



10th May 2024

Dear parents, carers and all of our Todmorden High School community.

In reference to last Thursday's event, I, and the staff involved, would like to thank you for your unwavering support of the school. We have been inundated with positive messages, including some from our primary partners. The support from our community has been overwhelming and has meant a lot to the staff and I.

I have been at Todmorden High School for 21 years and a teacher for 36 years and this is the first time in my career that a person has tried to gain entry into the school grounds. School has taken this very seriously. Staff managed to prevent entry into the school buildings and all students and staff were kept safe. No student was under threat.

The matter is now being dealt with by the police. This is why we cannot share the full details.

Together with the company who installed and maintain our systems, we have reviewed our alarm systems and we are planning a second drill of the invacuation for this academic year. Before we do, we will speak to all our children about the precautionary nature of the invacuation and evacuation procedures. As with previous drills we will share the date with you in advance.

Thank you to those of you who have contacted me directly to express your broader concerns. I have spoken with many of you individually and I hope that our conversations, together with the information shared through school communications, have alleviate those concerns.

Have a good weekend, let's hope the weather is as nice as it was last bank holiday weekend.

As always, if you have any other concerns or if you wish to speak with a member of staff please get in touch with us via the website, by emailing reception at admin@todhigh.co.uk or by calling school Monday-Friday between the hours of 8-4pm.

Yours sincerely,

Gill Shirt

Headteacher

Up and Coming Dates



24.5.24 - Battlefields Trip students depart.

24.5.24 - School breaks up for half term.

6.5.24 - Headteacher's reward trip to Nando's.

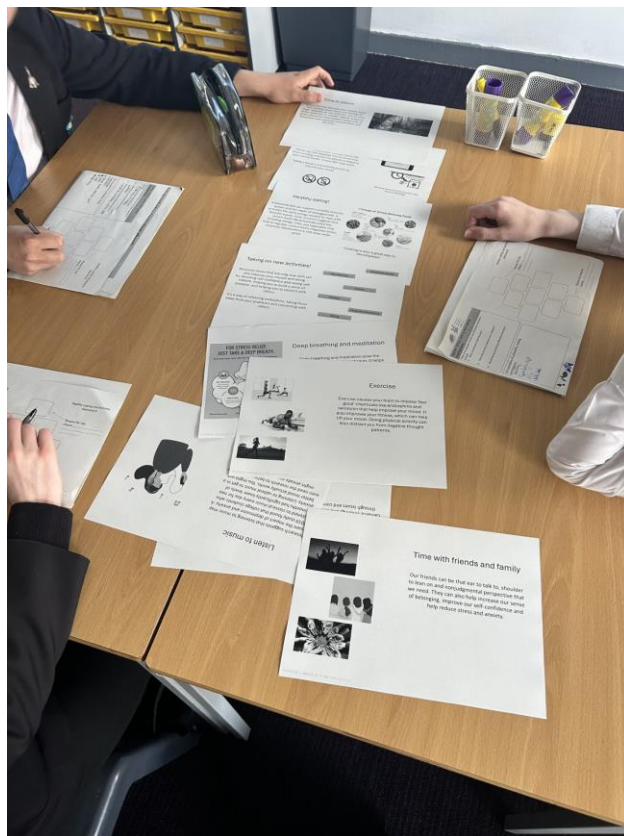
Vaccination dates to note:

13.5.24 - Y9 DTTP/ACWY

20.5.24 - Y9 DTTP/ACWY

Our final ARCH day of the year!

This week saw the final ARCH Day of the year, where students studied everything from mortgages to online safety. Other honourable mentions include environmental responsibility, young people and work as well as critical First Aid training. Thanks to all who were involved, especially our excellent team of Y10 CPR trainers who taught the whole of Y10 CPR using the dummies.





Year 11 examination period

Our Year 11's have now entered into their examination period.

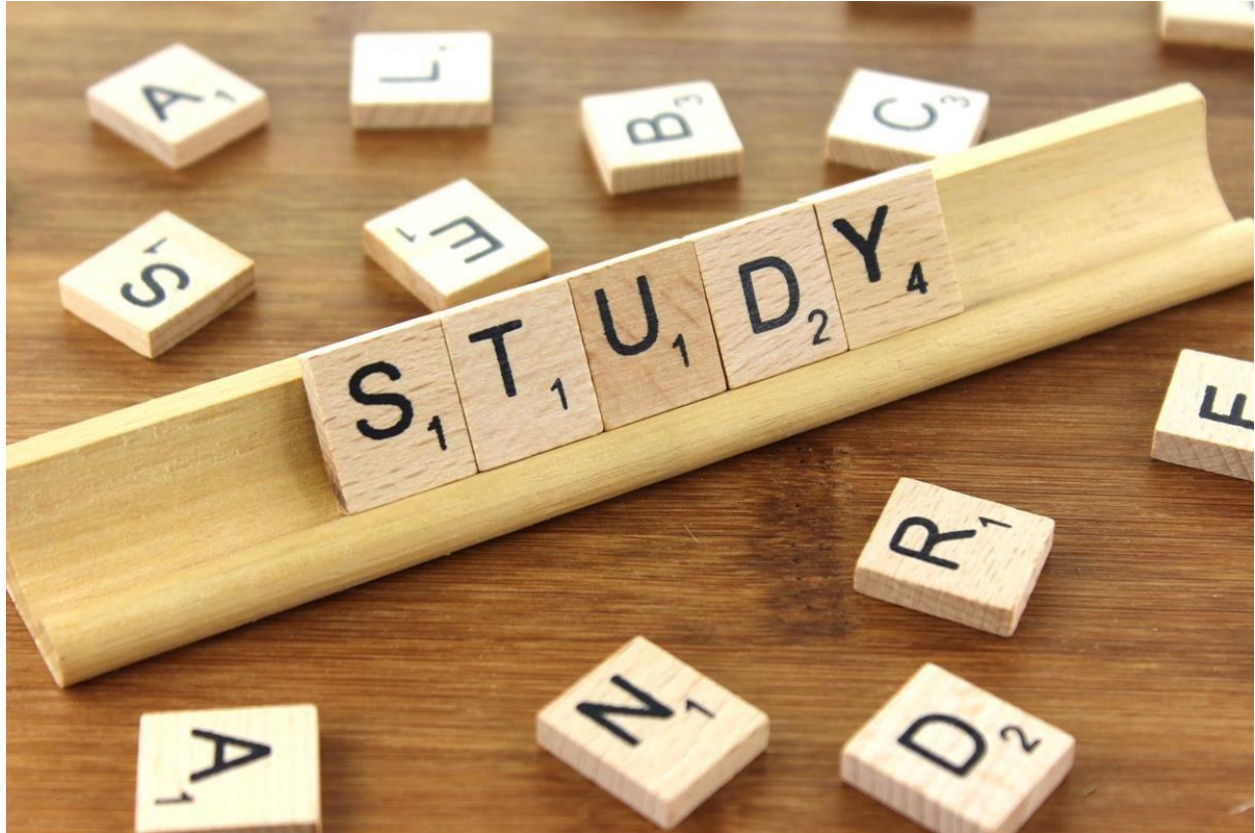
In order to ensure Year 11 can have the best experience possible we will need to make some changes to the usual break and lunchtime procedures. At morning and afternoon break, the PE corridor will need to be closed to ensure the exam halls remain silent.

Students will be able to use reception to enter and exit the building and plenty of toilets will be available on the pastoral corridor and in science.

On Monday 20th May, Year 8 will have lunch with Year 10 in the dining room. This is due to the Hall being used for a longer exam on this date. If the weather allows, students will be able to eat outside on this date to ease pressure in the dining room.

We wish Year 11 the best of luck as they enter into the examination period. They are prepared and ready. Please encourage your child to do their best to support Year 11 as part of the Todmorden High School community.

Study Leave for Year 11



As of Thursday 23rd May, Year 11 students will be given the opportunity to take study leave following their morning English Language exam. Once they have completed their exam, all Year 11 students will be walked off site and will make their own way home. This time will vary slightly from student to student depending on their exam access arrangements, however the exam is due to be 1 hour 45 minutes.

We are currently putting together a number of revision sessions for any outstanding exams following the May Half Term. As soon as this has been finalised, we will publish this with all students, parents and carers.

Students should proceed to follow the procedure below during the final weeks of exams:

For morning exams

Students should continue to come in as they usually would from 8:20 where toast and bagels will be available in the dining room.

For afternoon exams

For exams beginning at 13:00, students should arrive on site at 12:45 and wait at the benches at the front of school.

For exams beginning at 13:30, students should arrive on site at 13:15 and wait at the benches at the front of school.

If students require a school lunch before an afternoon exam, then they should arrive at 12:20 and join the queue in the dining room.

For revision sessions (which will be confirmed shortly)

Students should sign in at reception using the inventory system. They must sign out using the same system too as and when they leave site. The ambition shown by our students so far has been commendable. Even though the end of the exam season can be incredibly stressful and overwhelming for students, it is crucial that they continue to work hard to allow them to achieve their unique potential.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate in contacting me on e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk

We have our very own therapy dog!

Last week, Scout the dog was formally assessed and he passed his 'In house therapy dog' assessment. He passed with flying colours! Very well done to our students who have supported Scout during his training and exam.



Bloomin' lovely!

With the sun out, THS gardeners have been hard at work (though they don't mind rain too much either). Squashes, tomatoes and sweet peas have gone in, with plans for a wide range of additions based on student choices. This year we have a very strong team who have not only worked hard to grow crops, but landscape and pursue an eco friendly approach. Dip tanks have been introduced and water saving measures and planting choices have been implemented. More to come!



Power to Thrive update - Year 8

A group of year 8's have joined a programme called Power to Thrive. This has been a roaring success. Over the last few weeks, the students have been going out into the community to spend time in a local nursery to assist in building confidence levels, and help develop care and empathy, compassion, and ambition.

Calling all local businesses & charities in Todmorden

We'd love to offer you the opportunity to showcase and promote your business / charity at Todmorden High School's "Great Summer Get Together" on Friday 21st June, 4-6pm.

This event is part of our transition programme for the September intake of Year 7's and their families , however this year we want to expand it and promote what Todmorden can offer to its wider community via this event.

If you are interested or would like more details, please contact j.james@todhigh.co.uk

Calderdale Anti-Poverty Partnership event

Our Head of Year 10 had the pleasure of accompanying some of our Student Leadership team to the Calderdale Anti-Poverty Partnership event at the Town Hall on Wednesday morning.

The event was very informative and the students were excellent ambassadors and representatives of school. They have already come up with some ideas and suggestions as to how we can help and support some of our more vulnerable families, fulfilling our school values of Care and Respect. If you have any questions, please contact Miss James on j.james@todhigh.co.uk





We are recruiting!



Join our super team here at Todmorden High School!

We have a number of vacancies within our school. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in applying, please see our website for details.

[Recruitment - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](http://todhigh.co.uk)

Vaccination Reminder

Just a final reminder regarding Year 9 vaccinations.

DTP/ACWY 13/5/24 and 20/5/24.

There is a letter of consent for parent to complete below.

https://immunisation.cht.nhs.uk/vaccinations/men_acwy_dtp?code=107564

Our latest 5 star canteen menu is here!

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Monday	Fajita style chicken in sauce with pasta and garlic bread. Tomato and basil sauce with pasta and garlic bread. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad.	Spaghetti and pasta Bolognese with garlic bread Mac n Cheese with garlic bread. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad.	Lasagne, with peas or sweetcorn, garlic bread Tomato and basil pasta, garlic bread. Nachos with salsa, cheese, sour cream Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad.
Tuesday	Cottage pie with beans or veg and gravy. Cheese and onion pie with beans or veg and potato croquettes. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad.	Chicken fried rice. Vegetable fried rice. Sweet and sour sauce. Spring rolls and prawn crackers. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad.	Balti chicken curry with rice and naan bread. Spinach, sweet potato and lentil dhal, with rice and naan. Samosas – mango chutney and yogurt mint dip Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad.
Wednesday	Roast dinner day – Turkey or sausage with roasted potatoes, Yorkshire puddings, vegetables and gravy Veggie sausage option. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad.	Roast dinner day – Chicken pie or sausage with roasted potatoes, Yorkshire puddings, vegetables and gravy. Veggie sausage option. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad.	Roast dinner day – Hunters chicken - (BBQ sauce and cheese) or sausage with roasted potatoes, Yorkshire puddings, vegetables and gravy Veggie sausage option. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad.
Thursday	SFC burgers with side salad Cheese burgers/Burgers with side salad Variety of sauces, burger, red, mayo, sweet chilli Paninis – fillings of the day including cheese veggie option with side salad. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad.	Pulled pork burgers with side salad SFC burgers with side salad Variety of sauces, burger, red, mayo, sweet chilli Paninis – fillings of the day including cheese veggie option with side salad. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad.	SFC burgers with side salad Cheese burgers/Burgers with side salad Variety of sauces, burger, red, mayo, sweet chilli Paninis – fillings of the day including cheese veggie option with side salad. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad.
Friday	Popcorn chicken, chips, curry sauce or gravy Cheese and tomato pizza. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad.	Popcorn chicken, chips, curry sauce or gravy. Cheese and tomato pizza. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad.	Popcorn chicken, chips, curry sauce or gravy. Cheese and tomato pizza. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad.

Learning Managers



Just to remind you all of our 5 Learning Managers and their contact details, should you ever need to email them.

Year 7 - Mrs. Kontogiannopoulou

Email: demik@todhigh.co.uk

Year 8 - Mrs. Thompson

Email: p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk

Year 9 - Mrs. Townend

Email: a.townend@todhigh.co.uk

Year 10 - Miss. James

Email: j.james@todhigh.co.uk

Year 11 - Mrs. Stansfield

Email: e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk