectacular difference to your child's motivation and ability to cope with the academic and organisational demands that Mathematics entail. Support on calculations such as Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division is extremely helpful when they translate these skills to topics covered in their Mathematics lessons.

Mr Timpson – Lead in Numeracy

SAFETY

Please can you remind your children again about being safe on the journey to and from school. No child should approach an unknown car or a stranger offering any

kind of 'treats'. If you do hear of any incidents please do report this directly to the Police.

YEAR 7 & 8

OPEN EVENING

Well done to Year 7 pupils who helped out at our Open Evening on Wednesday, either as tour guides or supporting departments. They were great ambassadors to the school! We received positive feedback from the public, parents and staff so thank you for encouraging your child to volunteer their time to the school's most important event of the year.

It was impressive to see so many entries from Year 7 European Languages Day Bake Off competition. I know Mrs Livesey and Mr Grzesiczek enjoyed judging the competition! I am pleased to see so many Year 7 pupils involved in our enrichment programmes at lunchtime and after school clubs. Our website has the full list of activities and your child can check enrichment posters displayed in their form rooms to see what is on offer every day.

Mr Still, Director of Learning for Year 7

YEAR 7 LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT EVENING

Thursday 10th October from 5pm to 6-30pm

This evening is focusing on two sessions - what your child is doing in school and how you can support your child at home. It will be led by Mr Still Director of Learning for Year 7 and Miss Lingwood Deputy Head. Year 7 Form Tutors will also be present. It is not a Consultation Evening where you talk to other teachers but instead an early opportunity to collect more information and learn more about how home and school partnership. It is in essence for parents/carers only but if you are only able to attend if your child accompanies you then this is fine. We look forward to seeing as many of our Year 7 parents/carers as possible

YEAR 8

Please pass on a big thank you to all Year 8 students who assisted at Open Evening, either as tour guides or in departments. As tour guides, they were great ambassadors for our school, answering questions from prospective parents/carers and students. Throughout the evening, they showed compassion and understanding so that some incredibly nervous students and parents felt comfortable here. The evening would not have run so smoothly without them, so we are incredibly grateful. Thank you.

Miss Gordon, Director of Learning for Year 8

YEAR 9, 10 & 11

HISTORY

Year 10

Students will have the opportunity to take part in a workshop delivered by two Native Americans on Tuesday 22nd October to learn about Native American beliefs and culture which links with Paper 2. This also ties in well with our Diversity week celebrations at school. Letters have been issued already with further details and small contribution for the event.

Students can procure the American West revision guide at the cost of £4 from the History office as we will be starting this unit in September. 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

Students have been offered the opportunity to go on a trip to London on a full day tour of the Whitechapel area which is the historical environment feature in Paper 1 Crime and Punishment. This is an ideal opportunity for students to revisit content and practice source skills in the context of Whitechapel. Trip letters and payment must be made by the **latest 14th October**.

Please see the note above on the American West workshop which will also be offered to Year 11 History students as part of their enrichment and revision of Paper 2.

Students can procure the Weimar and Nazi Germany revision guide at the cost of £4 from the History office as we will be starting this unit in September. 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.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Mrs Bailey, Head of History

STUDENT WELLBEING

Punctuality Matters

Did you know being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning?

Arriving **5 minutes** late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.

Arriving **15 minutes** late every day adds up to 2 weeks absence a year.

Arriving **30 minutes** late every adds up to 19 days absence a year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Please find attached to this parentmail a newsletter for DSPL7 (Delivering Special Provision Locally). This is a busy organisation offering a variety of resources and workshops to parents /carers of children with additional needs. There really is a wealth of material sand groups available in our district that can provide support to families. Do have a look!

THE BIG ST ALBANS MODEL SHOW

presents

MODELS THAT MOVE at Townsend CE School

The school comes alive – 7 model clubs – nearly all the school full of static and working displays. It is usually a brilliant show with things happening all over the school.

FREE TRAIN RIDES • HAVE-A-GO BOATS • PLANES

DRONES • HOT AIR BALLOON • LORRIES • MECCANO

TRACTION ENGINES • STEAM LORRIES • VISITING CLUBS

MODEL RAILWAYS • LIVE STEAM TRACK EXHIBITS • CLUB SHOP

SPECIALIST TRADE STANDS • REFRESHMENTS • FREE PARKING

10am – 5pm Adults £4 Children £1