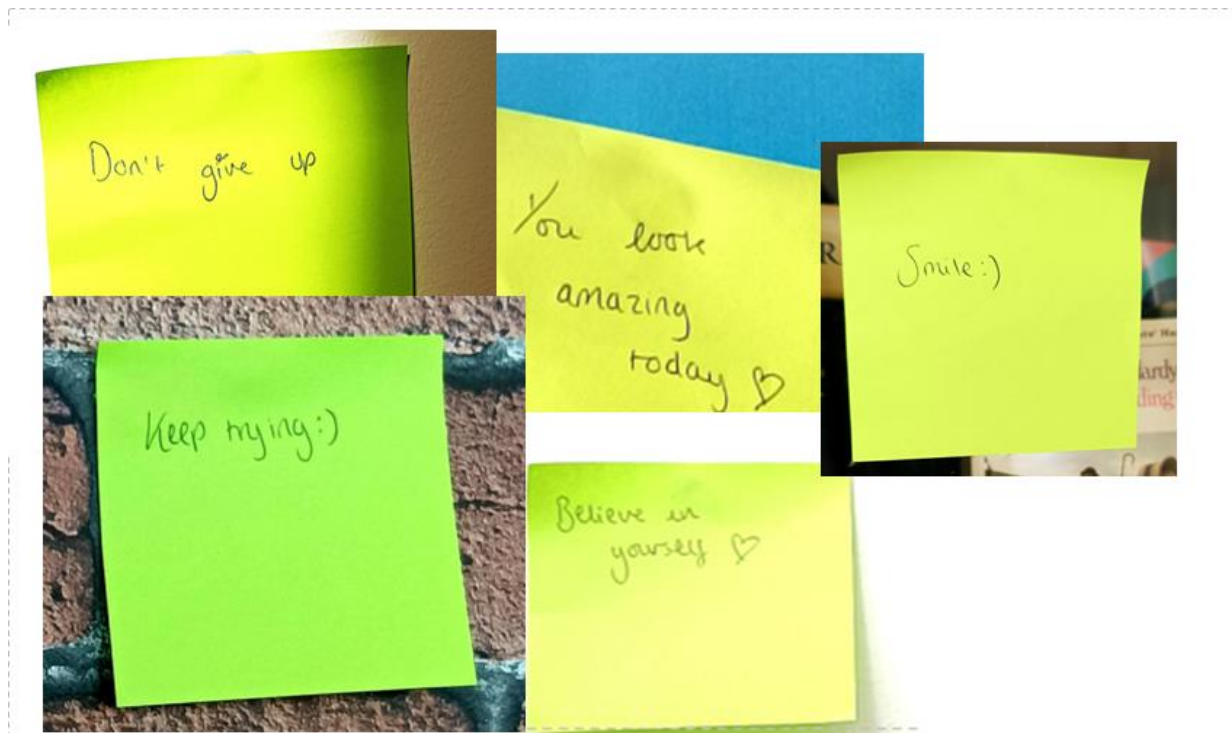


Dear Parents, Carers and students,

Please see this week's news below and attachment.

Hello Yellow

Last Monday was World Mental Health Day; this was celebrated by students wearing yellow accessories on behalf of the #HelloYellow campaign which is run by Young Minds. Our wellbeing ambassadors celebrated this day by bringing endless positivity and encouragement to our school. They organised mindful activities for forms to undertake, with the goal of achieving an optimistic and caring school environment. Alongside these activities, the ambassadors individually wrote dozens upon dozens of positive post-it notes that were displayed around the school for students to find and gain strength from. Our lovely Ambassadors also handcrafted every yellow ribbon that was sold on Monday! Amazingly, we raised £182 for Young Minds. This generous donation could help roughly 37 young people share their experiences and get the help they deserve. A huge thank you to everyone who got involved and contributed! We, the Wellbeing Ambassadors, hope you all enjoyed celebrating WMH day, and we hope to honour it again for years to come. Kanisha



Year 11 – Sixth Form Open Event

A gentle reminder that our Sixth Form Information Evening is on Wednesday 16th November 2022 – this is a ticketed event.

Townley Grammar School's Sixth Form Information Evening is an opportunity for prospective students to gather information about the Sixth Form and what is offered.

Each session includes a talk by the Headteacher followed by the opportunity to visit subject areas. Ambassadors and staff will be around all evening to answer any questions. Please arrive 15 minutes before your allocated session. You must book a ticket if you would like to attend this event.

One ticket is required per person and tickets are limited to two per household. All students must be accompanied by an adult who is either a parent or carer (they must also hold a ticket).

Please can Year 11 parent/carers and students use the following link to access the booking system and book a ticket for the evening - [Book here.](#)

Black History Month Assembly

Well done to our Equity Commission Prefects and Year 13 performers who spoke so passionately in the inspiring Black History Month assembly, launching the start of Townley's wide and varied cultural celebrations that will feature throughout the school calendar. The prefects spoke on this year's theme, Black Excellence, what it means to them and ways to support and get involved in celebrations during this month and beyond.

Students can look forward to engaging in inspiring TED style talks from leading Black professionals, movie lunches, food tasting sessions and more.

There will be several fundraising initiatives throughout the month with all proceeds going towards the ACLT, 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. For further details on how you can support this charity, please visit their website <https://actl.org/>

Guest Speaker for Black History Month

As part of our ongoing Black History Month celebration and events, we welcomed Mr Richard Tull for a TED style talk on his professional experiences and expertise in the field of regeneration and development. Dr Ikunna Onwuniabe provided a virtual talk on her life as a medical doctor in the U.K. Thank you to our Senior Equity Commission students for organising such a plethora of events. Next week we all look forward to our Black History Month menu options in the school dining hall.



Community Safety - Safety this autumn – message from the Metropolitan Police

Metropolitan Police have asked us to write to all parents and carers to ask for your assistance during the autumn period, in particular over Halloween, Bonfire Night and the days in between, where we commonly see increased reports of anti-social behaviour and dangerous use of fireworks.

Know the law – Here are a few things we'd urge parents and carers to be mindful of:

- Did you know? A person under the age of 16 could be arrested and fined £60 if found with an unlit firework
- Did you know? A person under the age of 16 could also be arrested and fined if they throw or light a firework or make a bonfire
- Did you know? Throwing things like eggs, flour, paint or other objects at people, vehicles or property is a criminal offence. If you are caught or reported to the Police, you could be arrested and fined
- Did you know? If a young person under the age of 16 commits any of the above offences, the parent / carer will be liable to pay any fines

Know the risks – Remind your children of the consequences criminality can lead to:

- Getting into trouble with the Police can result in a criminal record, which means you may not be allowed to travel to certain countries on holiday, such as the United States. It may also mean that you may not be allowed to do some jobs or training courses in the future
- Throwing things at cars, buses, shops and houses can hurt people – drivers might swerve if they get distracted and cause a crash, or someone might get hurt by broken glass
- Messing around with fireworks is dangerous – some burn as hot as 1,200 degrees, which is enough to melt glass! Finally, know how anti-social behaviour can make others feel

Some residents and members of the community remain anxious, threatened and targeted around this time of year by those involved in crime. We need help in making sure young people don't get tempted into anti-social behaviour – they need to think about what it would be like if it was their friend, parent or family member who was on the receiving end of a firework being thrown at them.

Parents and Carers – Know where your children are:

- If your children are going out (particularly on 30th and 31st October), make sure you know where they are going. If possible, drop them off and pick them up from their activity
- Don't let your children hang around the streets with nowhere to go
- Ensure your child's safety by either accompanying them or arranging between friends for one of you to take a group of children out
- If you are not accompanying your child, agree with them before they go out what time they should be home
- Don't buy fireworks or eggs and flour for young people – it could contribute to anti-social behaviour in your own community
- Do not allow your child to take anything that they could use as missiles out of the house

Please see the attachment for Fire Safety in the home.

Yours faithfully,

Miss S Totty

Senior Deputy Headteacher