

TOWNLEY INSPIRE 2018

Townley Grammar School

Friday 9 November 2018

AN EVENT AIMED AT BRINGING THE PRINCIPLES OF CHARACTER EDUCATION, POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY AND WELLBEING TO THE FOREFRONT OF EDUCATION.

'Education is about 'drawing out' the wealth of different qualities and intelligences from our young citizens. At the heart of this is the development of good character. Effective schooling is not just about trying to maximise the exam performance of our students but rather seeking to maximise the chances of our young leading happy, successful and healthy lives. They want to be prepared for the university of life, for work, for family life and for society, with curious, disciplined and appreciative minds'

Sir Anthony Seldon

The Townley Inspire Conference is being held on 9th November 2018 and has been designed in collaboration between Townley Grammar School, Canterbury Christ Church University, and the Association for Character Education.

Highly distinguished Keynote speakers will share their expertise and experiences in order to inspire, motivate and enlighten representatives from schools so they can begin laying their own frameworks, or indeed build on existing frameworks, for character education, positive psychology and wellbeing.

This event is suitable for everyone from senior leader level through to trainee teachers.

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

8.45-9.15am	REGISTRATION
9.15am	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.
9.30 - 10.10am	DAVID BENSON David is the founding Principal of Kensington Aldridge Academy (KAA) and was previously the Vice Principal at the Ark Academy. He has co-authored a book about the leadership and management of teaching & learning and assessment, 'Creating Outstanding Classrooms' (Routledge 2013), and edited a set of case studies which describe the process of opening a new school and leading it to outstanding. He was named by TES as one of the 10 'most influential people in education' in 2017 for his work at KAA and the Evening Standard included him in their Progress 1000 list, shortlisted as one of London's most influential people in Education in 2017 In 2017, Kensington Aldridge Academy were directly affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy and David is under no doubt that the school's prior focus on Character Education and wellbeing proved fundamental in their journey to overcome such adversity.
10.10 - 10.50am	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 devised a long term strategy for the school's recovery that was entirely focused on developing "strong character" in both students and teaching staff alike. 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.
10.50 - 11.10am	BREAK
11.15 - 11.55pm	ADRIAN BETHUNE Adrian is a teacher and Healthy Body and Mind Leader at his school in Hertfordshire. He was awarded a 'Happy Hero' medal at the House of Lords on the UN International Day of Happiness in 2013 and has been on stage with the Dalai Lama and Lord Richard Layard in 2015 talking about teaching happiness in school. Adrian founded Teachappy in 2017 to assist other schools in placing a greater emphasis on the wellbeing of pupils and staff. In September, his book, 'Wellbeing in the Primary Classroom – A Practical Guide to Teaching Happiness' was published by Bloomsbury.
11.55 - 12.35pm	DAVID FRANCE David France is an active performer, innovative educator, and visionary leader. He is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music's prestigious Sistema Fellows Programme. The fellowship trains passionate socially minded musicians to become leaders in the movement to bring "Music for Social Change" programmes to the United States. Mr. France is currently the executive director of Revolution of Hope, a world-class youth orchestra in the underserved Boston neighbourhood of Roxbury. David is the author of the Amazon best-selling book "Show Up: Unlocking the Power of Relational Networking" He was recently named a Top Urban Innovator under 40 in the United States and a top 100 most influential people of colour in Boston.
12.40 - 1.30pm	LUNCH / NETWORKING

The conference will be held at:

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

Tickets are charged at a nominal rate of £50 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.

We are unable to provide parking facilities on the school site for such a large number of guests. However, there is some free parking in surrounding residential areas such as Arbuthnot Lane. You are advised to check carefully in residential areas as some streets have restrictions. Alternatively, you can park at the Broadway shopping centre car park in Bexleyheath, which is a 10 minute walk from the school.

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