

16th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers & Students,

We hope you've been enjoying the beautiful weather; we wish all students currently taking their final examinations the best of luck with their studies – not long to go!

We've had a busy few weeks here at Townley and would like to take this opportunity to share some of the wonderful things our students have been doing, as well as inform you of a few **important updates in our school policies**.

Vaping Awareness

Parents and carers will be aware of the serious issue of vaping that is impacting young people across the country. As a school, we have been made aware of local shops allegedly selling vapes to under 18s. This is illegal. We have notified relevant authorities, and we ask that parents and carers reiterate to your children the serious health problems vaping can cause a young person.

The health and wellbeing of our students- your children- is our priority, as is the safety of every member of our school community.

Please be aware that any student found with a vape in school or seen vaping whilst wearing school uniform would contravene our behaviour policy; with a likely consequence of fixed term suspension as per our policy.

Social Media Information Evening

We would like to remind you about the upcoming Social Media Information Evening, which we believe will be invaluable in helping you navigate the digital landscape and support your child's online presence. The event aims to equip you with essential knowledge and strategies to ensure a safe and positive online experience for your family.

Date: **Wednesday 5th July**

Time: **5.30pm – 7pm**

During this interactive session, you will have the opportunity to learn about:

1. Understanding social media platforms: Get a comprehensive overview of popular social media platforms, their features, and potential risks associated with their use.
2. Wellbeing: The effect social media can have on your child's wellbeing
3. Online safety: Discover effective strategies to protect your child's privacy, prevent cyberbullying, and manage online reputation.
4. Digital citizenship: Learn about responsible digital behaviour, fostering healthy online relationships, and cultivating a positive online presence.
5. Open Q&A session: Ask any questions or concerns you may have regarding social media use and its impact on your child's well-being.

We strongly encourage all parents/carers to attend this informative event. To register for the Social Media Information Evening, please visit [Social Media Information Evening](#) .

We kindly request you register as soon as possible to secure your spot. Please register interest by **Monday 19th June**.

Updated

Jewellery

Policy

A brief reminder regarding our new jewellery policy. Students will be permitted to wear:

2 piercings per ear (not specific to the lobe) both of which must be studs.

1 necklace, with a thin chain or thin beads and a small pendant. This cannot hang below the chest.

1 bracelet

Year 11 students only may wear:

1 x nose piercing. This must be a small stud only.

Students will not be permitted to wear:

Rings

Any other facial or body piercings

Any dangling or hoop piercings

Reporting at Townley Grammar

From September 2023, we will be implementing an updated reporting system for Key Stage 3 students, as well as changes in relation to our grading system for all Key Stages across the school. These revisions have been introduced in direct response to feedback from our community and we hope you will find the new system an improvement. For more information about this, please refer to this week's Townley Bulletin, linked below.

Year 9 Timetable Collapse

On Friday 30th June, the vast majority of Year 9 students will be on the PGL trip, leaving just sixty Year 9s in school. In light of the number of staff also attending the trip, the Year 9 timetable will be collapsed for the day, with remaining students placed into two teaching groups, following an alternative timetable for the day. This timetable will focus on the core subjects.

	Group A	Group B
Period 1	English – Room 32	English - Room 17
Period 2	Maths – Room 35	Maths – Room 42
Period 3	Physics – Room S4	Physics – Room S3
Period 4	Physics – Room S4	Physics – Room S3
Period 5	English – Room 32	English – Room 3
Period 6	Biology – Room S7	Biology – Room S6

Students will be informed of their group and teachers ahead of 30th June.

Second Hand Uniform

As we draw closer to the end of term, we'd like to ask any Year 11 students who will no longer be requiring their uniforms to please donate them to the school. Donations can be handed in at reception. We would also like to direct attention to our PTA's online second-hand uniform store, where pre-loved items can be purchased

at a considerably discounted price. We will also be holding an in-person sale at the school on Saturday 8th July.

For more information about any of the above, or to find out more about some of the other exciting things we're currently working on, do check out the [Townley Bulletin](#).

Have a wonderful, restful weekend.

Kind regards,



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