

**TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"The value of life is not based on how long we live, but how much we contribute to others in our society" - Buddha

**WORSHIP AT TOWNSEND**

Each month we have a different values focus for the school. For July our value focus is Appreciation 'Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus' 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. 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.

**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 10 REMINDERS**

Celebration Assembly - Friday 13th July at 2.00pm

Progress & Achievement Evening - Tuesday 17th July at 7.00pm

Please could you check your child's bag if they haven't already given you a letter with these dates on and please could you return the reply slips ASAP. I look forward to seeing you on these occasions.

Many thanks, Mr Still

**WIZARD OF OZ SCHOOL PRODUCTION**

Students and staff have been working incredibly hard on this great production so we hope as many as possible come along to support it.

Tickets are still available for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> for 7pm performances.

See you there!

**CAREERS**

Please check our careers page on the school website for any up to dates on opportunities available for young people in Herts. Mrs Maguire

**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

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

A reminder that Breakfast Club is on every morning from 8.10am in the small canteen.

## **SUBJECT INFORMATION**

### **HISTORY**

#### **Year 7**

Students are studying the Tudors where they focus on how much 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 in the GCSE summer work booklet 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 be sitting Paper 1 trial examination next week. 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 listen to 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 to support their confidence in both knowledge and skills.

#### **Year 10 GCSE**

Students have now sat their Paper 1 trial examination which is being marked and fed back to students. Students who have met or exceeded their minimum target grade should expect a home reward card and a house point for their progress. Students achieving more than one level below their minimum target grade will receive an appropriate intervention plan and a letter of concern will be sent home regarding both attainment and further strategies to ensure students meet their full potential.  
Mrs Bailey, Head of History

### **MATHEMATICS**

All year 8 students have Maths tests next week in their Maths lessons, and will be expected to have calculators with them, along with any other equipment they would normally need. Mrs Berry

### **SCHOOL SHOW**

#### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale for this years 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. Tickets will also be on sale on the door each night, however we are

selling out fast so it is best to buy in advance. Come and support the students who have worked their socks off to give you an excellent show.

### **Rehearsals**

Monday 9th July is our last rehearsal and will be running 3:30-6:00pm as we need to do an entire run of the show and notes, please can you make sure all arrangements for collection are changed for this one rehearsal.

Wednesday 11th July is our school day rehearsal, dress run, technical run and band run. Students will be out of lessons and rehearsing in the hall, it is advisable for them to bring a packed lunch as break and lunch times may vary slightly. Students will finish at normal time.

Please encourage your children to look through their scripts so they are as confident as possible next week.

### **Costume**

All chorus members are expected to bring black trousers, a black t-shirt and a green t-shirt. Please contact Mrs Coates if there are any issues with getting hold of these items, the drama department has some spares for use.

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, costume donations etc. See you all next week!

Mrs Coates

### **ART DEPARTMENT**

We are always looking for Art materials or cloth materials to use in the department. If anyone has any they would like to donate we would be very grateful.

Miss Bailey

### **SPORTS DAY**

A huge congratulation to every student who took part in every event at sports day, competing for their form groups. It was a great day with some fantastic events and competitions and very close scores across the year groups.

Thank you also to all the parents who came to support their children at the event!

### **Results:**

yr 7 girls

- 1st - Norwich
- 2nd - Exeter
- 3rd - Canterbury
- 4th - Durham
- 5th - York

yr 7 boys

- 1st - Norwich
- 2nd - Exeter
- 3rd - York
- 4th - Canterbury
- 5th - Durham

**yr 7 overall**

- 1st - Norwich
- 2nd - Exeter
- 3rd - Canterbury
- 4th - York

- 5th - Durham
- yr 8 girls
  - 1st - York
  - 2nd - Exeter
  - 3rd - Canterbury
  - 4th - Durham
- yr 8 boys
  - 1st - York
  - 2nd - Durham
  - 3rd - Exeter
  - 4th - Canterbury
- yr 8 overall**
  - 1st - York
  - 2nd - Exeter
  - 3rd - Durham
  - 4th - Canterbury
- yr 9 girls
  - 1st - Durham
  - 2nd - Canterbury
  - 3rd - Exeter
  - 4th - York
- yr 9 boys
  - 1st - Durham
  - 2nd - Exeter
  - 3rd - York
  - 4th - Canterbury
- yr 9 overall**
  - 1st - Durham
  - 2nd - Exeter
  - 3rd - Canterbury
  - 4th - York
- yr 10 girls
  - 1st - Canterbury
  - joint 2nd - Durham and Exeter
- yr 10 boys
  - 1st - Exeter
  - 2nd - Canterbury
  - 3rd - Durham
- yr 10 overall**
  - 1st - Canterbury
  - 2nd - Exeter
  - 3rd - Durham

***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**

This #WakeUpWednesday we're highlight the risks associated with Doki Doki Literature Club; a visual novel game with suicide themes and a psychological horror

plot, advised by its makers as 'not suitable for children'. The game is believed to have been downloaded more than two million times in the first four months and has come under scrutiny in the UK media after a father said he felt the game had 'dragged his son in' and contributed to his death in Greater Manchester in early 2018. Police and the coroner investigating the 15-year-old's death have urged parents to be vigilant and called the game a 'risk to children and young people'.

We have been alerted to this game by our schools and have created this guide to help support them to raise awareness of the online safety risks associated with it.

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

The National Online Safety Team