



20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It has been heart-warming to have such positive engagement with parents, carers and students over the course of this term; your support, feedback and messages of encouragement have been integral in ensuring the school community continues to flourish. As 2023 draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students, parents and carers for their ongoing support and engagement.

### **Parental Engagement with Career's Fair**

At Townley, we are passionate about young people exploring their future career pathways by offering opportunities to interact and engage with a variety of employers. As part of our Careers programme, we have opportunities for students to find out more about the world of work by inviting people in to talk about their career journey, current role and/or the industry they work in, including further study.

Our next event is our Careers and Futures Fair on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024, an all-day event visited by year groups 7-13. If you are available and interested in providing a career insight and would like to have a stand at this event, [please complete the Careers and Futures Fair 2024 form](#) by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 with more details about your current role and industry. We will then be in touch with more information about the day.

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

### **Year 9 DTP and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Please read the attached letter from the Bexley Immunisation Team carefully as it provides information on the two vaccinations that are routinely offered to school children in Year 9.

The team will be in school on 9<sup>th</sup> February to provide these important teenage vaccinations. In order for your child to receive the vaccinations on the day, please follow the links within the letter to give your consent. If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated in school, it is important that you still respond and click the link for 'no consent'. Thank you.

### **Term dates 2024-2025**

Please find attached the agreed term dates for the next academic year, from September 2024.

### **Kittle Photography**

Kittle photography have reopened orders, including free school delivery, for any parents still wishing to purchase school photos. This portal will close on the 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please use link or QR code attached if you would like to order any photos.

### **Save the date: Year 9 Options Evening on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024**

As your child progresses further into Year 9, it is an exciting time to start considering subject options at GCSE as part of the school's innovative Key Stage 4 curriculum plan for the future.

To help you and your child make informed decisions, we will be hosting a Key Stage 4, Year 9 Options Evening on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024**, at Townley Grammar School. This evening will provide you with the opportunity to:

- Learn more about the Key Stage 4 curriculum including GCSE options and the careers they can lead to.
- Take part in interactive activities that will help you and your child explore their interests and strengths.
- Get advice from our experienced Careers Advisor: Wendy Williams, on how to make informed choices about your child's GCSE options.

We will be providing more details about the event in the new year so please do save the date.

### **Save the date: Year 8 Pastoral Evening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm**

Our Year 8 Pastoral Event is an opportunity for parents to come into school and meet with key figures in their educational journey. We want to reinforce the partnership between school and home, as well as to provide you with a talk from a national organisation that works to empower Girls. We have partnered with Girls on Board to develop our pastoral care in line with their research driven approach "that empowers girls in school to navigate the choppy waters of friendships for themselves."

During the evening, you will have the opportunity to:

- Hear from our keynote speaker from Girls on Board
- Meet with, and hear from, Mr White, our new Year 8 Learning Manager
- Meet with your child's tutor
- Meet members of the Senior Leadership Team

We will be providing more details about the event in the new year so please do save the date.

### **Learning Manager for Year 8 - Message from Mr White**

Mrs Singh will be beginning her maternity leave in the new year, so I wanted to introduce myself as the new Learning Manager for Year 8. I am a History Teacher at Townley and have taught years 7-13 since joining Townley Grammar School earlier this year.

I am committed to the wellbeing of our students and view pastoral care as a priority alongside teaching and learning. Recognising the strength of the school community and the sense of belonging that each student deserves at school, I am very much looking forward to working with the year group with this as one area of focus.

I have written my email below for you to get in contact if you have any questions or concerns. Until then, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I look forward to welcoming you, alongside your child's Form Tutor, at our Year 8 pastoral event on the 8th February so please make a note of this date in your diaries.

**Mr White - [LWhite@townleygrammar.org.uk](mailto:LWhite@townleygrammar.org.uk)**

Please do take some time to read this week's [Townley Bulletin](#) . I wish you and your family a safe, restful and joyous holiday. Merry Christmas and all best wishes for a prosperous 2024! I look forward to welcoming our students back for the Spring Term on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

Kind regards,

Nevita Pandya  
Headteacher