

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Townley Bulletin – Friday 28th April 2023

As we come to the end of another week at Townley, I wanted to take this opportunity to share some key dates and messages with you.

Eid al-Fitr

We would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge our families that celebrated Eid al-Fitr last week. We understand this is an important time for our Muslim students and families and would like to share our best wishes to those who observed this religious holiday. In recognition of this religious holiday we had a display in Reception this week.

Year 11, 12 and 13 Cultural Day - Wednesday 10th May

Our Cultural Day is an opportunity for Year 11, 12 and 13 to celebrate and share the diversity that exists within our community. Students will have the opportunity to wear clothing that represents and reflects their culture. It is a fantastic opportunity to share more about who we are. As part of the day, we will have a cultural celebration event at lunchtime where students can sign up to showcase their cultural dress. Learning Managers will provide more information on the relevant hubs. We are looking forward to celebrating Cultural Day with our Year 11, 12 and 13 students.

Our Year 10 and Key Stage 3 students will have the opportunity to celebrate their Cultural Days later in the year. Having multiple cultural days means that more students are able to attend the lunchtime event, participate in the cultural catwalk and enjoy cultural days.

Asian Celebration Evening

On the 10th of May 2023, we are hosting our first 'Asian Celebration Evening' for Sixth Formers where we celebrate many Asian cultures prevalent in our school community. This will be hosted in Townley Grammar School from 6pm to 8 pm and is in partnership with Beths Grammar School. We have secured sponsorship for the event from Yog Foundation, a local community group and are very excited about this partnership.

At the event, we are planning to have an exhibition and a fair where students would lead activities and spread awareness of their culture and traditions. There will be a selection of tasty food from all corners of the Asian continent.

We are going to be experiencing live performances by our Indonesian Visitors as well as students within our school communities to bring light to the amazing talents we have within the Asian community in Beths and Townley.

Any money raised on the night will be donated to 'TÜRKİYE AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKES APPEAL' by UNICEF, a charity which aims to give mobilised supplies and services to support the urgent needs of children and families affected by the earthquakes.

Murder Mystery Event

As part of the Anti Bullying Ambassador focus on developing teamwork and comradeship within the school community, M. O'Sullivan and M. Chang (Year 11) hosted Townley's first Murder Mystery event this week. It was wonderful to see so many Townley detectives visiting the crime scene, interviewing key witnesses and putting their skills to the test to unpick the clues and solve the mystery. We would like to thank all students who took part and particularly M. O'Sullivan and M. Chang as they have worked tirelessly in the preparation and management of this week-long event, showing remarkable creativity and an innovative form of leadership.

Community Awareness

With ongoing internal exams taking place and upcoming external exams, it is important for parents/carers and students to understand that the Bexleyheath Broadway area will be busier during the day with a range of young people from schools and colleges.

It is important that our students ensure they remain vigilant in the area at all times, report any negative behaviour by other young people/members of the community to any member of Townley staff and if in urgent cases or should a student feel unsafe, they ring 999.

Alongside this, we expect Townley students to behave in an exemplary manner outside of school, on public transport and in public areas.

Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May

Please note that Monday is a Bank Holiday, and students are not expected on-site.

Industrial Action - Tuesday 2nd May

As previously communicated, Tuesday 2nd May, is the second date of industrial action. We understand the challenges these arrangements may pose for you, and we apologise for any inconvenience. Unfortunately, these circumstances are beyond our control. The arrangements for each year group are as follows:

Years 7, 8, and 9

Students will work remotely, completing core subject work on Google Classroom. As a reminder, the codes for each year group are as follows:

Year 7: cooq3kh

Year 8: ac4pds4

Year 9: ovzppfk

Year 10

Students will work remotely, with a range of options provided on Google Classroom. The code is as follows: mtybolb. **The Spanish BFI Trip is still scheduled to take place on Tuesday for the Year 10 students involved.**

Year 12

Students will attend the school site for their Internal Examinations as scheduled.

Years 11 & Year 13

Students should attend school as normal. We cannot confirm which lessons will be impacted; however, students should bring revision material to school and will revise if their class has been impacted.

The school will open as normal on Wednesday 3rd May 2023.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school by emailing pa@townleygrammar.org.uk.

For the latest information and news, please visit our Townley Bulletin at [Townley Bulletin - Friday 28th May 2023](#).

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time.

Yours faithfully,

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