

**TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER**  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK –**

A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees – Amelia Earhart

**WORSHIP AT TOWNSEND**

Each month we have a different values focus for the school. For June our value focus is Wisdom 'And he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills' Exodus 35:31 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**

**New Intake Evening - Thursday 5 July 5pm onwards.**

If anyone can help at this event with selling second hand uniform, being available to talk to new parents/carers or promoting the Parent Association, we would be really grateful. It is a busy evening for us and with a couple of pairs of extra hands it will help! We would ask if you are able to help can you let Mr Buckland know prior to Thursday and we would need you to be at school from about 5.30 to about 6.45pm.

Thank you  
Mr Buckland.

**School Production - Thursday 12th and Friday 13th July at 7pm**

If anyone can help with refreshments at the interval for the school production on either evening evenings this would also be appreciated. Again please let Mr Buckland know including which day, or both. We will probably need to set up at 6pm ready for when guests start to arrive.

Thank you in advance for your help.

**INVESTORS IN CAREERS**

We are delighted to tell you we have successfully completed Stage 2 of Investors in Careers Award. We are committed to working towards stage 3 of this award, which we hope to achieve by January 2019. Well done to everyone. Mrs Maguire

**SCHOOL SPORTS DAY WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

All students should have selected the events they are competing in within their forms and should be practising them in athletics lessons in PE, and at athletics practice on Monday lunchtime.

Parents/Carers are welcome to come to this event that starts at 12.00. Please do remember to sign in at the table as you come round to the field at the back of the school. Students attending as spectators must be accompanied by an adult or have made prior arrangements to help with an event. We strongly advise students participating to be appropriately equipped with sun cream, hats and water. Water will also be available at the event. The afternoon will end at 3.15 when students are expected to return to classrooms for registration. Students may go home in their PE kit.

Photography – You may NOT take photographs of other children – only your own! And you must register that we will be using a camera/phone for photographs when you register at the desk on the field.

Any questions please contact form tutors or Miss Pennifold, Head of Physical Education.

### **YEAR 12**

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers for the year 12 students who were injured in the car crash on Monday. We have remained in contact with parents/carers throughout the week and will continue to offer our support to all those students and families involved. Some of the students are now at home recovering, however there are two children who are still in hospital seriously ill and we do send our best wishes and thoughts to them and their families. The incident has had a significant impact on many of our school community but we have accessed a counselling service to support all those involved and if you feel able, please continue to pray for those involved or affected.

### **YEAR 10 EXAMINATIONS**

The Year 10 examinations have on the whole gone very well this week. Hopefully, as well as starting to appreciate the need for early revision, good organisation and specific examination technique, the students have been able to experience the feeling of what it might like in a year's time for the actual GCSE examinations. A big concern that will need to be addressed for the Year 11 trial examinations is the need for students to arrive at the examination with the proper and full set of equipment. Far too many students have been borrowing essential equipment to complete examinations and that simply won't be possible in November or next year. This area of responsibility falls on the students' shoulders.

Finally can I remind everyone of two important dates coming up

**Friday 13th July -Year 10 Celebration Assembly at 2pm**

**Tuesday 17th July- Progress & Achievement Evening at 7pm.**

Letters will be issued next week.

Many thanks, Mr Still

### **YEAR 8 PICNIC**

We will be holding our annual picnic on Thursday 12th July over lunch and form time. Students will be bringing home their invitation with a request to provide an item to contribute to the forms picnic lunch. We hope that we have great weather for this event and have the opportunity to play some games together and celebrate our end of year and move into GCSEs. With this in mind please send your child to school with sun protection and a hat on that day. If we are unfortunate to have inclement weather the picnics will still go ahead in form rooms. Kind regards, Miss Reynolds.

### **CELEBRATION CEREMONIES 2018**

Invitation letters will be sent out shortly but can we take this opportunity of warmly inviting you all to these occasions that celebrate the cohort's achievements through the year. We have listed the dates below. All ceremonies will begin at 2pm and we ask that you are seated by 1.45pm.

Year 12- Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup>

Year 10 - Friday July 13<sup>th</sup>

Year 9 - Monday July 16<sup>th</sup>

Year 8 - Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup>

Year 7 - Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup>

### **YEAR 13 EURODISNEY**

Can we please remind year 13 students/parent/carers that the meeting for the Disney trip on 13-15<sup>th</sup> July is being held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 6.00pm. All must attend in order for the students to be allowed to go on the trip.

## **SUBJECT INFORMATION**

### **DRAMA**

#### **Tickets for School Show:**

Tickets are on sale for this year's school production 'The Wizard of Oz' on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th July at 7:00pm, tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for concession. Come and support the students who have worked their socks off to give you an excellent show.

#### **Rehearsals:**

As shown on the rehearsal scheduled from Monday 18th June after school rehearsals will be from 3:30-5:30pm on Monday's and Thursday's. Please make sure that students are checking their schedule as it is vital that they are present at all rehearsals leading up to the show.

Please could you also encourage your child to look through their scripts so they are as confident as possible for the show, we want them to be the shining stars we know they can be!

#### **Costume:**

We have a few items which we are still searching for and if you happen to have them it would be a great help to us if we could borrow them:

Black Witches Hat

Witches Broomstick

Hessian Sacks

Anything Green.

Any donations would be very much appreciated, just drop them off to reception and let them know they are for the Drama Department.

It has been such a privilege and joy to be working on such a great project, thank you all so much for the support of parents with rehearsals etc. See you all in two weeks!  
Mrs Coates.

### **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**

Year 8 students who have chosen History as their GCSE option will be provided with summer work before the end of Summer Term. Please note that the work can be completed on either the sheets provided or on a computer provided that they follow the recommended template. There will be more than one fact file to complete therefore students must request hard copies from their History teacher if home printing is an issue.

#### **Year 9 GCSE**

Students will now be sitting Paper 1 trial examination on the week starting Monday 9th July. They have been encouraged to purchase the Crime and Punishment revision guide (£4) directly from the History department. 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.

### **Year 10 GCSE**

Students have now sat their Paper 1 trial examination which is being marked and will then be fed back to students. Students meeting or exceeding their minimum target grade can expect a home reward card and a house point for their progress. Students achieving below their minimum target grade will receive an appropriate intervention plan and parents will be contacted on both attainment and further strategies to ensure students meet their full potential.

Mrs Bailey, Head of History

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

### **Yr 7 Sports Photos**

Last week year 7s were given 3 copies of sports photos taken by Keepsakes photography company for parents to purchase if they wish.

You have 3 options for the photos

- 1 – buy 2 photos for £15 and get the third free
- 2 – buy 1 photo for £7.50 and return the other 2 photos
- 3 – return all 3 photos.

Photos/money can be handed in to reception or to Miss Pennifold.

These need to be returned by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Parents/Carers will be charged for any photos not returned.

## **SPORTS DAY**

Sports Day is taking place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, events start at 12pm

Students should have selected the events they are taking part in with their form tutors and sports captains and should have spent time practising these in PE lessons or at athletics club.

Students will attend school as normal in the morning in their school uniform and bring their School PE kit with them, as well as plenty of water, suncream, sunhat or trousers and jumper depending on the weather.

Form time - 8.45 – 9.00am

Lesson 1 – 9.00 – 10.00am

Break – 10.00 – 10.20am

Lesson 2 – 10.20 – 11.20am

Lunch – 11.20 – 11.50am

During lunch students will need to get changed – yr7 and 8 – inside changing rooms, yr9 and 10 – outside changing rooms.

At 11.50 students will head out to the field to their allotted area and register with their form tutor, where they will remain throughout the afternoon when they are not taking part in their events, to cheer on their classmates and other competitors.

If the sun continues to shine students will have access to the hall – but remember to send your child in with a hat and long sleeve shirt and sun protection cream!

***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.***

### **NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY**

*As we continue our weekly #WakeUpWednesday online safety campaign, we have created a FREE online safety guide on Minecraft for you to share with your whole school community.*

*Minecraft is played by millions of children around the world, who can use their imagination to build three-dimensional worlds with virtual building blocks in a digital, pixelated landscape. The risks that parents need to be aware of with this game include cyberbullying, "griefing", online grooming and susceptibility to viruses and malware.*

*This guide aims to give parents and teachers practical tips on how to ensure this game can be enjoyed safely.*

*Please share this free guide for your whole school community by retweeting our guide here: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1011992663002963969>*

*Many thanks for your continued support and for helping us to achieve a safer online world for children.*

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