



14th June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

This week saw some of our students participate in Calderdale Athletics 2024. I am delighted to say that they smashed it! Many congratulations to those who took part, those who were awarded medals and to our PE department staff. We are very proud of you all!

On Wednesday next week, the 19th June at 4-5pm, I am holding a parent forum in our Hall where you can come and speak to members of our senior leadership team regarding thoughts, constructive feedback and ideas for improvements. More details below.

We have been privileged this week to have a visit from Todmorden Town Councillors and Tod Town deal representatives, who came for lunch and a tour of the school. If you would like to do this, to see more of the school let me know on [g.shirt@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:g.shirt@todhigh.co.uk)

Over 250 of our students have, this week, received invitations to our trip to Alton Towers reward day. This is a massive reward for having an attendance above 95% and an ARCH ratio of above 97%, this will be taking place in September. Well done to those who have been successful in receiving this award.

Yesterday we held our KS3 celebration evening, where over 100 of our Year 9's received certificates for overall progress, attainment, subject progress, 100% ARCH ratio and ARCH champions. A great night was had by all! Well done to everyone who received a certificate!

Our Great Summer Get Together is nearly upon us - Friday 21st June at 4-6pm. Pop down for some fun and games, music and BBQ! This is part of our transition programme for Year 7's. We are also expanding it this year to involve the wider community by inviting local businesses and charities to have a stall to promote what they offer / how they can help local people. We want to showcase what Todmorden can offer its community, by utilising our school community.

On Monday, we are welcoming a group of Japanese visitors into school. They have had links with the school for some time.

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](mailto: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



19.6.24 - Yr 8 Youth Scholars' visit to Pembroke College (Oxford University)

21.6.24 - Our THS Great Summer Get together, 4-6pm! Welcome to all to come along!

27.6.24 - Yr 10 trip to Burnley College.

2.7.24 - Yr 10 trip to RCSF (60 pupils only)

4.7.24 - Yr 10 trip to Nelson College.

6-7.7.24 - Yr 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze.

9-10.7.24 - Geography field trip.

11.7.24 - Year 10 Mock Interview Day

16.7.24 - KS4 Youth Scholars' visit to Pembroke College, Oxford University LEM

17.7.24 - Yr 7, 8 and 9 data to home.

19.7.24 - Break up for summer.

Vaccination dates to note:

There is one final catch up date booked for Tuesday 9th July

## KS3 celebration evening

What an amazing evening we had, celebrating the successes of our Year 9 students. Congratulations to all!

Students were recognised, congratulated and awarded for 100% attendance, ARCH champions, 100% ARCH ratio, Community champion, Extra-Curricular champion, most improved student, student leaders, top overall progress, top overall attainment, subject progress and attainment, Ewood and English speaking board grades 4 and 5.

Well done Year 9 and to Mrs Townsend too! You should be very proud of yourselves for such a successful evening - It was because of you!

















## A superb success at Calderdale Athletics 2024

Not only were our students fantastic ambassadors for THS at this week's Calderdale Athletics 2024, but they also performed exceptionally well in the track and field events!

1st places went to Iona B, Bo S, Eva B, Desie H, Ruby S, Frank F, Robert R, Rosie D and Shania H in events ranging from 100m, 200m, 800m, High Jump, Javelin, Long Jump and the 1500m!

A final congratulations to our Year 10 - who achieved 2nd place overall in Calderdale. We are all bursting with pride! Well done everyone for an outstanding performance in every way.

### WELL DONE TO ALL OF YOU.

- All the students were an absolute credit to THS on the day.

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10
Kyle Fox	Oliver Nightingale	Tomoya Newiss	Frank Forrester
Freddie Barnes	Ernie Brandwood	Kingsley Kruszona	Nathan Barker
Ethan Lively	Achilles Yaccabe-Micallef	Finley Cochrane	Cale Wilkinson
Cohen Willis	Jacob Lownds	Finn Tweed	Robert Ratcliffe
Charlie Sutcliffe	Ollie Dowson	Ben Wigley	George Cooper
Eva Bamford	Dessie Holland	Zoe Bedford	Harriet Wells
Emily Stollery	Aamilah Hussain	Phoebe Williams	Shania Holland
Daisy Ibberson	Emily Ogden	Megan G-P	Ava Spence
Bo Dalton	Connie Halstead	Poppy Ibberson	Ruby Smith
Iona Bell	Hannah Ogden	Ella Ward	Rosie Dowson
Josh Sutcliffe			







## Home Learning at THS – Parent/Carer Guide

Home Learning plays a crucial role in reinforcing and extending the learning that takes place in the classroom. It is a valuable tool that enhances students' overall academic experience and contributes significantly to their success. Educational research shows that home learning increases student progress by five months on average. It provides a structured way to complete revision for upcoming assessments and builds good habits for success in the GCSE examinations. Finally, Home Learning provides teachers with insights into each student's understanding of the material that has been taught. This feedback loop enables teachers to identify areas where additional support may be needed, ensuring that students receive the help they require to succeed.

Home Learning at Todmorden High School is retrieval-based and provides students with the opportunity to reinforce what they have learnt in class. It serves as a practice session, helping them consolidate their understanding of new concepts and skills. The knowledge-based tasks set on GCSE Pod, Carousel, Isaac Physics, Educake and SPARX are specifically designed to enhance complex thinking within the classroom. These online learning platforms have the added benefit of instant feedback and additional videos and guidance to support students with their learning.

### Feedback on Home Learning

Home Learning assignments are set and marked by teachers regularly, so that students can receive timely feedback on their progress. The setting and completion of Home Learning is recorded on Class Charts to form part of a student's learning record.

### Rewards and Sanctions

- All students who complete their Home Learning will receive two ARCH points.
- All students who do not complete their Home Learning will receive one negative ARCH point, and a Home Learning recovery detention will be set on Class Charts, to be completed at lunch time in Jack's Diner. **ATL and Home Learning.** To ensure Home Learning is valued by students, its completion is reflected in the Attitude to Learning (ATL) grade entered on reports. The table below shows the requirements from a Home Learning perspective:

ATL grade	Home Learning requirement
1	You always complete Home Learning because it is a key tool used to support long-term learning.
2	You complete Home Learning because it is a key tool used to support long-term learning.
3	You do not complete your Home Learning often enough.
4	You need to complete your Home Learning for this subject.

### Supporting your child with their Home Learning

You can support your child(ren) with their Home Learning in the following ways:

- Encourage them to use Class Charts to regularly check for any Home Learning assignments that have been set by their teachers. Students will also be notified here of any ARCH points rewarded when Home Learning has been submitted, or if a Home Learning recovery detention has been given when Home Learning has not been completed.
- Where possible, provide a quiet space for students to complete their Home Learning assignments, away from noise or distractions.
- If students have any questions about their Home Learning, they should contact their teachers (either in person or via email) in the first instance.

## U13 cricket Todmorden High beat Rishworth

Congratulations to our U13 Cricket team who have just played their first match in the Calderdale Outdoor Cricket league on Tuesday at Stones Cricket Club. The boys performed amazingly well and managed to beat a well organised and strong Rishworth team. The team were set a target of 82 runs and managed to achieve this run chase with 6 overs left. Player of the match was awarded to our captain Isaac Rushton who scored 35 runs and performed consistently behind the stumps. Our next match will be at home v Ryburn Valley High School next Tuesday afternoon at Todmorden Cricket Club. Good luck for the rest of the competition!



## Parent forum, Wednesday 19th June @ 4-5pm

Do you have a comment/ query or suggestion you would like to bring to our attention? It could be anything from school dinners to ClassCharts/ trips/ learning and teaching- anything you feel could add to school improvement. We are always looking to improve and suggestions from parents and carers are often insightful and useful for us.

We will be holding a parents' forum where you can come along , have a brew and a biscuit and share your thoughts in a non- threatening supportive atmosphere, where we can clear up any misconceptions and take your points on board to help us with our school improvement.

No time for a forum is brilliant for everyone- we are holding it at 4-5pm on 19th June, if you have a comment or a suggestion and you can't make it, you can email in on [g.shirt@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:g.shirt@todhigh.co.uk) and we could meet on Teams or have a phone conversation.

Please keep the lines of communication open , we would love to hear from you!

## Demystifying Apprenticeships Online Event

Supporting your child to navigate the changing world of career opportunities can be daunting. West Yorkshire Careers Hub have an exciting event that will shed light on apprenticeship training routes, including degree apprenticeships, helping you to support your child to decide if the apprenticeship route is right for them, and through the application process.

This **online session** will take place **on Wednesday 10th July 5.30pm – 7.00pm** and will provide an opportunity for you to get the latest information about apprenticeships.

You will hear directly from a panel of leading apprenticeship employers from a range of sectors, including **Asda, ITV, Jet 2, and Mazars**. These leading employers will be available to answer your questions and shed light on the exciting apprenticeship careers they offer.

During this interactive online event, you will gain invaluable knowledge, including:

- An in-depth overview of apprenticeships and local labour market information
- Tips and strategies for finding exceptional apprenticeship opportunities
- A Q&A session with the esteemed panel of employers, where you can have your questions answered directly

This event is hosted by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and is completely free to attend, making it accessible to all parents, guardians, and carers who are dedicated to supporting their children on their career journeys.

### **Book your place**

To secure your spot, simply click the link below and book your place at "Demystifying Apprenticeships for Parents and Carers."

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/demystifying-apprenticeships-a-webinar-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-911215679627?aff=oddtcreator>

If you have any questions you would like to submit in advance, please include them in the Eventbrite booking form. Remember to download Microsoft Teams beforehand to ensure a seamless online experience.


West Yorkshire Learning Hub

## Lost property

We have a large amount of lost property in Student Reception, including jewellery, which needs collecting before summer please.

## Our new Extracurricular timetable is here!

**Todmorden High School extra-curricular timetable – Half Term 6 2024**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Latin Club Invite only Ms Pollock	Design & Technology Club Mrs Hartley Room 25 & 26	English Speaking Board Invitation only Mrs Newson Room 90	Music Club Mr Charles Room 13	<p>All clubs finish by 4pm unless stated otherwise</p> 
	Cricknet Club (all years) Mr Duenden Gym	MMM Fantasy Orchestra Mrs Leicester School Hall	Fitness Club Miss Riley In the hall	
	Year 9 Maths Club Invite only Mr Smith	Y11 FRB Drop In Mr Womack Room 47	Athletics Club Mr Duenden Changing rooms	
	KS4 Art/Photography Club Mr Freeman Room 45	Year 7 & 8 Code Club Mr McDermott Room 21		
	KS3 Art Club Miss Webster Room 46	KS3 Science Club Miss Smith Room 45		
	Drama Club (All Years) Miss Daubney Drama Studio	Hockey Club All Years Miss Craighton		
	Badminton (All Years) Mrs Lambert Tod Sports Center	Year 7 Math Club Invite only Mr Smith		

**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

## Vaccination Reminder

Just a final reminder regarding Year 9 vaccinations.

The final catch up session is Tuesday 9th July.

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

[https://immunisation.cht.nhs.uk/vaccinations/men\\_acwy\\_dtp?code=107564](https://immunisation.cht.nhs.uk/vaccinations/men_acwy_dtp?code=107564)



## 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**

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**Year 8 - Mrs. Thompson**

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

**Year 9 - Mrs. Townend**

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**Year 10 - Miss. James**

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**Year 11 - Mrs. Stansfield**

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