2026 – 2027

Towers Community Update | Friday 17th September 2026

It has been a whirlwind couple of weeks and students have started the year brilliantly, working hard and aiming high.

At Towers, we want our students to build character, expand horizons and have new, exciting opportunities to develop talents and passions outside the classroom. As such, I wanted to share the enrichment timetable for this term - and to share the news that, on Tuesday, in the Rylance Theatre at 3.15pm, Performing Arts will be revealing the name of this year's school show. Exciting!

In response to rising numbers of students coming into the Canteen first thing for breakfast (or just to sit), we are now open from 8.00am. We have also added an Equipment hub into the canteen so students can get anything they need for the day, rather than waiting for Student Reception.

We are continuing to take bookings for our Open Evening on 24th September and Open Morning tours and some of the dates and times are already fully booked. Please check our website for any details on events.

As ever, we have continued to make small tweaks to improve things. So, students who have PE during P5 now have the option to go home in PE kit. This allows them to make the most of lesson time (but is not obligatory).

Our behaviour policy has been updated for 2026/27 and is available here or on our website but we have summarised updates overleaf. Students are aware and, if any behaviour would have resulted in a sanction over the first two weeks, both parents and students will have been notified via Classcharts. Hopefully, this will have given you the time to have any conversations needed to ensure students get things right when they 'go live' from Monday.

Year 11 have started the year the way they mean to go on, having completed almost 500 summer revision tasks for English. It will be exciting to watch their progress this year. Finally, I wanted to say a huge well done; we have given out over 37,000 merits already and seen lots of shout outs taking place in Morning Meeting, students being rewarded for everything from hard work and focus, to lovely manners to kindness. Thank you to our fabulous year teams and PD teachers for paying close attention and rewarding the things we prize here.

Mrs McVey

Behaviour Policy Update

It is important that students come to lesson fully equipped and ready to learn. We don't want to waste a minute of learning time. However, we also know that, as humans, it is possible to forget things! So, student reception and our equipment hub in the canteen are both open before school for students to pick up any missing pieces of equipment. If a student arrives in Morning Meeting or lessons without equipment, the detention will be after school.

Until now, multiple demerits across a range of issues would lead to a detention. However, it is not always easy for a student to change their behaviour if the detention is not clearly tied to a particular issue. Therefore, in order to simplify, a detention will only be given when a student receives multiple demerits for the same thing. This will apply when students do not meet the uniform expectations such as having their shirt untucked, tie worn incorrectly, no blazer at changeover, trousers worn sagging or if a student receives multiple demerits for chewing gum or littering.

We have removed the extended daily detention from the system. Instead, if a student is unsuccessful in completing a detention or has behaved in a way that requires an increased sanction, they may receive a 2 hour SLT detention on a Friday afternoon.

It is super important that students are on time to school and, once in school, on time to lessons. If a student is late to school, the detention will be after school. (But, to be clear, this wouldn't apply if the lateness was not within their control, such as a late bus). However, we also accept that there are moments where a student may be a few seconds late to a lesson by accident. Therefore, rather than being an immediate detention as it was last year, if a student is late to lesson 3 times, they will sit a detention.

Alongside all of our systems, we have a programme of support for individual students who may need a little more help in meeting these expectations. And we have clear systems of monitoring so that we can be proactive in working with students who receive sanctions in order to try to move them towards success. Working together, we can help all students to be successful.

Enrichment Timetable Term 1 What an array of exciting activities to choose from!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Chess Club All Years A7	KS4 and KS5 Art Catchup DA1 and DA2	Ecology Club All Years E17	KS3 Art Club DA2 3:15 - 3:50pm
Year 10&11 Boys Basketball Sports Hall	Year 7&8 Boys Football 3G	Girls Football All Years 3G	Year 9&10 Boys Football 3G	
	Years 7-9 Mixed Badminton Sports Hall	Year 7&8 Netball Sports Hall/Courts	Years 7-9 Fitness Suite	
	Year 7 & 8 Drama Club Drama 1	KS3 DT club DT3	Royal Shakespeare Company Club (RSC) All Year Groups Drama 1	
	Velocity Dance Company 3 D1 Open to All	Stage Door Club All Year Groups Rylance Theatre	Velocity Dance Collective GCSE & KS5 Dance Students D1	Nine Theatre Company *Year 9 only* Theatre 3:15-4:30pm
	Music Tech Club R3 Open to all	Homework Support W12 - Rosa Centre	Homework Support W12 - Rosa Centre	
	Band Club R1 Open to all	Year 11 Geography revision	Science Revision Yr 11 Foundation DS2	
	Homework Support W12 - Rosa Centre	Science Revision Yr 11 Higher DS5	KS4 Science Practical Club DS4	
	Maths Masterclass Year 11 Turing			
	The Kybernan Forum T17			
	STEM Club Yr 7-9 DS3			

Dates for the diary:

Open Evening	24th Sept
World Languages Day	25th Sept
Year 11 and 13 PPEs begin	2nd Nov
Assessment 1 Yrs 7 - 10 and Yr 12	2nd Nov
Sixth Form Open Evening	10th Dec
Proud to be Towers Evening	17th Dec

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