

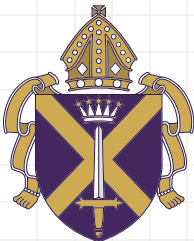
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Welcome to Townsend School



TOWNSEND
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Welcome

Welcome to Townsend Church of England School. I hope you are looking forward to starting your secondary school journey with us. Townsend is a fabulous school which provides a caring, supportive and inclusive environment that allows all to succeed academically and flourish spiritually and culturally.

As a Church of England School, we warmly welcome children and families who are Christian, have a different faith or have no faith. What is most important to us is that you are respectful of others and treat everyone equally. Life at school and beyond is so much better if we all do our best to get along with each other.

Learning is very important to us at Townsend and we want everyone to do as best as they possibly can. We believe learning should be individualised as everyone is different and has their own preferred learning style that works best for them. We are an Apple school, which means that everyone has their own iPad to use at Townsend and at home to support their learning and progress. You will receive yours at the start of September. There are many benefits of everyone having their own device, and we firmly believe this will help you to succeed.

As well as studying a wide range of subjects, you will also have the opportunity to take part in an even wider range of co-curricular clubs, which usually take place at lunchtime

or after school. As well as numerous sports, music and drama activities, we also have clubs to suit everyone's interests and skills. If you have a particularly unusual interest, please let us know as I am sure there will be others in the school who share this interest and would also like to join you in starting a club.

Our school community is very welcoming and our older students are regularly involved in leading events for our younger years. They also serve as role models around the school and enjoy the opportunity to help and support students in Year 7 to feel at home here.

Our fantastic Year 7 tutor team and your Head of Year are the adults you will see on a daily basis - they are best

placed to answer any questions you have and will assist you in loving your journey at Townsend and making the most of every opportunity that comes your way.

Best wishes,



Anthony Flack

Mr Flack
Headteacher

Our Biblical Vision



The Good Samaritan
Luke 10:25-37

Year 7 Tutor Team

Head of Year 7 - Mr R Potter



I am really excited to welcome you to Townsend Church of England School! My name is Mr Potter, and I am looking forward to getting to know you as you begin your secondary school journey. Starting Year 7 is a big step, and I will be here to help and support you every step of the way. I will also be working closely with your parents and carers to make sure you have the guidance and support you need to feel happy, confident, and successful.

My role is not just to help you with your learning but also to help you grow as a person. Secondary school is a time to discover new interests, build friendships, develop confidence, and learn important life skills that will help you in the future.

At Townsend, our values of “Respect for All” and “Achievement for All” are an important part of school life. You will have lots of opportunities to show these values every day, whether in lessons, around school, or through extracurricular activities. We love

celebrating success, and our rewards system recognises the positive choices and achievements of our students.

I want to encourage you to have a positive attitude and to believe in yourself. There may be times when things feel challenging, but that’s okay. By trying your best, learning from mistakes, and not giving up, you will achieve more than you might think possible.

There will be so many exciting opportunities for you to get involved in both inside and outside the classroom. Whether it’s joining a club, taking part in sports, trying something completely new, or discovering a subject you love, I encourage you to make the most of everything Townsend has to offer.

Enjoy the rest of your time at primary school, and I look forward to welcoming you to Townsend Church of England School in September.

Year 7 Form Tutors

A team of form tutors will support Mr Potter. You will see your form tutor twice a day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. They will be there if you have any problems or need any help. They will get to know you well and be there to help you if you need it.



Mrs Coates
7 Canterbury



Mr Thandrala
7 Durham



Mrs Smith
7 Exeter



Mrs Woodward
7 Norwich



Mr Neale
7 York



Mrs Moore
7 Exeter
7 Norwich
7 York

Student Services Support Team



Mrs T Sibley
Head of Student
Services



Miss D Siequien
Education
Welfare Officer



Mrs C Branton
Pastoral Support



Mrs S Smith
Pastoral Support



Miss S Stanley
Pastoral Support



Mrs Ryan-Proudfoot
Reception and Student
Services



Mrs T Ward
Reception and Student
Services

Wellbeing

Well-being and Mental Health support is important to us here at Townsend. We want you to be able to talk about your emotions, how you are feeling and be able to access any help should you need it.

We have a range of people in school that can support you with your emotional needs if you are feeling angry, sad, anxious or any other emotion you feel you need to talk to someone about. This person would initially be your form tutor, or an adult you trust in school.

We also have someone you can talk to on a regular basis if you need someone at school and we will work with you and your parents to complete a referral if we feel this would benefit you. We will also tell you where you can access help.

Every Friday we have a visit from Bruno, our school dog. He loves to

meet all the students and looks forward to all the attention he gets.

Your parents/ carers can also contact your form tutor or Director of Learning to request someone to speak to on your behalf.



Every Friday we have a visit from Bruno our lovely dog - he loves to meet all the students and looks forward to all the attention he gets.

Our Expectations

Every Lesson Every Day our expectations

At Townsend, you have the responsibility to try your best and to learn.

You need to be dedicated to your studies to succeed.

You should be respectful of your teachers and the other students in your lessons, so everyone can work well.

All students have the right to be able to learn, so it is not fair if you don't enable this by misbehaving in lessons.

Every lesson, every day we expect:



Every student to be prepared to learn, with all the **equipment** you need with you



Every lesson will have a **Learning Objective** displayed – you need to work hard to achieve this objective



Complete your “**Do now**” task as soon as you are seated and continue to focus on next tasks



When you are asked questions, be prepared to give high quality answers – **think hard** about your work



Complete tasks set within **time frames** and to the best of your ability



Complete **homework** when set, on time

Our Curriculum

Our Curriculum is broad and balanced

At Townsend, you have the responsibility to try your best and to learn.

- English
- **Drama**
- PSHE
- **Maths**
- History & Geography
- RE
- Science
- Languages
- Technology (Food, Textiles, Wood / Metal)
- Art
- Music
- Computing
- **PE**

Most of your lessons will be taught in your Teaching Groups, these are named after trees growing on the school grounds – Ash, Birch, Maple, Oak and Sycamore.

There will be a mix of students from each tutor group in the teaching groups.

For Maths, Science, PE and Technology you will be taught in different groups.

Routines For Learning

**Start
of every
lesson**

You will arrive on
time to lessons, in
the correct
uniform

You will stand
behind your desk
and have your
equipment ready
for the lesson

When asked, pack
away equipment,
tidy the room and
stand quietly behind
your desks



When silent, you
will be invited to sit
and immediately
start your first task

When silent you
will be dismissed by
your teacher and
leave in an orderly
manner

Please say
goodbye to your
teacher

**End
of every
lesson**

Equipment

You need to ensure you are well-equipped for school every day. Use the list below to help you get organised. Pack your school bag the night before to make sure you have everything you are going to need for the next day.



Ipad



Colouring Pencils



Pencil Case



Scientific calculator



Black, blue and red pens



Highlighters



Pencils & sharpener



Maths set



Rubber



Bottle of water



Ruler



Reading Book



Glue Stick



Padlock for your locker

FACES

THE TOWNSEND TEACHING 5



The School Day

Students should arrive to school on time for registration at 8.45am. Breakfast is available every day in the small canteen from 8.00am until 8.40am.

The School is open to students until 4.45pm for co-curricular activities. Please see the timetable for the range of activities on offer.

Break & Lunchtime

- Make sure you join in some of the clubs that take place every lunch and some after school.
- They are a great opportunity to learn a new skill, develop existing skills, and make new friends.
- Lunch clubs start at 1:20
- Afterschool clubs finish at 4:30, PE clubs finish at 4:45
- Have a look at the full clubs list displayed in your form room

Our School Day

08:40 – 08:45 – Movement bell

08:45 – 08:55 – Registration

08:55 – 09:00 – Movement bell

09:00 – 09:55 – Lesson 1

09:55 – 10:00 – Movement bell

10:00 – 10:55 – Lesson 2

10:55 – 11:15 – Break time

11:15 – 11:20 – Movement bell

11:20 – 12:15 – Lesson 3

12:15 – 12:20 – Movement bell

12:20 – 13:15 – Lesson 4

13:15 – 13:50 – Lunch time

13:50 – 13:55 – Movement bell

13:55 – 14:25 – Registration

14:25 – 14:30 – Movement bell

14:30 – 15:25 – Lesson 5

15:25 – End of School

Lunchtime

School Gateway

Payment for food in the Canteen is paid for by Fingerprint. Your Parents and Carers load money onto your School Gateway account and then you buy your food and drink at lunchtime and break time.

At Townsend, our library also operates via a biometric system (thumb scanning procedure).

What you need to do now

Activate your child's School Gateway account. It's quick and easy to do. All you need are your email address and mobile number that the school holds on record for you.

Example Menu

Here is an example of a weekly menu from the canteen:

<p>MONDAY</p> <p>Traditional Beef Lasagne served with Garlic Dough Balls or Spinach & Sweet Potato Slice (V) served with Diced Potatoes</p>	<p>TUESDAY</p> <p>Chicken Tikka served with Rice, Naan Bread & Mango Chutney or Vegan Chilli (Ve) served with Tortilla Chips & Salsa</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Roasted Pork served with Roast Potatoes & Apple sauce or Veggie Sausages (Ve) served with Roast Potatoes & Onion Gravy</p>	<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>Crispy Topped Cottage Pie or Creamy Quorn Pie (V) served with Mashed Potatoes</p>
<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>Battered Fish Fillet or Crispy Coated Salmon served with Oven Chips or Vegan Meatball Sub (Ve) served with Oven Chips</p>	<p>Flavours from around the world are brought to you by...</p> <p>HCL Learners in Education Canteen</p>

Free School Meals

If you or your parents/ carers think you might be entitled to free school meals, you can use the QR code below to apply.



This will entitle you to a free lunch at school every day.

Attendance

There are many reasons why attendance to school is important and during your time here, we will monitor your attendance. This is to make sure you are in school as much as possible and learning as much as possible. Every day from school you miss, is 5 hours of learning. If you get into good attendance habits and come to school everyday, the routine becomes easier.

Your form tutors and Head of Year will monitor your attendance and will speak with you and your parents when you have time off. Miss Siequien (our school Attendance Engagement Officer) may also meet with you and ask if there is anything we can do to support you being in school.

You should be aiming to be in school as much as possible. To help to do this make sure you:

- Get a good night's sleep and go to bed early enough.
- Attend school even if you don't feel 100% - do you really need to take the whole day off?
- Speak to your form tutor if you are worried or anxious to see if there is anything they can do to help.

Every day counts!

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
100%	0 days	0 weeks	0 lessons
97%	5 days	1 week	30 lessons
95%	10 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	20 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	30 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	40 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

5 days absence over the whole year = 97% - 100%

Why is it so important?

Better attainment
Improved health and wellbeing
Enhanced wider life opportunities

House System

At Townsend, we take immense pride in our House System, a unique and integral part of our educational ethos. This system has been carefully crafted to enrich the overall school experience for our students by fostering a strong sense of community, competition, and camaraderie.

Our House System features five distinctive houses, each bearing the name of a renowned Cathedral City in the United Kingdom. These cities are also celebrated for their revered universities, and we draw inspiration from these prestigious institutions to promote academic excellence, teamwork, and personal growth among our students.



Canterbury:

Named after the historic city of Canterbury, known for its magnificent Cathedral and the University of Kent.



Durham:

Inspired by the ancient city of Durham, home to Durham Cathedral and Durham University.



Exeter:

Taking its name from the vibrant city of Exeter, famous for its stunning Cathedral and the University of Exeter.



Norwich:

Named after the picturesque city of Norwich, renowned for its Cathedral and the University of East Anglia.



York:

Inspired by the historic city of York, home to York Minster and the University of York.

Our Uniform

Year 7 - 10 Girls

Purple blazer with school logo

White shirt with collar

Tie with school logo

Plain black pleated skirt
/ plain black trousers

Black socks

Plain black smart leather shoes

Plain black or grey V-Neck Jumper (optional)

Year 7 - 10 Boys

Purple blazer with school logo

White shirt with collar

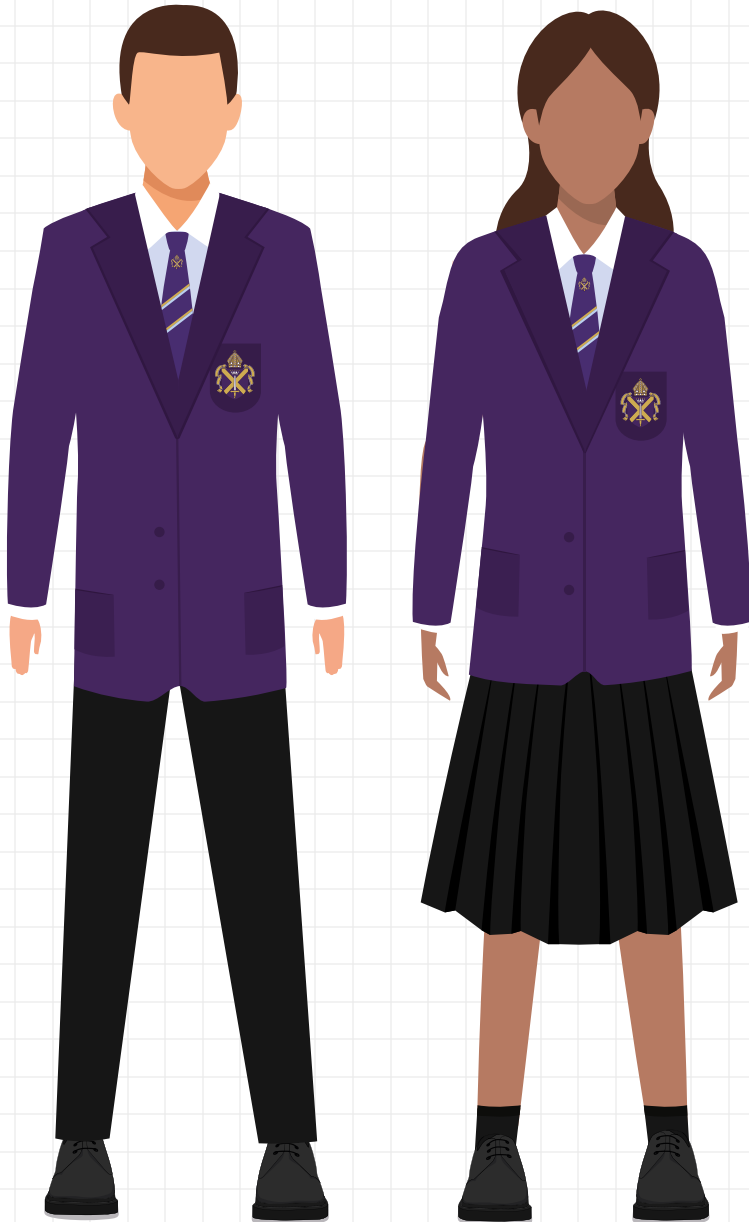
Tie with school logo

Plain black trousers

Black socks

Plain black smart leather shoes

Plain black or grey V-Neck Jumper (optional)



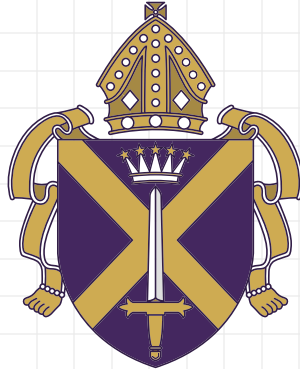


Our Quiz

How much have you remembered?
Would you like to enter our quiz for all new students?



Scan the QR code with your smartphone to enter!
You could win a prize!



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