



19th July 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I cannot believe the end of our academic year has arrived. What a wonderful year it has been. We are so proud of our students for completing another year of studying here with us at Todmorden High School. This week we had our Sports Day - and what a successful day it was - well done to all who participated and to all our staff who made such a wonderful day possible.

Our Learning Managers have presented their final awards this week and I was particularly impressed to hear about the number of Gold Badge Awards for exceptional behaviour handed out. Students need to acquire 1200 ARCH points to be awarded one. 142 Year 7, 104 Year 8 students, 123 Year 9 students and 95 Year 10 students (This is the most for a year 10 Cohort) and 24 students for Year 11. Every single award is to be celebrated for respecting and being guided by our ARCH values. Very well done to you, we are very proud of you - you should be immensely proud of yourself.

Students return on Wednesday 4th September. Students start on a staggered start time as below. Until then, we wish you all a very happy summer and hope that the sun comes out for a little more than two or three days at a time!

Sadly leaving us today are Mr Freeman, Mc McGiffen, Mrs Lambert, Ms Scott, Miss Gee, Mrs Patchett Byrne, Miss Morgan, Mrs Dewsnip and Miss Saunders. It seems like a lot but with a staff of 130 it's normal. We thank them for their wonderful service to our school and wish them well in the future.

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

Yours sincerely,

Gill Shirt

Headteacher

Up and Coming Dates



Back to school

Wednesday 4th September

Start times for the new academic year are as follows:

Y7 - 8:30 on the yard

Y8 - 9:15 on the yard

Y9 - 8:50 on the yard

Y10 - 10:20 on the yard

Y11 - 10:45 on the yard

A message from our school governors.

We have had a busy time this year – with all the usual business of governance as well as the continued considerations around the school potentially joining a Multi-Academy Trust (MATs).

Miss Shirt has kept you informed of our position with the MATs and more information and consultation will be released in the new school year.

The governing Board have heard from many of the school Senior Leadership Team and Curriculum Leaders at their meetings across the year. We are always very impressed with the way staff know the school, and the individual understanding and care they show for each child in the school. In addition, the school's leaders and staff are as keen on learning themselves as they are to teach your children, with a strong focus on continuing to improve the curriculum and teaching methods. We would like to thank them for the hard work and dedication they have shown this year – and to wish them a restful Summer.

This term we have bid farewell to two governors who have both made great contribution during their service. Mary Scott left her position as a co-opted staff governor and Daryll Chaplin has resigned as a parent governor. We wish both of them all the best in their futures away from Todmorden High School, and thank them most sincerely for their work on the Governing Body for the past several years. We are delighted to be joined by Ken White, who you may already know from his role as Town Councillor. Ken works for Disability Support Calderdale, and has much experience on different voluntary bodies in Todmorden and a keen interest in bus transport for the Upper Calder Valley.

Daryll's resignation creates a need to elect a new parent governor. This will take place when we return after the Summer holidays. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Justine, our Clerk, for more information on clerktogovernors@todhigh.co.uk

Wishing you all a lovely Summer.

The Governors.

Sports Day 2024

Wednesday brought our much anticipated Sports Day and the sun was shining for a change!

A massive congratulations to all who took part - what a fantastic day it was. The competitiveness was clear but so was team camaraderie.

A few of the results to mention.

Year 7:

Well done Iona B and Kyle F for winning the 100m.

Well done to Colby W and Bo D for winning the 800m.

Well done to Demitra M and Tabitha IP for winning the year 7 Shot Put.

Well done to Cohen L and Rose H for winning the High Jump.

Well done to Freddie B and Carmel D for winning the Rocket Ball.

Year 8:

Well done to Dessie H and Zishan M for winning the 100m.

Well done to Connie H and Jacob L for winning the 800m.

Well done to Aamliah H and Eddie T for winning the Long Jump.

Well done to Dessie H and Alex G for winning the High Jump.

Well done to Lexi H and Zeke H for winning the Discus.

Year 9:

Well done to Kingsley K and Bella W for winning the 100m.

Well done to Ben W and Franchesca H for winning the 800m.

Well done to Archie R and Abbie B for winning the Shot Put.

Well done to Ben W and Isabella G for winning the High Jump.

Well done to Seth IB and Amoura M for winning the Discus.

Year 10:

Well done to Iris D and Cale W for winning the 100m.

Well done to Rosie D and Robert R for winning the 800m.

Well done to Tom G and Ruby S for winning the High Jump.

Well done to Tom G and Amelia S for winning the Discus.

Well done to Frank F and Mae G for winning the Rocket Ball.

You should all be very proud of yourselves.











Pembroke College Visit - why not me?

Five of our Y11 students visited Pembroke College at The University of Oxford. They had a really early start, meeting at Rochdale Sixth Form at 6am. The day provided an opportunity for students to visit one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the world. The day was full and challenging with opportunities to meet current undergraduate students, lectures on law and politics as well as what learning at The University of Oxford entails.

One of the key aims of the visit was to dispel some of the myths around the exclusivity of Oxford and Cambridge. They welcome applications from elite learners, irrespective of what type of school they have been to or where in the country they have come from. We will continue to work with colleagues at Oxford University to provide ambitious opportunities for our elite learners.

Our students had an excellent day and left with more questions than answers, but with an increased level of ambition for their choices at 18.





Year 8 Power 2 Thrive

What a fantastic final session some of our Y8 Power 2 Thrive students had! Their final 3 hours was a productive celebration combining catch up, self-reflection and games to practice their interpersonal skills. These students have been completed all the work for a NCFE Level 1 in Interpersonal skills. This work will be assessed over the summer and they should receive their qualifications in September.





Trams

Please see below a link from West Yorkshire Combined Authority that we have been asked to share, regarding the new mass transit system for the region. Please do take some time to respond, The more feedback, the better the system will work for everyone.

[Mass Transit Hub | Your Voice \(westyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/mass-transit-hub-your-voice)

Attendance



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice fines issued after 19th August 2024.

<p>Per parent, per child</p> <p>Penalty Notices fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.</p> <p><u>For example</u>, 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.</p> <p>Penalty Notices can be issued to any adult who has a duty of care and can therefore include stepparents or partners irrespective of whether they have parental responsibility or appear on the birth certificate.</p> <p>For an unauthorised leave of absence (holiday) they will usually be issued to the adults involved in the absence.</p> <p>For a pattern of poor attendance, they will usually be issued to both parents even if they do not reside together.</p>	<p>5 consecutive days of term time-time leave.</p> <p>Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term-time leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave. No warning will be issued prior to a penalty notice being issued in this respect.</p> <p>10 sessions of unauthorised leave in a 10-week period.</p> <p>Penalty notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. A Notice to Improve warning will be issued prior to any Penalty Notice issued in this respect and will be considered when there have been 8 sessions of unauthorised in a preceding 8-week period. This warning will give parents/carers 6 weeks to improve their child's school attendance.</p>
<p>First Offence</p> <p>The first time a Penalty notice is issued for leave in term time or irregular unauthorised absence the amount will be:</p> <p>£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days of issue.</p>	<p>Second Offence</p> <p>The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular unauthorised absence the amount will be:</p> <p>£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. There is no reduction for early payment.</p>
<p>Third Offence and any further offences (within 3 years)</p> <p>The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or regular unauthorised absences by the same parent and the same child a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Under these circumstances each parent can receive a fine of up to £1000 per child.</p> <p>Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can on a parent's future DBS certificate due 'a failure to safeguard a child's right to education'.</p>	

We want to make you aware that in September there are some changes to how the Local Authority will issue penalty notices. We have attached the framework from Calderdale which highlights the key changes. Please support us in maximising your child's attendance from September. If you would like to read further on the Department for Education's attendance updates for September, then please click the link below.

[Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

You Matter.

Here is a link to a really useful resource for parents and carers. It is advice and tips for parents and carers who are experiencing challenging behaviour from their child.

<https://shorturl.at/8Jn71>

Free Online summer Maths Club.

Dear parent, **Final chance! Eedi Summer Maths Club starts Monday 29th July** – The Eedi summer maths program is 100% free of charge that will help to boost your child's confidence in maths so it's sky high for the new school year, whilst winning fun prizes to keep them engaged 🚀

Key Details:

- **Dates:** July 29th - August 30th
- **Activities:** Personalised quizzes, practice videos, and challenge activities
- **Prizes:** Weekly draws for students and teachers, including vouchers, classroom goodies, iPads, and more!

Eedi has offered all Year 5 to Year 11 families free access to **Eedi Summer Club**, a maths summer program **100% free of charge** that will help to boost your child's confidence in maths so it's sky high for the new school year! Your child will first take a quick dynamic quiz to create an independent learning pathway perfectly suited to their learning level. Then, they will receive recommended maths topics in the form of quizzes that will help them improve the most over the summer holidays. Your child will get unlimited access to help videos, fluency practice questions, and mastery activities to keep them engaged with their maths over the holidays! You'll also get weekly reports on their progress. By completing weekly quizzes, your child will be automatically entered into a weekly prize draw for a £20 voucher of their choice. At the end of the summer, we'll also reward the most committed students and schools with special prizes.

How to sign up to Eedi Summer Club: If your child does not already have an Eedi account, simply follow the steps below:

<https://intercom.help/eedi-home/en/articles/4894347-signing-up-to-eedi> If your child already has an **Eedi account**, that is all they need to take part! Simply ensure they have already completed the dynamic quiz to create their personalised learning pathway for the holidays.

If you have any questions, please contact hello@eedi.com directly.

Introducing our new staff for next academic year



Jen Ransom

Hello everyone, my name is Mrs Ransom and I'm joining Todmorden High School as SENDCO. The subject I teach is history and my favourite topic is the Tudors. I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone.



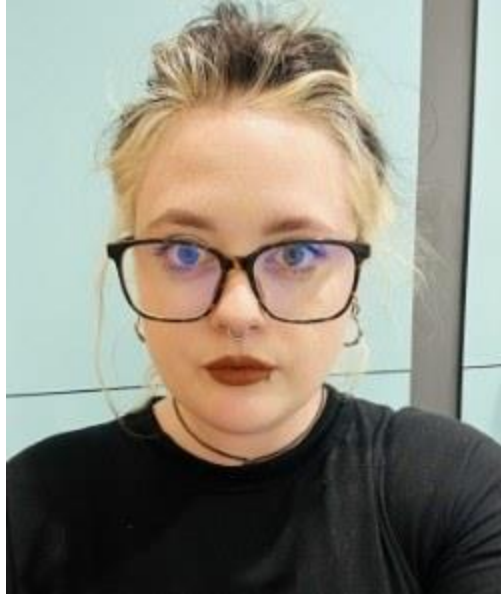
Donna Kendall

Hi, I am Mrs Kendall and I am really looking forward to joining the Science and SEN Team at Todmorden in September. I currently teach Science and I'm Head of Vocational Skills (6th Form SEN Provision) at Ryburn Valley High School so I am excited to continue with my passion for SEN and Science at Todmorden. I have been a teacher for nearly 20 years after being an ITU Nurse for 10 years before that - I am definitely a 'people person' and love making good and effective relationships with students, staff & parents. I especially love finding new ways and ideas for learning in fun and memorable ways to enhance not just Science skills and knowledge but life skills too.



Amy Wood

I am Mrs Wood who will become the Curriculum Leader for Art, Photography and DT in September. I am a proud Todmordian who cannot wait to join the Todmorden High School family.... again! I came here as a student, returned as the Art Technician after graduating, and went on to complete my teacher training here at Todmorden High School . Since qualifying, I have been at Sir John Thursby in Burnley, where I am currently a Curriculum Leader for The Arts and a Lead Practitioner for Teaching and Learning. I knew that one day I would come 'home', and always dreamed of taking this position. I really cannot wait to get started and work with students and families from my hometown.



Seren Morley

Hi, I'm Ms Morley and I have moved to Todmorden High from Calder High School in Mytholmroyd. Some of you may know me from my brief time with you as an ITT at the start of 2017 (some of you might have even taught me when I was a Y7 student in 2007!) I am going to be joining the English Department as Second in English and Coordinator of Key Stage 3 and honestly I cannot wait to start in September. I have loved all of my experiences with the staff and students at Todmorden High School - it will be wonderful to finally be part of the team and to learn from you all!



Tom Bull

Hi! I'm Mr Bull and I've moved to Todmorden High School from Trinity Academy Grammar. My position at Todmorden High School will be Teacher of English (and a little bit of EPR!) and I'm really looking forward to getting started and meeting you all!

My favourite thing to teach would probably be poetry or anything creative or expressive - I love how many different themes can fit into poetry and how many interpretations there can be!

I love teaching because I love English - and I think it's great when students grow to love it too! I'm looking forward to teaching students to enjoy the subject just as much as teaching them about the subject!



Wendy Goldthorp

Hi, I'm Mrs Goldthorp and I'm returning to teaching at Todmorden High School after 9 years away. I'm very excited to be 'coming home' and beginning my post of Teacher of Humanities. It is clear that lots of positive changes have happened since I last taught here but what hasn't changed in my passion for teaching and helping students reach their own unique potential. Without a doubt, my favourite topic to teach is Tudor England. However, I'm also looking forward to teaching the topics 'extreme weather' and 'climate change' in Year 7 Geography as there are current issues that are close to my heart.



Scott Kenworthy

Hi I'm Mr Kenworthy and I have moved to Todmorden High School from Colne Valley High School. My position at Todmorden High School will be Teacher of PE, I can't wait to get started and bring my energy, enthusiasm and passion for sport to Todmorden. I'm thoroughly looking forward to joining the PE team and engaging with the extracurricular programmes.



Mirren Sunderland

Hi! I'm Miss Sunderland, and I'm going to be an English, ARCH and EPR teacher here at Todmorden High School.

I am so excited to come back, as I was originally a student here, and I loved the English department so much I went on to study Education and English at university. I absolutely love teaching English, and more so getting everyone up acting. The best part of teaching for me, is when students are really immersed and passionate about the books we read.

I can't wait to see you all in September!

Todmorden Sports Centre's Summer Healthy Holidays Programme

Todmorden Sports Centre's Summer Healthy Holidays Programme aims to provide healthy fun based sessions. The sessions will be heavily sports based with additional fun activities throughout the programme. Each day participants will also be provided with a healthy meal.

Mondays - 11am-3pm - Will include swimming and sport based activities.

Tuesday - 11am-3pm - Will include sports based activities.

Wednesdays - 10.15am-4.30pm - Will be a day off site doing various activities including trips to the cinema and climbing.

Thursdays - 11am-3pm - Will include swimming and sport based activities.

Although swimming will only take place on a Monday and Thursday we request all participants to bring their swimming kit on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday as well as a spare set of clothing. If the weather is nice we may do some outside activities that include water.

For more information and to book children onto the Camp please use the link below:

<https://cmbcsportservices.coordinate.cloud/project/56901>

Todmorden Social Drop-in



Feeling isolated or struggling with your mental health?

Drop in for a cuppa, a bite to eat and a supportive chat with other like-minded people in a relaxed and friendly space.

The drop-ins are supported by a Healthy Minds worker who is available for one-to-one emotional support.



Facilitated by trained volunteers

Wheelchair accessible

For Over 18s

Want to know more? Call us: 01422 345154

Email: info@healthymindscalderdale.co.uk

healthymindscalderdale.co.uk | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/HealthyMindsCalderdale) | [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/HealthyMindsCW)

Todmorden Walks for Wellbeing



Boost your mood in the great outdoors by joining your friendly and caring local walking and peer support group.

A free cuppa always included on the way!

You **MUST** book to join the group.



Every 4th Friday at 10:30 am
28 June, 26 July, 23 August
27 September



For more details or to book, email:
LikeMinds@healthymindscalderdale.co.uk
Or call 01422 345154

Facebook: @HealthyMindsCalderdale | Instagram: @HealthyMindsCW

The Blackshaw Head Fete is a well established and popular local event. This year it is on Saturday 31st August. Details of competitions can be found here:

Blackshaw Head Fete



31 August 2024

Produce & Craft Competition

List of Categories & Guidance Notes

Please bring your entries to the Produce Tent from 9am on the morning of the Fete. Last entries accepted 11am. There will be Helpers in the tent on the day, if you need help filling in your entry card.

At the Produce Tent, competitors will:

- **fill in an Entry Card**
- **attach their Entry Card(s)** to each competition entry
- **place their entries** in the correct area of the tent

This leaflet shows this year's Competition Categories and guidance notes to ensure everyone has time to plan, grow and make their entries to showcase the huge variety of local talent. Some categories have changed - read them carefully.



www.blackshaw.net/2024-blackshaw-head-fete Blackshaw Head Fete

In the Kitchen	
1.	Lemon Drizzle Cake ☒
2.	Novelty Decorated Cake ☒
3.	'Any Other' Cake e.g. chocolate, sponge, vegetable ☒
4.	4 Fruit Tarts ☒
5.	5 Fruit or Savoury Scones ☒
6.	6 Cookies or Biscuits ☒
7.	Loaf of Bread ☒
8.	Jar of Raspberry Jam
9.	Jar of Marmalade
10.	Jar of 'Any Other' Jam
11.	Jar of Fruit Curd or other Sweet Preserve
12.	Jar of Chutney / Pickle / Fermented Vegetable
13.	6 Savoury Nibbles e.g. 6 samosas
14.	Homemade Cordial (any flavour)
In the Garden	
15.	Garden / Hedgerow Flower Arrangement - full size
16.	Garden / Hedgerow Posie - 10cm/4" max
17.	Jar of Cut Herbs (at least 3 named varieties)
18.	My Home-Grown Vegetable Selection (open)
19.	Collection of Home-Grown Vegetables (3 examples of 3 types, staged in seed tray - 9 total)
20.	Longest Bean
21.	Dish of 3 Tomatoes (any variety)
22.	Bunch of Carrots
23.	Dish of 3 Fruits (any variety)
24.	Large Vegetable (1 item of any type, any variety)
25.	3 Brown Hen Eggs
26.	3 White Hen Eggs
27.	3 Eggs - any colour or breed e.g. duck, bantam



Adult & Teens Competition Categories



(from age 12 years)

Good Luck Everyone!



Adult & Teens Competition Categories

(from age 12 years) Continued



Something Crafty - special "any item" year <i>No entries from previous years please</i>	
28.	Mozaic or Decoupage, any material
29.	A Christmas Card
30.	Quilt / Patchwork - item of your choice
31.	Knitting - any item
32.	Crochet - any item
33.	Sewing - any item
34.	Mend a garment decoratively
35.	Papier Maché - any item - max 60 x 60cm base
36.	Clay or Ceramic - any item- max 30cm in any direction
37.	Sculpture - any material - max 60 x 60cm base

Children's Competition Categories

(up to & including 11 year olds)

In the Kitchen	
A	4 Decorated Buns ⊗
B	6 Biscuits ⊗
C	Cake (any variety) ⊗
D	Chocolate &/or Sweetie Creation ⊗
E	Jar of 'Yummy Preserve'
Something Crafty	
F	Paper Craft Item e.g. greetings card, bookmark, origami
G	Model made from Recycled Items - max 60cm in any direction
H	A Unique 'Lego' Model on a fairytale theme - max 30x30cm base, (made up, not a kit)
J	Clay or Playdough Sculpture or Item - max 30cm in any direction
K	Knitted, Sewn, or Crocheted Item
In the Garden	
L	Jar of Things 'Growing in my Garden' e.g. weeds, flowers
M	I Grew A.... e.g. flower, veg, plant, herb
N	Wonky Veg or Fruit (1 or more item of any type, any variety)
O	Bowl or Tray of Mustard &/or Cress

Guidance

KEY: ⊗ on a plate (paper plates are available on the day)

All entries must have an entry ticket attached. If not, they won't be judged. Entry tickets are available at the produce tent on the day and can be collected in advance from Mays Shop.

Entry Fee: There is a charge of 50p per entry for all ages.

Adult & Teen Competition. Adults and teens can enter the same range of categories, but they are judged separately. If you are 17 or older please circle "Adult" on the entry ticket. If you are aged 12 to 16 please circle "Teen" on the entry ticket.

Children's Competition. A child's age should be written on all their entry tickets. Judges will see the child's age on the entry ticket and will judge accordingly. There are no separate age group categories.

Judging will be for first in any category plus a variable number of highly commended. Items not in accordance with the specified category will not be judged.

Blackshaw Optimistic Gardeners (BOGS) Trophy. This Trophy is specially for the Children's competition for the winner of the "I Grew A...." category.

Overall Winners. The winner of each competition is decided on points. 5 points will be awarded for each category win and 2 points for each highly commended. If a person puts multiple entries into a category, only the highest scoring will count. Group entries will not be eligible for overall winner which is a competition for individuals.

Collect / Donate. You have the option to return to collect your entry after 3pm. or to donate it to the Fete to be sold on. You can indicate your preference on the entry ticket. We will not sell any children's entries regardless of what is written on the entry ticket. Any items that were marked for collection that are not collected by 4pm will be left in the produce tent for the elves.

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

Email: demik@todhigh.co.uk

Year 9 - Mrs. Thompson

Email: p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk

Year 10 - Mrs. Stansfield

Email: e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk

Year 11 - Miss. James

Email: j.james@todhigh.co.uk