



27th September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

What a brilliant week in our school! We had a huge turnout for our Open Evening which took place on Thursday 26th September. Our students and guides presented themselves superbly and have been congratulated for their exemplary behaviour and ARCH values. If you were unable to attend our Open Evening, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me on g.shirt@todhigh.co.uk to arrange a parent / carer tour of our school. We will have places in our 2025 intake available and invite applications from our local community and from further afield such as Rochdale, Littleborough and Cliviger.

There are still 1-2-1 appointments available for our next parent Headteacher's forum on 9th October @ 4-5pm with Miss Shirt. If you wish to have one of these appointments, please email Miss Jones on v.jones@todhigh.co.uk

On Wednesday 2nd October at 4:30-5:30pm, we will be holding a Parent Consultation Evening regarding the potential academisation of Todmorden High School. If you wish to attend this, please complete the form on the letter sent on ClassCharts on 13th September. Any questions or queries you may have can be answered during this time as myself, SHARE MAT and governors will be attending.

Just a reminder that our first ARCH day is coming up for our students on next Tuesday 1st October where we will be discussing topics such as sex and relationships, drugs education and citizenship.

Many congratulations to Rosie Dowson in our Year 11, who has been selected to represent England at the European Championships! Congratulations also goes to Will Greenwood, also in our Year 11, who has been selected to attend a cricket tour to Tobago! Outstanding ambition!

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 faithfully,

Gill Shirt

Headteacher

Up and Coming Dates



* Forums are online events where you can speak to members of our senior team on TEAMS, or on a one to one basis.

Details of how to make an appointment for each forum are below.

1.10.24 - ARCH day 1.

9.10.24 - Headteacher's Online Parent / carer Forum @ 4-5pm.

9.10.24 - Year 11 Post 16 Information Night, 5:00-6:30pm.

10.10.24 - Year 7 Parent Forum with Miss Shirt and Year 7 Learning Manager, Mrs Townend @ 3:15 - 3:45pm.

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

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

7.11.24 - Uniform Forum with Mrs Rawlison @ 4-5pm *

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

19.11.24 Year 7-11 Nasal Flu immunisations.

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

1-2-1 Online Parent / carer Forums

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20.11.24 - Sex education Forum with Mrs Maul @ 3:15-4:15pm.

History makes us what we are.

On Saturday, our very own Head of History, Mr Dewsnip, spoke at the Teacher Talk Radio Conference in Manchester to a group of fellow history teachers. He spoke about the developments and improvements we have made in our History department across the years and shared some of strategies we use to continually develop our students' written work. The feedback was really positive and it was a great chance to be able to show-off the excellent work of our superb history department. Very well done to Mr Dewsnip for this showcase of what makes us great!

From the top of a mountain to the bottom!

Congratulations to Edward Jones in our Year 7, who was selected to represent England in the Downhill Mountain Bike Racing competition at the International Rookies' Championship in Austria. Edward was racing 50 of the best under 13 riders in Europe, finishing 9th overall. To be top 10 in Europe is a brilliant achievement, especially as it was Edward's first time racing abroad. Well done Edward!





Mondays Photography Trip to Leeds

We took 33 of our amazing photography students on a trip to Leeds. We were able to capture some amazing locations from the Kirkgate Market, County Arcade and The Corn Exchange.

Students behaved perfectly and were an amazing credit to Todmorden High School. We were able to add some amazing shots to our Photography coursework and visit some beautiful places too.

Year 11 Post 16 Careers Information Evening.


On Wednesday 9th October @ 5-6pm, we are inviting all local post-16 colleges/providers into school to provide information to both students and parents about the process the Y11s are about to embark upon over the next year. There are a significant number of pathways for students to embark upon for their post 16 education; during this evening we will be giving critical messages that allow you to feel empowered in supporting your child as they consider their next steps. Full information on the evening can be found on the email sent out earlier in the week.

Our updated extra-curricular timetable!

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

Tesco and Todmorden High School working together

This is the last weekend for voting for Todmorden High School to receive funds from Tesco for local community hampers to support our families. If you are near or shop in a Tesco, please do take the time to pop a blue token in the voting boxes by the door to vote for us.

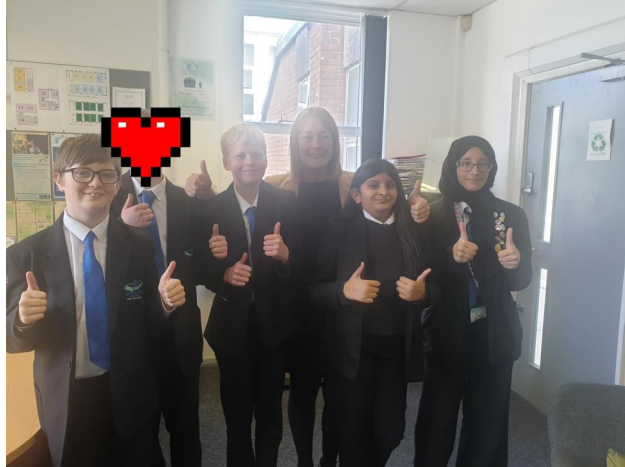
School filming

Our students may or may not have noticed some visitors around school over the last couple of weeks, armed with ipads, cameras, etc. This is all part of our school marketing strategy and is in preparation for the creation of a school video that, once created will take centre stage on our school website, designed to give people watching a real insight into what it is like to be a member of our school community. On Friday 4th October, we will be filming various lessons and activities around the school.

Year 8 - Stars of the Week!

A big congratulations to our super year 8's who were awarded Star of the Week from Miss Shirt!

Loki, Casper, Ayat, Bobby and Aamina met with Miss Shirt, with Mrs Kontogiannopoulou their Learning Manager. Miss Shirt congratulated them all for their brilliant behaviour and top ARCH points awarded. Many congratulations to you all!



Year 11 Headteacher's Breakfast

A group of Year 11's were treated to a Headteacher's breakfast this week with Miss Shirt, which gave them and Miss Shirt an opportunity to discuss how they feel their first few weeks in Year 11 have started, their journey to their GCSE's and beyond, and their thoughts on the school in general. Well done to Harvey, William, Scarlett, Daniel, Florence, Seth and Georgia.



Hippodrome Christmas Tree Festival

On Saturday 16th November, Todmorden Hippodrome will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Festival. There will be a wide variety of craft stalls and refreshments for what is looking like a most enjoyable planned day.

Free Career Event

Calderdale Get Inspired Event –The Shay Stadium, Halifax.

A careers event for Year 11 students and their parents/carers

The Calderdale Get Inspired event provides visitors with the opportunity to talk to and find out more about local further education colleges, sixth form colleges, school sixth forms, training providers, universities, and employers. C+K advisers will be on hand to give individual advice and guidance.

The **free** event will take place on:

Thursday 10th October 2024, 4.30 – 7.30pm

This is a ticketed event and tickets will need to be booked via Eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/calderdale-get-inspired-2024-tickets-911960407127>

Further details and a list of exhibitors can be found at:

<https://ck.mydirections.co.uk/events/calderdale-get-inspired-october-2024>



The poster features a green background with a colorful map of the region. On the right, a young woman with curly hair is smiling and looking at her smartphone. The text is arranged as follows:

- C+K** logo at the top left.
- Logos for West Yorkshire Combined Authority, Tracy Brabin Mayor of West Yorkshire, and Calderdale Council at the top right.
- GET INSPIRED** in large green letters.
- Subtext: "a careers event for Year 11 students and their parents/carers".
- Thursday 10 October 2024** and **4.30 - 7.30pm**.
- Location: **at The Shay Stadium**, Shaw Hill | Halifax | HX1 2YS.
- Text: "Talk to employers, training providers, school sixth forms, colleges, universities and C+K careers advisers".
- A QR code with the text "Eventbrite ticket required".
- Sponsors: Calderdale College and UNIVERSITY of BRADFORD.
- Contact information: "For more event information, email: events@ckcareers.org.uk, MyDirections.co.uk | Follow CKCareers on [Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn]".

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

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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

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