

7th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers & Students,

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 and upcoming events.

End of Term Arrangements

As the end of term approaches, we would like to provide you with information about the arrangements for the last day of term - Tuesday 18th July.

This will be an own clothes day and the £1 donation will go towards each house charity.

Student will have an assembly and Tutor time in the morning followed by a late break, early lunch at 11am and there will be an early finish.

Students will finish at the following times:

Year 12 - 11.00am Years 7 -10 - 12.00pm

Sports Day

A reminder that Sports Day is Wednesday 12th July and events will be happening throughout the day for all students.

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 policy.

Year 9 India Trip

Twenty year 9 students have departed for India today, where they will spend two weeks exploring New Delhi as a part of an exchange programme. Townley welcomed students from Modern School in May, and now it's our students' turn to visit them! We hope all our students and the accompanying staff have a fun, educational and safe trip, and look forward to hearing all about their travels upon their return on the 23rd.

Visions, Values and Logos

Over this last half-term, we have been engaging in a project with a long-term effect; a refresh of our Vision, Values and Logo. In May, Mrs Pandya delivered assemblies to all year groups to begin discussions surrounding the values and logo of Townley Grammar School.

This has led to important work with external facilitators who have led sessions with our senior prefect team, students from year 7-10, as well as leading an all-staff session. Our hope is that parents join us on our journey to define our values and logo, to hear more about the journey so far and offer their thoughts and feelings.

To facilitate this, Mrs Pandya and Mr Rouse will be hosting a webinar on Wednesday 12th July at 6pm. This will last around 30 minutes and will have an opportunity for parents who attend to feedback via a Google Form at the end. Please find the link to join this meeting below.

Click here to join the meeting

Meeting ID: 383 232 396 92 Passcode: buqPhB

Second Hand Uniform

We would 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, check out the <u>Townley Bulletin</u>.

Yours faithfully,

Sarina Totty Deputy Headteacher