

## **TOWNSEND PARENTMAIL NEWSLETTER**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever - Gandhi

### **WORSHIP AT TOWNSEND**

Each month we have a different values focus for the school. For June our value focus is Appreciation 'Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" Hebrews 13: 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.

### **YEAR 11**

#### **Prom**

The final deadline for payment is on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June as I have to let the hotel know the numbers that are coming. If your child wants to come and they have not paid in full by this date, then unfortunately they won't be able to come. If however, there is a particular financial issue that will prevent you from being able to complete the payment please do contact me in confidence so we can look to support you and your child.

#### **Celebration Event**

Please return the reply slip ASAP with the numbers attending so that we can accommodate everyone and organise the catering.

Thank you

Mr Still

### **6TH FORM**

Sixth Form Sexual Health Clinic - As a new Hertfordshire initiative and to promote healthy relationships, HCC Herts YC will be offering sexual health drop in sessions for sixth formers in our 6th form for St Albans schools in our consortium. Once a month, on a trial basis, Alex Dellar or Katie Fineman from YCHertfordshire will be available to give sexual health advice to years 12 & 13. They will be located in SI3 in the sixth form block and will be available from 3.30-4.15pm for any sixth formers to speak to confidentially for advice and guidance. Among the services offered are - leaflets for students regarding certain topics, chlamydia testing, health and sexual guidance, pregnancy testing, free condoms, and condom demonstrations. The dates for these county trials for the rest of this term are:

Thursday 13th June

Thursday 11th July

For further information, please speak to Miss Gibbons, Head of 6th Form

### **SCHOOL OF ROCK - WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION**

It is vital that students attend all rehearsals they are needed for to help make the show a success and support the other students who are involved in their scenes. As we progress closer to the show date lack of attendance to rehearsals may result in the loss of role. All rehearsals on Monday's and Thursday's are full cast rehearsals and all students involved on stage must be there, principal and chorus roles included.

If you need another copy of the rehearsal schedule please see Miss Kirk or Mrs Coates. All permission slips for image use need to be returned to Mrs Coates ASAP as we are still waiting for these and would love to start recording images from the rehearsal process for

this year's show. If you need another letter please see Mrs Coates urgently. Also please be aware that rehearsals in July run from 3:30-5:30 Monday and Thursdays.

Tickets are on sale at reception, £5 adult and £3 concession.

Mrs Coates

### **30 DAYS WILD**

This year the Science Department are taking part in The Wildlife Trusts' "30 days wild" which is encouraging us to do something with nature every day in June. This week some year 7 students took the opportunity to learn outside in the sunshine by surveying the plants and animals in our School environment.

If you would like to take part at home then there are lots of activity suggestions on The Wildlife Trusts' websites and social media pages or you could take the opportunity to take part in some citizen science by completing the "Garden Watch" survey launched by this year's Spring Watch. There are 4 missions to complete and every piece of information they receive is gathering vital data about our wildlife.

You can sign up to the scheme with the following link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4giThGt61ndDfXqcWL04rqn/gardenwatch-our-biggest-citizen-science-project-yet>

Mrs McNeillis

### **SCHOOL SCURRY SHOWDOWN**

I would like to say a massive thank you to all of the students and their families who came to support me while representing the school in the scurry race at Herts County show on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. I am very pleased to report that Townsend School came first. As a result the school will be given some prize money to go towards purchasing resources for students. I hope that that everyone who attended had a great day. Your support was very much appreciated.

Mrs Davey

### **BATTLEFIELDS TRIP**

Year 8 students have been given a letter outlining an exciting opportunity to visit the First World War Battlefields in Ypres, Belgium. The trip will be taking place from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020. However, if there is considerable interest in the trip from students a second trip will also run earlier in the year from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Reply slips and a deposit for the trip should be returned to the school office no later than Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. If you are experiencing financial difficulties but would still like your child to take part in this trip please speak to the Director of Learning for the Year group, Miss Scott, in confidence.

Mrs Davey

### **SUBJECT INFORMATION**

#### **DRAMA**

**Year 7** - Have started their stage combat scheme of work, which they are thoroughly enjoying. They will learn basic combat skills which they will then be able to choreograph into scenes.

**Year 8** - Have started their ghost story genre scheme of work called 'Darkwood Manor' which focuses on how to build tension on stage.

**Year 9** - Are studying a play 'DNA' by Dennis Kelly, they will be performing extracts of this before the summer holidays to practise Component 3 of the GCSE. Tuesday lunch time there is GCSE support in IT1, for revisions and homework.

**Year 10** - Have completed the performance for their Component 2, this counts for 40% of the GCSE. They have started their devising logs that is the written element of the coursework, this is due to be handed in at the end of June. Tuesday lunch time there is GCSE support in IT1, for revisions, devising logs and homework.

Mrs Coates

## **ENGLISH**

The English department would like to encourage students to enter poetry for this competition online: <https://www.betjemanpoetryprize.co.uk/how-to-enter> The poem has to be on the topic of "place" this year. Please see attached poster and the Betjeman poetry website for more information. Good luck!

The English Team

## **GEOGRAPHY**

GCSE students will be able to access resources on GCSE pod to support with these units, Seneca Learning also has great resources for our GCSE specification (AQA).

All students should try to increase their general knowledge of the human and physical world to support them with their geography and general life skills.

The following resources are useful for this:

### **ONLINE:**

- Geography for Kids - <https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/geography-for-kids.html>
- BBC News - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>
- National Geographic - <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/> and <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/>
- The Royal Geographic Society - <https://www.rgs.org/geography/>

### **READ:**

- Geographical (Royal Geographical Society magazine) available in good newsagents or online
- National Geographic (American geographical society magazine)
- "Prisoners of Geography" and "Worth Dying for..." by Tim Marshall
- "Gaia" by James Lovelock (and subsequent books)

### **WATCH:**

- Nat Geo Wild (YouTube have clips if you cannot access this TV channel)
- Animal Network
- BBC iPlayer - wildlife and science documentaries
- Earth - Power of the Planet (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b008fdjy/episodes/guide>)
- MORE THAN HONEY (2012) Directed by Markus Imhoof, 1h 35m
- GREAT BARRIER REEF (2012) - Directed by Richard Fitzpatrick, 1h (3 episodes)
- BLACKFISH (2013) - Directed by Gabriela Coppertwaite, 1h 30m

Mrs Buckland

## **HISTORY**

### **Year 9**

Advance notice that students will sit the GCSE Paper 1 trial exam the week beginning 1st July. Crime and Punishment revision guides can be purchased at the cost of £4 from the History office. Students can also purchase a targeted revision workbook (Target 5 or Target 9) on all History topics for £2. Please speak to Ms Reynolds if there are financial implications.

### **Year 10**

Advance notice that students will sit the GCSE Paper 2 trial exam the week beginning 17th June. Early Elizabethan England revision guides can be purchased at the cost of £4 from the

History office. Students can also purchase a targeted revision workbook (Target 5 or Target 9) on all History topics for £2. Please speak to Mr Armitage if there are financial implications.

### **Year 11**

The department would like to wish the best of luck to our Year 11 Historians who will be sitting their last History paper next week. We are also pleased by the amount of effort and dedication students have put in to revise recently.

Mrs Bailey, Head of History

## **MATHEMATICS**

### **NUMERACY**

Numeracy Tip of the week: despite education being metric for 50 years, most of the UK population (including I reckon 70%+ of teenagers) estimate other people's height in ft/inches. Learn ways to do rough conversions, eg a metre is about 3ft (1000m mountain ~ 3000ft)

For more information on supporting your child with their numeracy please visit <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/your-childs-maths> or speak to your child's Mathematics Teacher.

Mr Timpson

## **MEDIA**

### **YEAR 11 GCSE**

As you will be aware the GCSE Media Component 2 exam is on Monday 10th June in the afternoon. There will be an additional GCSE Media top tips session from 12.15 pm in EN3 if students wish to come along. Thanks. Miss Scott.

## **SCIENCE**

### **Year 11 revision guide requests**

After year 11 have finished their final Science exam we would really appreciate a donation of any revision guides that we could use in revision lessons and give to other students who would benefit. If your son or daughter is willing to donate their revision guide there will be a box present in the small canteen after their exam to put them in.

It doesn't matter if they have been written in or highlighted, any donated book will be put to good use. Thank you.

### **Year 13 Text book returns**

Please remind your child if in year 13, that text books will need to be returned at the end of the year in order for pupils to receive their £10 deposits back. We are currently organising how these can be collected after pupil's final exams and will share this when we have this confirmed. Please see your Science Teachers to arrange collecting the books and receiving your deposits back.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

### **County Athletic Championships**

Good luck to Gianni and Oluwaseun who are competing in the County Athletics Championships on Saturday!

### **Year 7/8 and 9 Rounders – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 7, 8 and 9 have a rounders match against Roundwood on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June at Townsend School 3.30 – 5pm, all students involved should meet in the outside changing rooms at the end of the day, parents/carers are welcome to come along and support.

### **County Athletics – final event – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June is the final county athletics meet of the year, and a chance for a final practice of students' events for the district athletics final on Thursday. Students involved need to meet in the outside changing rooms at 3.25, where they'll be taken to Westminster Lodge Athletics Track to compete, and can be picked up from there after their events, at 6.30pm or from school at 6.45.

#### **District Athletics Final – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

Boys and Girls from year 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be competing in the all-day district athletics final at Woodside Athletics Stadium in Watford.

Students involved have received a letter detailing all the information, with a reply slip that **Must** be returned by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June so we know whether they are meeting us at the track, requiring a lift from school in the minibus, and how they are making their way home.

#### **Year 9 GCSE PE**

Advance notice that students will be sitting an end of year test on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June that covers all the work they have been learning about in class since September. They have been given revision resources in lessons to help them prepare for this, they should be using these and reading through their notes in their books at home to help them prepare.

Thank you for your support  
Miss Pennifold

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

#### **SUMMER PLAY SCHEME**

Please see attached flyer. If you have a child in the 6<sup>th</sup> form who would be interested in helping with one of these please ask them to contact the email contact included on the flyer.