

TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER
Friday 4th May 2018

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Family is not an important thing. It's everything" – Michael J. Fox

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.

MONDAY MAY 7TH

This is a Public Bank Holiday and school will be closed.

THURSDAY MAY 10TH

The Ascension Day Service is on Thursday May 10th at 2pm at St Albans Cathedral. Students should make arrangements to be collected from St Albans Cathedral for 3.00pm. Again we do ask that you are clear with your child about where you are meeting them/picking them up. Parents/carers are welcome to join us for this service. Year 11 students and parents/carers have received additional information about this Service.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

In preparation for the external examinations students were given two documents with back to back information covering 'Information for candidates' and 'Notes for candidates' to help them understand instructions and regulations for examinations. The attached files are copies of the information. It would be helpful if you could read the sheets with your child so they are absolutely clear about what is expected.

Students who are taking exams in a separate room need to wait in front of the Seminar rooms for a member of LSA team/invigilator to take them to their allocated room.

Students must ensure that they have a black pen, pencil, rubber, ruler and all the other required equipment including compasses - with a sharp pencil that fits, protractor, ruler and calculator (where necessary).

It is the student's responsibility to bring their own equipment for exams.

All the very best of luck to all students!
Mrs Kovacevic, Examination officer

CAREERS INFORMATION ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

Please do encourage your child to look on the Careers section of our website, on our blog or our twitter account to see the opportunities and information around possible carer pathways. Mrs Maguire

**HEALTH
MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

We have sent letters home to all children whose records show they have a medical condition to ensure that we have the most up to date information. If you have received one of these please can you return it to the office as soon as possible. If you have not received a letter, but your child has a medical condition, the form is also attached to this parentmail. We do not allow students to carry their medication apart from asthma inhalers or epi pens. All other medicine is stored in the office. It is recommended that student's who carry asthma inhalers or epi pens, should also have a spare in the office. If you would like us to store a spare for your child, please send one into the office. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that any medication required by their child is in school and in date.

MEDICAL & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Ideally appointments should be made outside of the school day. However, if your child needs to leave school early for an appointment, then a parent/carer or other adult must collect them from school (They are not allowed to leave school on their own – this is a safeguarding issue). Please can you write the details of the appointment and the time they will be collected in their planner, so that your child can show it to their teacher.

VACCINATIONS

Year 8 HPV

Please find attached the 2018 electronic consent and letter for these vaccinations.

This year the process has changed and the consents will not be returned in paper to the school. Instead, parents will complete the consent form online and return it electronically directly to the School Health Immunisation Team.

Year 9 pupils (girls only) who have received the HPV immunisation in 2017 are now due a second dose. These pupils have already consented and will not need to complete an electronic consent. However, any pupils who did not consent last year and now wish to receive the HPV immunisation should consent electronically and should also be sent the electronic consent link.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH – Year 10

There are a few students who still have to pay for their place on this year's expeditions. If your child owes money please can you ask them to give the money to Mrs Liddington so that their place is secured.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Thank you for all your help and encouragement during Work Experience. We are starting to get feedback and it looks as though it will have been a very successful week for the majority of the year. Students will be doing follow up work in tutor groups when they return.

Margaret Wood

Work Experience Co-ordinator

SHOW MY HOMEWORK (SMHW)

All students have been given a letter this week that has the students PIN number and the parent/carers PIN number. Students have been reminded about the benefits of SMHW in Year assemblies as well as the fact that the SMHW app is free to download onto student and parent/carer phones.

Thank you. Mrs Maguire

YEAR 10 GCSE SHOWCASE

Could all reply slips for the upcoming showcase please be returned ASAP to allow for seating to be organised. All students must attend the extra rehearsal to polish their work on Friday 11th May, this is a two hour workshop running from 3:30-5:30pm.
Mrs Coates

THEATRE TRIP

Could all permission slips for the upcoming theatre trip on the 7th June please be returned to the drama department ASAP, along with any extra information needed. Payments can be made using our online system, details are attached to the trip letter provided.
Mrs Coates

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Tickets for the school production are available from reception and cost £5 adult £3 concession, come and support our cast after all the hard work they have put into the show. Show dates are Thursday 12th and Friday 13th July.
Mrs Coates

SUBJECT INFORMATION

GEOGRAPHY

7 York have been set their Geography project which is due in on Friday 25th May. All students should be working on this project over the next three weeks ready to hand it in during their lesson on the 25th. All details have been put on show my homework as well as all students receiving a paper copy. Please contact Mrs Brooks if you have any queries regarding this.

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

A GCSE History student document will be handed to students next week where they will get an overview of the course, details on revision guides and resources for independent learning for each topic covered. This will be especially useful for students to extend their knowledge or revise during holidays (especially the summer term).

All students have been taking part of a cross-curricular project between the History and English department on kindertransport. Students will attend a live webcast of Harry Bribing BEM, a kindertransport refugee who will share his testimony. This will take place on Tuesday 22nd May in the morning. 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>

Year 9

Students have been encouraged to purchase the Crime and Punishment revision guide in preparation for their Paper 1 trial examination on the week starting Monday 2nd July 2018. 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. They have also been encouraged to attend weekly lunchtime revision on Thursday at 1.30 in HU8 and access revision

materials from GCSEpod or on the shared area from the school network (they print what they need or put it on a USB stick).

A GCSE History independent learning document will also be provided to students as mentioned in the Year 8 notice.

Year 10 GCSE

Advance notice that students will sit a History trial examination (Paper TBC) the week beginning Monday 18th June as part of Year 10 assessment week. It is vital that students revise now in order to achieve their potential. The History department are launching a 'History Revision Reward' where students must complete a revision activity 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. It would be worth considering matching the reward at home to motivate them further.

YEAR 11 GCSE

A reminder that Year 11 GCSE History revision takes place every Monday (boys only) in HU6 at 1.30 and every Thursday (girls only) in HU8 at 1.30. Your child has been given a lunchtime revision and lesson countdown as a guide. GCSE History lunchtime revision sessions will run until 10th May. Revision guides are still available to purchase at £4 for each topic. 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. Thursday after school revision sessions can be organised in advance with Mrs Bailey.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On Friday Year 11 students will spend the day taking part in a carousel of RE activities in preparation for their GCSE examination on Monday May 14th. The sessions will include; Christian Beliefs; Christian Practices; Relationships and Families; Religion and Life; Crime and Punishment; Human Rights and Social Justice and Islamic Beliefs and Practices. It should be an excellent day of preparation for students.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Due to the bank holiday on Monday 7XDt1 and 8XDt1 will be cooking on Tuesday next week instead of Monday. This is for one week only and will revert back to Monday's following this week. Also both year 8 classes (X & Y) have been given new ingredient date sheets due to a typo on the originals, sorry for the inconvenience.
Mrs Coates

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Yr 11 GCSE moderation – Wednesday 9th May

Students involved have received a letter detailing where they have to be on the moderation day at what time, and the activities they will be moderated in. They should attend school and lesson 1 as normal, then go to the minibuses straight after lesson 1 to be transported to Beaumont school.

Session 1 – netball – 10.20 – 11.20

Session 2 – football – 11.30 – 12.30

Lunch – 12.30 – 1.30

Session 4 – 1.30 – 2.30 – athletics

Session 5 – 2.30 – 3.15 – trampolining

Students will need to be in full Townsend PE kit, and appropriate extra sportswear required for the sport/s they are participating in. Football – boots/Astros – both will

be needed as may be on astro depending on weather, shinpads, socks. Trampolining
– shorts/leggings and small white socks.

RESULTS

- County Athletics – Tuesday 1st May

U14 girls

- 1st place – Erica – Discus – 15.72
- 2nd place – Kerri – Javelin – 15.64
- 2nd place – Deborah – 100m – 14.34
- 2nd place – relay team – 1.01.00
- 3rd place – Judith – 300m – 56.6
- 3rd place – Jasmine – high jump – 1.12
- 3rd place – Chiara – shot – 6.16

U16 girls

- 1st place – Bueala – shot – 5.44
- 3rd place – Bueala – 100m – 14.70
- 3rd place – India – 800m – 2.49.6

U14 boys

- 2nd place – David – 100m – 13.50
- 3rd place – Aaron – 200m – 29.8
- 3rd place – relay team – 57.7

U16 boys

- 2nd place – Jake – shot – 7.06
- 3rd place – Bayley – 800m – 3.05.3
- 3rd place – Anashe – 200m – 30.30

FIXTURES

- Athletics match at Welwyn – Tuesday 8th May – 3.30 – 7pm