

23rd June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers & Students,

We hope you've been enjoying the beautiful weather – and would like to wish all students currently taking examinations the best of luck with their studies.

It has been another busy week at Townley, and we 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.

Industrial Action

Please note that the National Education Union (NEU) has announced two additional strike days in schools in England on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 2023. In order for families to plan ahead, please note the following important information:

- The school will offer a form of remote learning on Wednesday 5th July and this will be for **all students. Students are therefore not expected to attend school on this day.**
- On Friday 7th July, year 12 students may be asked to come to school for the Year 12 Induction Day- further information will be sent out shortly. **The remaining year groups will be working remotely on Friday 7th July** and will not, therefore, be required to attend school.

Further information will be provided to parents/ carers in the forthcoming week.

End of Year Art Exhibition

The annual Art Exhibition showcases the achievements of our GCSE and A-Level Art students. This year, in addition to the exhibition, there will be music, dancing performances and literature. Come and join us for this celebratory event on **Thursday 29th June from 5 to 7pm** in the Theatre at Townley Grammar School. We hope to see you there!

Keeping Children Safe Online over the Summer

Keeping children safe online is a top priority at Townley Grammar School, as we know it will be for all parents and carers. Children's internet usage can be harder to monitor over the summer, so please refer to the helpful resource included in this week's bulletin for some tips. Parents/Carers may also want to check out the following article, regarding the impact of smartphone usage in schools: [Read More Here](#).

Reception Driveway Parking

Could all parents/carers please be away that the Reception driveway is for use of guests, visitors and staff only- and **should not be used to pick up or drop off students**. Please could parents also note that the disabled bays on site are to be used only by those eligible to do so- and not for general use.

Read for Good Readathon

We are running a Read for Good Readathon for years 7-8, and we'd love your child to join in. The charity Read for Good encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach inspiring reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely. Students can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audio books to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun. They are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand-new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

To participate:

1. Take a look at what they plan to read or help them complete their list of books to read. Remember they can read whatever they want: books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes! Sharing books is fine too (in fact recommended!) as well as listening to audio books.
2. Help your child find sponsors among family and friends. The easiest way to sponsor a child is at <https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor> (which family and friends can use too) or return the sponsor card with a cheque(s) or cash sent to school.

We will be running reading sessions in English lessons from the 26th-30th of June. For more information, check out your child's sponsorship card and visit www.readforgood.org. Thank you for your support – helping your child to keep reading, raising and being amazing!

Request for Careers Support

We are passionate about young people exploring careers through curricular and extra-curricular opportunities. Parental engagement in our Careers and Futures programme is a further dimension that would allow our students to see parents of their own school community represented across a range of industries, sectors and roles.

Our next event is our **Careers and Futures Fair on Monday 3rd July, open from 8:30am-2:30pm an all-day event visited by year groups 7-10, and 12.** We already have 20 stands representing a variety of careers, apprenticeships, further and higher education, including quite a few alumni.

If you are available and interested in providing a career insight and would like to have a stand at this event, please complete the [Parental Engagement in Careers and Futures Programme](#) form by Monday 26th June with more details about your current role and industry. We will then be in touch with more information about the day, including refreshments, parking etc.

If you are unable to attend the event in July, and interested in helping out with our other career-related insights, or can put us in contact with your Early Careers team, please complete the [Opportunity for Parental Engagement in Townley's Innovative Careers and Futures Programme](#) form.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support which is greatly appreciated.

Reminder - 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.

Reminder - Second Hand Uniform

As we draw closer to the end of term, we'd like to ask any Year 11 students that 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 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 take a look at the [Townley Bulletin](#).

Kind regards,



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