

3rd March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Townley Bulletin – Friday 3rd March 2023

After what has been a whirlwind of a week for our school community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for their support over the last few days and for engaging so enthusiastically with the Ofsted parent/carer survey. At last count we had managed to collect 524 responses; which is impressive! Thank you to all of you – I remain grateful for your support and your trust in us as a school to offer the best for your child.

As you will no doubt be aware, the outcome of the inspection will not be available till the formal report is published and this can take anything up to May half term. I am genuinely proud of the way the community came together to showcase our school this week and am incredibly grateful to work alongside such dedicated colleagues to serve our student community.

Next week we will be celebrating **International Women's Day** alongside **National Career Week** – please do take note of the information provided below regarding this.

Y12 Parent's Evening

Y12 Parent's Evening is scheduled to go ahead on **Thursday 16th March 2023**; however parents and carers should be aware that this is also a day of Industrial Action and will impact the running of the evening. We are not able to change the date of the evening and will need to run this in the normal way without having confirmation of which teaching staff may be absent.

Error in Student Planners

We have been made aware that some dates in the student planner do not match the school term dates. The **31st of March is not an Inset Day** and **students are expected to return to school on Monday 17th April 2023**. All our term dates and Inset Days can be found on our website [TGS Term Dates](#).

World Book Day

Townley celebrated World Book Day today in true Townley style! With the theme of 'Readcycle' and all donated books being collected by the Children's Book Trust, students and staff made this a day and week to remember.

We would like to thank author Abiola Bello for being our guest speaker and engaging Year 7 and 8 in engaging discussion on a career in writing and being a trailblazer in her own field. Abiola's mission to diversify literature really echoes Townley's vision to represent every one of our students in the texts we share and read.

Thank you to everyone for engaging with the event and for all the books donated to communities less fortunate than ourselves. We are already planning next year!

National Careers Week 6-11th March

To celebrate National Careers Week, we have a plethora of activities lined up; including, daily lunchtime screenings for students, a Careers Google Site with a plethora of resources and activities, a virtual apprentice assembly film, NCW Parents Guide, attached and more.

Students will receive further details during form time next week and are encouraged to get involved and explore various careers pathways.

Higher Education Evening

Our Higher Education Evening was held for Y12 students on Wednesday 1st March with talks from Birmingham University on the UCAS application process, the Ask Project on apprenticeships and Kent University on Student finance. Students and parents can access the Higher Education Information booklet given out on the night via this link [After A-levels - A guide for our Sixth Formers.pdf](#) and our speakers' presentations via this link [Higher education evening 2023.pdf](#).

Townley Economics Forum

On Thursday March 23, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., the pupils and staff of Townley's Economics Department will be hosting an inaugural event – **Townley Economic Forum**.

The aim is to showcase the work that pupils have done throughout the course of this academic year thus far. The event will take the form of a debate, where pupils will engage in discourse guided by the moot 'Using the price mechanism to internalise the social costs associated with pollution is the most effective and efficient way to address such market failure.

We hope to demonstrate the extent to which our pupils have grown in their knowledge and understanding of the content. Consequently, the event, mostly student-led, will feature students debating; forming the judging panel; posing questions; and providing feedback to their colleagues. This is a perfect opportunity for the members of the Townley community to develop a better understanding of the A-level Economics course we offer as a department.

African Caribbean Leukemia Trust (ACLT) Sixth Form Assembly

On Thursday we welcomed speakers from African Caribbean Leukemia Trust (ACLT) charity who spoke to our sixth form students.

The ACLT is a leading Blood cancer/disorder charity dedicated to raising awareness of the severe shortage of donors on United Kingdom Stem Cell, Blood and Organ donor registers. As a school, we raised hundreds of pounds for ACLT during our Black History Month celebrations and students had the opportunity to sign up to express their interest.

The assembly was incredibly insightful with several students signing up to register, including work experience opportunities and is likely to spark further conversation at home.

For further details, please refer to ACLT parent letter attached and visit their website <https://aclt.org/>

Y12 v Y13 Football Match - Wed 1st March

Results: 6-0

Congratulations to the year Y13 Football Team who beat the Y12 team, 6-0

Well done to all the players involved, full list attached, and also to Aarin and Sultan for organising the event.

Please enjoy the [promo video](#) created to advertise the event including snippets of last year's match as well as [Football Match 2023.MOV](#) created by Danielle C and Hillary A and [Official Photos](#) taken by Libby B. (Please note that the highlights video can only be viewed with a Townley account)

Football report written by Hillary A

It was the talk of Townley Sixth Form for weeks leading up to Wednesday! A highly anticipated match between two worthy opponents: Year 12 and Year 13. Both teams started strong, with an unfortunate injury to the Year 12 captain in the first half shaking up the game. However, the resilience of the Year 12 team shone through. They carried on, putting up a phenomenal contest against the Year 13s. Cheers from Year 12 and Year 13 crowds roared as Year 13

scored goal after goal. The staggering defeat of 6-0 was remarkable - an incredible yet unsurprising feat from the Year 13s, adding another win to their win streak and beating the Year 12s, establishing themselves as the winners of this much awaited match. Overall, it was a great day filled with fun! Congratulations to Year 13 and well done to Year 12 for being amazing competition!

Year 10 Inter-house Bench Ball Tournament

On Tuesday 28th February we hosted the Year 10 Inter-house Bench Ball Tournament. There were approximately 60 Year 10 students in total, all competing for points for their houses after school. They organised their own teams, showed exceptional teamwork and commitment. As always, they were absolutely fantastic!

Seeing so many KS4 students participating in team sports and supporting one another in their own time is always so heart-warming and inspiring.

The results were as follows: 1st Hestia, 2nd Athene, 3rd Persephone, 4th Aphrodite, 5th Demeter, 6th Artemis, and 7th Hera.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Nevita Pandya
Headteacher