



15th November 2024

Dear Parent / carers,

On Monday 11th November we remembered all those who served or lost during our World Wars and other conflicts. Doug G, Jenson B, Zeke H, Faizan N and Joe B read a poem out to the school. Harry A, Fanie M and Cohen L helped lay wreaths in memory on behalf of Todmorden High School. As a school, we stood behind our chairs whilst the students read the poem. Behaviour was impeccable and respectful from all and should be commended.

It is the new Headteacher's recruitment days on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th November. Candidates will be in and around school during both days. When a decision has been made by our Governors as to who is going to be my replacement, we will let you know.

Myself and Miss James took some of our Student Leadership students on a reward trip at the end of last week to Pizza Hut. Great fun was had by all, and they had a good go at the all you can eat buffet!

I attended our Governors' meeting for Finance and Resource on Wednesday. This went very well and all policies that were put forward were approved, with the Governors being very happy with how we stand as a school financially.

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

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

18.11.24 - Year 11 data sent to home.

19.11.24 Year 7-11 Nasal Flu immunisations.

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

25.11.24 - Year 9 data sent to home along with the Options booklet.

28.11.24 - Progress Evening Year 11 @ 4:30-7pm. This will be a school cloud event. See below article for details.

5.12.24 - Presentation Evening @ 6-8pm. An event for last year's Year 11.

12.12.24 - Progress Evening Year 9 @ 4:30-7pm. This will be a school cloud event.

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!

Attendance Update.

We are pleased to share that we have seen improved attendance compared to this point last year. As you will be aware, good attendance is tightly linked to good outcomes. We want to continue to work closely with you to ensure attendance continues to be a priority for everybody. Over the next few weeks, we will share excerpts from the attendance policy to share our expectations of you and your children and in turn what you can expect from us. The attendance policy in full is available here: [Attendance-Policy-2024-25-STAT-approved-25.09.24-1-year.pdf](#)

4.2 Parents / carers Parents / carers are expected to:

- Ensure their child attends regularly. This means every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill.
- Report any absence by calling the absence line before 8.30am on 01706 813558 stating the name, form and reason for absence.
- Ensure, where possible, appointments for their child are made outside of the school day.
- Avoid taking holidays in term-time.

We ask parents / carers to also:

- Praise and reward good attendance.
- Establish good attendance habits by acting as role models.
- Establish good routines at home to support high levels of attendance. This includes bedtime and morning routines to ensure students are getting enough sleep.
- Be aware of the timings of the school day and your child's timetable to avoid issues e.g. ensuring PE kit is brought in on the correct day.
- Talk regularly with your child about school and where necessary raise concerns with your child's learning manager.
- Engage in any additional support that is recommended to help improve the attendance of your child.

Revision forum

Mrs Mansfield and Mrs Stansfield held their Revision forum this week, which was a great success.

Here is the link to a copy of the forum, which is well worth watching if you were unable to attend.

https://todhighco-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/a_mansfield_todhigh_co_uk/ESgV9ree2GBNoXi3jRywEzoBCyvj7ghOlf4nQoyuvonJYQ?e=4BTQ6t&nav=eyJyZWZlcnJhbEluZm8iOnsicmVmZXJyYWxBCHAIiOiJTaHJlYW1XZWJBCHAIiLCJyZWZlcnJhbFZpZXciOiJTaGFyZURpYWxvZy1MaW5rliwicmVmZXJyYWxBCHBQbGF0Zm9ybSI6IldlYiIsInJlZmVycmFsTW9kZSI6InZpZXcifX0%3D

Student Leadership reward trip to Pizza Hut

On Friday 8th November, Miss Shirt and Miss James took a number of students to Pizza Hut as a reward and thank you for their involvement in Student Leadership last year. The trip was re-arranged from July so it didn't clash with Sports Day! The students were an absolute credit to school, polite and respectful throughout the whole trip (although their singing on the minibus left a lot to be desired!) Other customers in the restaurant even approached Miss Shirt to tell her how lovely the students were and how they created a great atmosphere in the restaurant! The students were: Year 8 Henry G, Charlotte W, Year 9 Dylan P, Jasmine S, Year 10 Owen C, Bobby E, George G, Poppy I, Samuel R, Harvey R, Year 11 Jayden A, Joe B, Kieron P and Ava S. Very well done all!



Year 11 Progress Evening.

On Thursday 28th November 2024 there will be a Progress Evening for year 11. This will again be a virtual event run through SchoolCloud. All details will be shared with the parents and carers of students in this year group next week on the 20th November. Please be aware that appointments will be released on a staggered basis as per student's support plans so please wait until you receive your invitation before booking your appointments.

Roll up, roll up!

Festive Food Drive Christmas Raffle 2024.



Bonfire night is over, so you know what's coming next. Yes, that's right it is our Christmas Raffle. Once again, the e-tickets are just 50p each the prize is a Marks and Spencer Advent Beauty Calendar. The contents of the calendar would be over £300 if purchased separately, therefore this represents excellent value for money.

100% of the ticket sales go to supporting of Festive Food Drive to provide food hampers for local families that are in need this Christmas.

Please encourage your child to do what they can to support this very good cause. There is an additional box of chocolates for the form in each year group that raises the most money.

The draw will take place in school on Friday 29th of November.

Good Luck,

Year 8 Star of the Week



Congratulations to Alfie M, Sookie E, Darcy H, Sonny M and Ethan J in being rewarded this week's Star of the Week for Year 8. Incredible progress, resilience and being exemplary students in their Year. Very well done!

Spanish Update

Year 7

We have been going through basic greetings in Spanish with regards to introducing yourself and others close to you by name and age in addition to asking questions about other people's

names and ages. Through regular interleaving and recycling of key vocabulary, grammar and phonics, students are now starting to show more confidence in speaking and writing freely without a fear of making a mistake. This will blend into our next topic of Asking and telling when people's birthdays are.

Year 8

After a very successful year with Year 7 last academic year, we have introduced our students to the topic of food (likes and dislikes) Through regular interleaving and recycling of key vocabulary, grammar and phonics, students are now starting to show more confidence in speaking and writing freely on which foods/drinks they like/dislike and why, whilst still recalling key vocabulary from the topics in Year 7. This will blend into our next topic of "describing what you and others eat during specific mealtimes, during specific times of the day and how often."

Year 9

After closing Year 8 with the topic of "Weekend Plans and Using the near-future tense", our Year 9 students have been introduced to new vocabulary on the topic of "describing plans for a future holiday". Through regular interleaving and recycling of key vocabulary, grammar and phonics, students are now starting to show more confidence in speaking and writing freely on what their plans will be for not just a future holiday, but also recalling key content from Year 7 and 8. This will blend into our next topic of "describing a past holiday", where students will be introduced to a 3rd tense, a crucial element for GCSE Spanish.

Year 10

Our students have been very busy as we have been rolling out the New Spanish GCSE Specification. This has involved a variety of new activities in line with the new GCSE such as Reading Aloud and Dictation Practice, a crucial method of improving the students' knowledge of Spanish Phonics. As we are coming to the end of our first Unit of work (**Identity and Relationships with others**), we will soon be starting our new Unit of work - **Education and Work**

Year 11

As we continue our topics of GCSE Spanish Theme 2 (**Local, national, international and global areas of Interest**), in addition to in class, mock papers, we have been finishing the topic of Describing my house/flat and local area and moving onto the topic of "Global and Environmental Issues".

West Yorkshire Bus Alliance Careers Panel Y7/8

On Monday 11th November, all pupils across years 7 and 8 had the opportunity to ask questions and learn about different roles and careers within the transport sector. As our external guests who came to run the session were from the local bus network, pupils provided them with invaluable feedback regarding current issues they face on buses and improvements they would like to see. Please see below the responses from the below questions our pupils shared.

‘What is something you learnt or discovered today?’

I liked learning about new things.

There are lots more jobs than I thought.

I learned about different apprenticeships.

They are trying to solve the double decker bus problem..

I learnt that you can get friends by talking to someone.

‘What is something you will do in the future as a result of today's activity?’

I will try harder at school.

Not to stress about what I want to be - it's never too late.

It will make me get on more buses.

I will speak out more about what happens on buses.

I will get a bus pass.



Local events

JOIN THE FUN THIS WINTER AND ENJOY A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE WINTER PROGRAMME
21st December 2024 - 3rd January 2025

This Winter, during the school holidays, children and young people across Calderdale aged 5-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals are getting the chance to access free holiday club places through our Healthy Holidays Calderdale programme.

The scheme provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe and fun environment during the school holidays.

You can book your free place at a holiday club taking place near you this winter by visiting: **www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays**

Please book your place directly through the provider. There may also be sessions available for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

For more information on the programme and support in booking a place on the winter programme please contact:

Email: healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk
Facebook: @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale
Twitter: @HAFCalderdale

No internet? Visit a local Calderdale Library and they will support you in registering your children onto available activities.





Hopwood Hall College and University Centre are holding their next open event on **Wednesday 20th November** between **4.30pm and 6.30pm**

[Access All Areas Open Event - Wednesday 20th November 2024, 4:30pm - 6:30pm - Hopwood Hall College and University Centre](#)

Free Parenting Clinics

Free Parenting Clinics

with
Anisa Lewis
Positive Parenting

www.anisalewis.com



December 5th @ 12.30 pm Emotions

What is going on with your child's emotions?
One minute they are happy the next they are talking back or
having a tantrum!

Are you wondering why your child's emotional outbursts come
just as you are trying to get everyone out of the door, at the end
of the school day or quite frankly you know it is coming you can
sense it, then BOOM!

Join Anisa (Parenting Coach) on December, 5th for her monthly
Free Parenting Clinic. This talk will focus on emotions and what
we can do to support ourselves and our young people.

Join us on Zoom, for the 30-minute talk.

Book here:

<https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>

or

email: hello@anisalewis.com for the booking link

Can't attend live, register anyway, the replay is sent out to all
that book into the clinic.

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

Year 8 - Mrs. Kontogiannopoulou

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Year 9 - Mrs. Thompson

Email: p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk

Year 10 - Mrs. Stansfield

Email: e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk

Year 11 - Miss. James

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