



# 11th October 2024

Dear Parent / carers,

Firstly, thank you to all of you who took the time to send me a message regarding my retirement announcement on Monday. It was so lovely to hear from you all with stories of when I taught you and indeed your children. Lots of students are asking who the next Headteacher will be. The recruitment process is underway with a national advertisement. There will be a rigorous recruitment process ending with a two-day interview at the end of November.

Winter is definitely coming! The time has perhaps come for big coats and gloves to start being worn for these cold and frosty mornings.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Headteacher's forum and Year 7 parent forum this week. Lots of conversations have been had, with all conversations being positive and open. There are still spaces available for the upcoming SEND, data and uniform forums - details are below.

We have had lots of visits to our school this week from members of our local community, including Todmorden In Bloom for a tour to discuss the opportunity of working closely with us, using our great gardening facilities alongside our green fingered students. Exciting times ahead for this project!

Mr Ian Coates, one of our first ever students, came in to show us some of us memorabilia from his time here. What lovely memories, we are very grateful for Mr Coates taking the time to come in.

All visitors in school are either DBS checked or supervised.

As always, if you have 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](mailto:admin@todhigh.co.uk)

Yours faithfully,

Gill Shirt

Headteacher



## Up and Coming Dates



\* Our 1-2-1 online forums are your opportunity to speak personally online to a senior member of staff. To make an appointment please email Miss Jones on [v.jones@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:v.jones@todhigh.co.uk)

11.10.24 - GCSE School Trip, Blencathra Field Studies Centre, Keswick with Mr Hall.

17.10.24 - Burnley FC community football Trip with Miss James.

17.10.24 - SEND Forum with Mrs Kendall and Miss Cooper @ 4-5pm\*

23.10.24 - Data Forum with Miss Vose @ 4-5pm \*

HALF TERM - Monday 28th - 1st November. Back to school Monday 4th November.

7.11.24 - Uniform Forum with Mrs Rawlinson @ 4-5pm \*

8.11.24 - Pizza Hut Student voice rewards trip with Miss Shirt and Miss James.

14.11.24 - Revision Forum with Mrs Mansfield and Mrs Stansfield @ 4-5pm.\*

19.11.24 Year 7-11 Nasal Flu immunisations.

20.11.24 - Sex education parent forum with Mrs Maude @ 3.15-3.45pm.\*

28.11.24 - Progress Evening Year 11 @ 4:30-7pm. More details to follow.

12.12.24 - Progress Evening Year 9 @ 4:30-7pm. More details to follow.

20.12.24 - Break up for Christmas holidays. Back to school 7.1.25.

Please keep an eye out on our social media pages for lots of new and interesting articles!

## Year 9 Headteacher's Breakfast

This week saw Dessie H, Faye H, Maisie B and Alfie L attend a Headteacher's breakfast with Miss Shirt, consisting of lovely bagels with jam, cake, fruit and drinks. Students had the opportunity to talk to Miss Shirt about their time in the school, good points and areas where they feel there is room for improvement. A good time was had by all. Well done everyone.



## Mayor of Todmorden, Ben Jankovich and Reverend Cathy Shelley

This week we welcomed Reverend Cathy Shelley, vicar of St Mary's Todmorden, St Peter's Walsden and St Michael's Cornholme, and the current Mayor of Todmorden, Ben Jankovich, into school. They enjoyed an extensive tour of the school, visiting many classrooms in many departments and seeing some fantastic learning in all of them. They particularly remarked on the very welcoming feel of our school and the calm purposeful classrooms. They were asking questions about the possibility of a new school building, how we support all our learners to make the best progress and were impressed by the additional intervention groups working in our Ewood Centre and with Mr Starr. They were then able to enjoy a marvellous lunch in our canteen, during which Cathy remarked that the food on offer was a far cry from her memories of school dinners at her school! We look forward to welcoming both Cathy and Ben back to our school in the near future.



## Year 9 Stars of the Week

Well done to Willow K, Logan E, Finn M, George C and Pippa S for being awarded Star of the Week for Year 9 for best improvement in year for their ARCH ratio! Congratulations to you all! Keep up the good work!



## October ARCH day

This October, we had our first ARCH Day of the academic year. The purpose of this day is to ensure that students are ready for adult life and the world of work. Over the 5 years students spend at THS, they will cover everything from first aid to finance and from relationships and to politics. Some of the lessons for this ARCH Day included learning about echo chambers, staying safe online and road safety. Feedback from students and staff was overwhelmingly positive. This programme runs in conjunction with personal development work that is done in form, as well as a personal development carousel in Y7 and 8. Much of what we explore is statutory and is based on government guidance that can be found on the DofE website.

If you are interested to know more about our SRE curriculum or any other aspects of the PSHE provision, there will be a parent forum on Wednesday 20th November @ 3.15-3.45pm. Appointments can be booked through Miss Jones on [v.jones@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:v.jones@todhigh.co.uk)

## Attendance award

Ernie B of our year 10 has been awarded this week's attendance award for 100% attendance and no late marks during last week. This is a brilliant achievement and we are very proud of him. Well done Ernie!

This resets every Monday with every student having the chance to win this award.

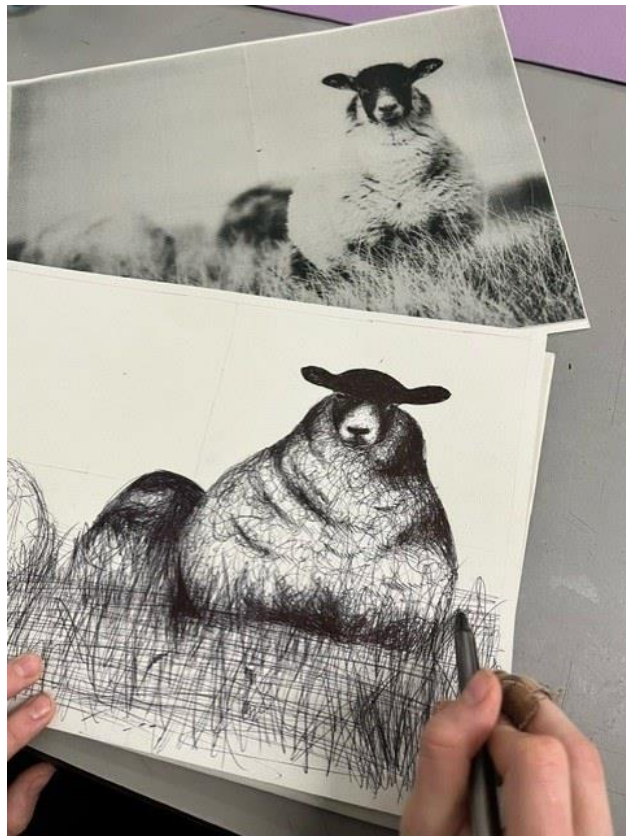


## Art department update

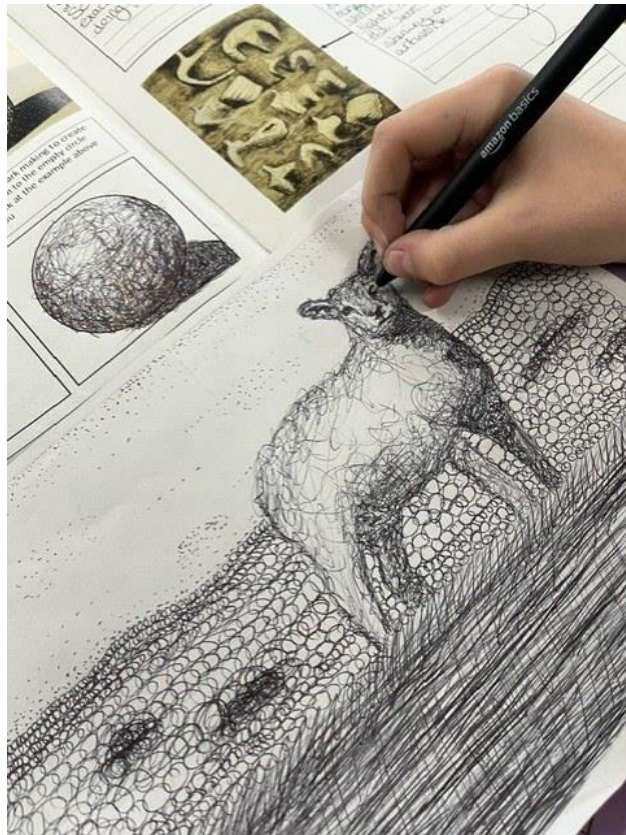
Our wonderful art technician Nikki has been working hard to roll out approximately 100 kilos of clay ready for Y8. Students will create a clay tile based on their own drawings of sheep which have been inspired by the artist Henry Moore. Watch this space for more photos of the clay tiles that will be being produced over the next few weeks.

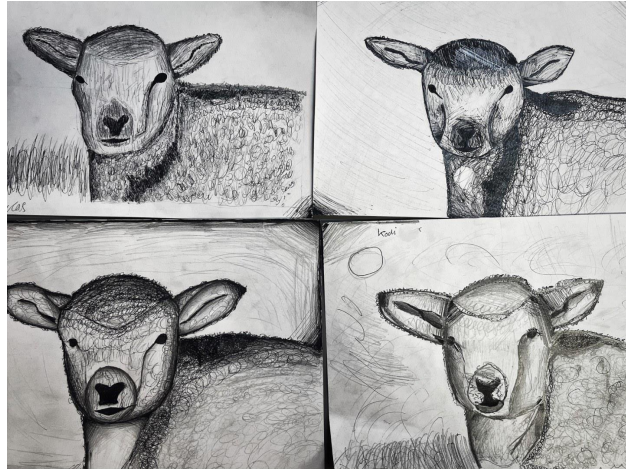
Some amazing examples of our year 8 Henry Moore inspired sheep study are below. The students have been learning how to accurately apply mark making using fineliner in the style of artist Henry Moore. We are so so proud of our amazing artists!











## Attendance update

We are pleased to tell you that we have seen a significant improvement in attendance so far this year. Students are accessing more of their education on a regular basis, and we are really proud of them. Thank you for all the support in ensuring your child is attending school as regularly as possible, please continue to do this especially over the next two weeks until half term. If you need anything or have any queries in relation to attendance, please contact Miss Clark-Hutchinson on [n.clark-hutchinson@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:n.clark-hutchinson@todhigh.co.uk)

## Post-16 event for Year 11's

This week saw our annual Post-16 event for Year 11's with a number of local providers coming in to school to provide a chance for students to talk to them. This is part of our careers and personal development programme, alongside careers appointments, taster days and careers fairs. There is information on our website about students' post-16 options but please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any further support on Miss James on [j.james@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:j.james@todhigh.co.uk)





## Scout - Todmorden High School therapy dog

Scout, our therapy dog, has been busy this week - he even has his own diary now! He brings such joy to our students and classes when he joins them. If you could like to have a session with Scout, please email Miss Shirt on [g.shirt@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:g.shirt@todhigh.co.uk)







## Our extra-curricular timetable!

Todmorden High School extra-curricular timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>Further Maths</b> Years 10 & 11 SMIP/HAGZ/RUHF Room 80/82	<b>Design &amp; Technology Club</b> Years 7,8,9 HARS/DAUJ Room 25	<b>Year 8 Maths Club</b> Invite only SMIP Room 82	<b>Sports Studies</b> Year 10 KENS Changing rooms
	<b>Orchestra</b> All Years LEIJ Room 69	<b>Year 7 Maths Club</b> Invite only SMIP Room 82	<b>Band Practice</b> All Years LEIJ Room 69	<b>Physics Club</b> Year 10 & 11 KEAA Room 39
	<b>Chess Club</b> All years WOMJ Room 18	<b>Netball Club</b> All Years CREG Changing rooms	<b>Drama Club</b> All years DAUH	
	<b>Football Club</b> Year 8 BRAJ	<b>Coding Club</b> All Years MCDD Room 21		

All clubs finish by 4pm unless stated otherwise

Half Term 1 2024



**Other opportunities:**  
Home Learning Club in the Library  
Every night after school until 4.00pm  
\*Y9/10/11 – Duke of Edinburgh Award.  
See Miss Mullarkey for details

## Local events

Great news from Hopwood Hall College and University Centre !

"Our hugely popular Animal Academy is back this October half term. This incredible 3-day adventure is perfect for young people aged 13-16 who aspire to develop a career working with animals. Delivered by our in-house team of expert tutors, this immersive programme gives young people 18 hours of highly

sought-after practical experience – the perfect foundations for a career in working with animals. Animal Academy students can expect to learn all about the unique lives of our endangered animals at Hopwood Hall College, we have over 500 animals here, including snakes, tortoises, poison frogs, wallabies, ponies, alpacas and bats to name but a few.

Course will be held – **Monday 28th October to Wednesday 30th October – 9am-3pm**

You can book a place following the link below:

[Animal Academy - Hopwood Hall College and University Centre](#)

We can't wait to welcome you to our Animal Academy here at Hopwood Hall College and University Centre!

Kind Regards

Jane

**JANE SLATER | ENGAGEMENT OFFICER**

Hopwood Hall College | Rochdale Road | Middleton | M24 6XH"





It's back!! Todmorden Hippodrome Christmas Fair and Market

A fabulous opportunity to get those Christmas presents bought and support local makers at the same time. There will also be a Christmas Tree Festival with 14 trees on show beautifully decorated by local schools and organisations. Each one supporting a charity of their choice. The £1 entrance fee will give you 10 tokens to vote for your favourite 10 trees. The proceeds from this will be shared amongst the charities. Delicious homemade refreshments will also be available in the lovely Props Room.



# 2024 - 2025 Term Dates

## School term dates 2024-2025

Date	Event
Monday 2nd September 2024	CPD Day 1 (school closed to students)
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	CPD Day 2 (school closed to students)
Wednesday 4th September 2024	School opens for Autumn term
Friday 25th October 2024	School closes for Autumn half-term
Monday 4th November 2024	School re-opens after Autumn half-term
Friday 20th December 2024	School closes for the end of Autumn term
Monday 6th January 2025	CPD Day 3 (school closed to students)
Tuesday 7th January 2025	School opens for Spring term
Friday 14th February 2025	School closes for Spring half-term
Monday 24th February 2025	School re-opens after Spring half-term
Friday 4th April 2025	School closes for the end of Spring term
Monday 21st April 2025	School closed: Easter Monday
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	School opens for Summer term
Monday 5th May 2025	School closed: May Day
Friday 23rd May 2025	School closes for Summer half-term
Monday 2nd June 2025	School re-opens after Summer half-term
Friday 18th July 2025	School closes for end of summer term
Monday 21st July 2025	CPD Day 4 (school closed to students)
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	CPD Day 5 (school closed to students)

- Of the 195 days, five are to be pupil occasional holidays. School must open 190 days to students.
- One of these must be polling day, if schools are closed due to the elections.
- Two of the five days may be disaggregated.

## Our Daily Routine.

2024/25			
Session	Session length	Time	Year
Arrive on site	10 min	8:30 – 8:40	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Focus	30min	8:40 – 9:10	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Lesson 1	1hr	9:10 – 10:10	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Break	15min	10:10 – 10:25	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Lesson 2	1hr	10:25 – 11:25	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11

Session	Session length	Time	Year	Session	Session length	Time	Year	Session	Session length	Time	Year
Lunch A	30min	11:25 – 11:55	8, 10	Lesson 3	30 min	11:25 – 11:55	7	Lesson 3	1hr	11:25 – 12:25	9, 11
Lesson 3	1hr	11:55 – 12:55	8, 10	Lunch B	30 min	11:55 – 12:25	7	Lunch C	30min	12:25 – 12:55	9, 11
				Lesson 3	30 min	12:25 – 12:55	7				

Session	Session length	Time	Year
Lesson 4	1hr	12:55 – 13:55	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Transition	5min	13:55 – 14:00	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Lesson 5	1hr	14:00 – 15:00	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11

## Learning Managers for next academic year 2024-2025



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

**Year 7 -Mrs. Townend**

**Email:** [a.townend@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:a.townend@todhigh.co.uk)

**Year 8 - Mrs. Kontogiannopoulou**

**Email:** [demik@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:demik@todhigh.co.uk)

**Year 9 - Mrs. Thompson**

**Email:** [p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk)

**Year 10 - Mrs. Stansfield**

**Email:** [e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk)

**Year 11 - Miss. James**

**Email:** [j.james@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:j.james@todhigh.co.uk)