



CHARACTER EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2018

Townley Grammar School

Wednesday 21 March 2018

**AN EVENT AIMED AT BRINGING CHARACTER EDUCATION TO THE
FOREFRONT OF EDUCATION**

"Academic attainment and exam success can never be more than part of the story of the profound moral responsibility of schools... good character strengths are a greater predictor of success in university and in life than mere exam passes"

Sir Anthony Seldon

The 2018 conference – a collaboration between Townley Grammar School, Canterbury Christ Church University, and the Association for Character Education – provides an exciting opportunity to discuss the principles and benefits of character education.

Keynote speakers will share their expertise so that schools can begin laying their own frameworks, or indeed build on existing frameworks, for character education provision. This event is suitable for everyone from senior leader level through to trainee teachers.

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PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

8.30 - 9.00am	REGISTRATION, REFRESHMENTS
9am	<p>WELCOME - DR. ANDREW PETERSON Andrew is Professor of Civic and Moral Education in the Faculty of Education, Canterbury Christ Church University. His research focuses on citizenship and character education, and his most recent book is Compassion and Education: Cultivating Compassionate Children, Schools and Communities.</p>
9.05 - 9.50am	<p>MS ELIZABETH WRIGHT Elizabeth was a Paralympic swimmer for Australia and has three Paralympic medals to her name. She is also a motivational speaker with a drive to help other people thrive in their own lives. She runs a character education programme through which she aims to help pupils thrive in all aspects of their lives. The programme is a comprehensive, evidence-based approach to resilience and wellbeing and includes fun activities that engage and motivate. Elizabeth is now also studying for a Masters in Character Education.</p>
9.50 - 10.10am	<p>CHLOE MATHEWS Chloe is an A Level student at Townley Grammar school who has demonstrated remarkable resilience in the face of adversity. Chloe took part in the First Give programme and has since become a role model at Townley through the work she has done for Shine Cancer Charity. Chloe has already spoken at City Hall about her journey and her involvement with Shine and was the winner of 2017 Princess Diana Award and First Give Alumnus of the Year Award.</p>
10.10 - 10.45am	<p>YOUTH AMBASSADOR #stepuptoserve The #iwill campaign promotes social action among 10-20 year-olds and includes activities such as campaigning, fundraising and volunteering, all of which benefit communities and young people. Chloe Donovan is a Trustee/Board member of Step Up To Serve, a charity that focuses on youth empowerment and social action.</p>
10.45 - 11.15am	REFRESHMENTS
11.15 - 12.00pm	<p>MR GARY LEWIS Gary is the Chair of the Association for Character Education (The Character Education Subject Association). He is also Head teacher at Kings Langley Secondary School in Hertfordshire. In 2002 the school was categorised as being in the bottom 2% nationally so Gary developed a long term strategy for the school's recovery that was entirely focused on developing "strong character" in both students and teaching staff. Recently, Ofsted stated that the "outstanding" attitudes and behaviour of the students" were attributable to the school's complete immersion in reinforcing character, resilience and moral virtue in all aspects of the school's work and curriculum.</p>
12.00 - 12.30pm	<p>MR FABIAN DE FABIANI Fabian is the Director of Character Education and Wellbeing at Townley Grammar School and has spent his professional teaching career focusing on enhancing the opportunities and life chances of students through the power of character education. Fabian is a Character Education Coach and Keynote speaker for schools and national educational conferences. He was highly Commended by the DfE at the 2016 Character Awards.</p>
12.30 - 1.30pm	LUNCH
1.30 - 2.30pm	<p>PANEL EVENT. CHAIR: ANDREW PETERSON, Chloe Donovan, Gary Lewis and Desmond Deehan</p>

The conference will be held at:

Townley Grammar School, Townley Rd, Bexleyheath Kent DA6 7AB

Tickets are charged at a nominal rate of £20 per person and can be reserved from the link below. Please note that tickets are limited and we therefore suggest you book early to avoid disappointment.

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