

**TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER**  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**'THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK'**

"Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up" Jesse Jackson

**WORSHIP AT TOWNSEND**

Each month we have a different values focus for the school. For September our value focus is Respect "Treat others the same way you want them to treat you" Luke 6:31 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.

**OPEN EVENING**

Many thanks to so many people who helped out with our Open Evening. It was a really busy evening and PTA staff and students all contributed so much to make it a success. Do continue to promote our school to neighbours and friends over the next few important weeks. Mr Wellbeloved is taking tours for parents/carers with year 6 children around the school up until half term so please do pass on this information too. Tours are by appointment only and interested parents/carers need to ring the office to book places (01727853047)

**TRAVEL TO SCHOOL**

If your child cycles to school they must have passed a cycle proficiency test and must be wearing a cycle helmet. The roads are extremely busy around the school site and it is essential students use a helmet for their own safety.

**Luton/Harpenden Bus**

Students should be crossing the Harpenden road **ONLY** at the pedestrian crossing. Sadly there are still children who are insisting on running across the road to the Texaco Garage from the school side of Harpenden Road. This is unsafe and really dangerous. Please can you talk to your child about it.

**YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING – THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER**

Parents of year 11 students are invited to the Year 11 Consultation Evening, to be held on Thursday 5th October from 5pm to 8pm. Your son/daughter should attend in full school uniform and we are expecting a full attendance from parents/carers. This is a critical year for students and we are keen to see ALL our parents/carers so that any intervention or updates about progress in subjects can be communicated with you at home as early as possible in the year. The students have trial examinations at the end of November and with only a few weeks now before half term, these examinations will suddenly be upon students.

The Consultation evening (as from previous years) is organised on an appointment system, each consultation lasting for no longer than five minutes. We do ask you to try to keep to this so that all parents /carers are able to see as many staff as possible. Your son/daughter has written the names of all the subject teachers in the appropriate page in their Achievement & Record Book. If you are unable to attend for the whole evening, please indicate this clearly on the appointment sheet.

Veronica Hutchinson, who has been working closely with students in Year 11, will also be available for appointments throughout the evening. Please ask your child to make an appointment directly with her if you wish to see her.

This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teachers, including how they have started Year 11, as well as what they need to do to achieve their full potential this year.

Please sign the bottom of the letter sent home last week to confirm your attendance at this very important meeting to discuss your child's progress and return it to your child's form tutor no later than Monday 2nd October 2017.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Buckland and Miss Gibbons.

### **ACCELERATED READER - YEARS 7, 8 AND 9**

Could we please remind parents/carers of the importance of your son/daughter reading at home. We endeavour to provide reading time during the day, however, to gain maximum success from the scheme and improve standards of reading, it is vital that all pupils read at home for around 30 minutes per day. This reading should be from their Achievement and Record book so they can take more tests at break and lunchtimes and therefore move through the scheme at a good pace.

Many thanks.

### **KEY DATES- REMINDERS**

Year 11 PE GCSE **Morfa Bay** Trip Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> to Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>

**Free Bowling trip for excellent attendance** 2016/2017 – Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> 3.45-6.15pm

**Year 10 Consultation Evening** - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 5.00-8.00pm

**Year 9 Battlefield Trip** – Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>

**Year 7 Primary School teachers visiting** year 7 students – Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> 3.45

**Friends of Townsend (PTA) AGM** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 7pm.

**Diversity Day Event** (in school at lunch time for students only ) - Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>

**Year 8 Consultation Evening** -Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 5.00-8.00pm

### **MCMILLAN WORLDS BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING**

The sixth form held their coffee morning in the Sixth Form Centre selling cakes made by themselves and some by teachers. This year they have raised £162.07. Well done to all concerned. Miss Gibbons

### **SUBJECT INFORMATION**

#### **SIXTH FORM BIOLOGY RESIDENTIAL TRIP – 9-13<sup>th</sup> October**

With just a week to go until we depart for the Biology field trip at 7 o'clock Monday morning, thank you for attending the parents evening, and for all payments already made. If you have any further questions regarding this trip please speak to Mr Morgan.

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Results

- Year 8 girls had their second match of the year against a very strong and experienced St Albans High School team on Monday. With a stronger team performance from the first match last week, with better movement, drive and positioning. Regular training every Tuesday lunchtime and Wednesday afterschool will help improve our game play.

POM – Gracie

- Year 9 and 10 had their first matches on Tuesday against tall and experienced Marlborough teams. With a depleted year 10 team and new players to the year 9 squad it was a learning curve. Our girls kept persisting and made progress throughout the match learning from mistakes and coming on stronger each quarter. Regular training is a must to improve our fitness, timing and tactics in the games.  
POM year 9 – Leonie and India  
POM year 10 – Charlotte

### **Fixtures**

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – year 11 Netball at Samuel Ryder Academy 3.30 – 5 / 5.15
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – District Cross Country at Verulam School 3.30 – 5

A reminder as the weather is becoming cold and wet that students may wear Townsend sports jumpers, jackets or waterproof coats, or plain black jumpers (no hoodies) and plain black trousers in their lessons over their normal PE kit. No other colours or non-sports jackets will be allowed.

If your child has misplaced their kit, please check in lost property as we have had many handed in over the last week.

Please ensure all kit is labelled clearly so it can be returned if found.

If your child has lost their kit they are permitted to wear other plain white or black t-shirt, shorts/trousers until it can be found or replaced.

Students should be wearing their PE kit to every PE lesson, even if they are injured as they will still be taking part in the lesson as a coach / official.

If a student forgets their kit they will be expected to borrow spare kit that we provide them.

***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.***

The 267 Project in association with STEP are running sessions for young people dealing with stress and anxiety

#### **Details:**

Youth Room St Paul's Church Blandford Road St Albans AL1 4JP on the third Thursday of the month in term time 4.30-6pm for young people 12+  
Or

LX Youth Centre High Street St Methodist Harpenden AL5 2RU on the second Thursday of the month in term time 4.30pm -6pm for young people 12+

For more information go to [thehaven@the267project.com](mailto:thehaven@the267project.com)