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It is our Great Summer Get Together is TODAY,
21.6.24 @ 4-6pm.
All are welcome to attend to have a look at the
school, watch a student talent show and enjoy food
and drinks from our BBQ and cake stands.

21st June, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday we were lucky to welcome some Japanese guests to school, courtesy of Jenny at Incredible Edible in Todmorden.

Our guests were in school to talk to students about the “power of Todmorden” and show them the plans to regenerate areas within Japan (Shibuya and Sapporo), which they have developed in conjunction with local students in Japan.

Special thanks to our students who were excellent ambassadors for school, Ava, Amelia, Katie, Samuel, Owen and Tomoya. The Japanese visitors were blown away by the lunch provided by Coral and our catering team. Authentic Japanese sushi, teriyaki and chilli chicken and stir fried noodles with all the condiments. All the visitors applauded and all the children in the dining room joined in. It was a magical moment.





The finals here we come!

Our U13 cricket team kept their 100% record going in the Calderdale red ball cricket league this week at Todmorden CC. The boys bowled and fielded well to reduce Ryburn Valley High School to 50 all out. The wickets were taken by Theo, Arthur, Ben and Finley. Players of the match Theo and Finley open the batting and the team managed to knock off the total with 9 wickets to spare.

Good luck in the finals!



National Thank a Teacher Day

Wednesday 19th June was national "Thank A Teacher day" and Miss James had the pleasure of delivering over 600 "thank you" cards and sweets to staff in school. Thank you to all students who took the time to write a card, or send an online thank-you, they were all very gratefully received!

Year 8 University of Oxford Trip

Five lucky students from amongst our most ambitious Year 8 students had a very busy Wednesday. They were up with the larks to join the coach in Rochdale at 6.15 a.m. and then travelled to the University of Oxford for the day. They were hosted by Pembroke College which celebrates its 400th anniversary this year. Our students learnt about the college system, the tutorial method and how to become independent learners in any subject. They were fascinated by a psychology lecture and through Socratic questioning, focussed on their own observations, learnt about the impact of the Oxford Movement on the Church of England and the development of "High Church".

The students particularly enjoyed activities that got them really thinking. These young people realised that students like them, from schools like Todmorden High, do go to and do thrive at Oxford University. What had appeared "posh and intimidating" became attractive, exciting and a very real prospect for them.

It was an absolute pleasure to see how well they represented themselves, their families and our school in such a prestigious setting. The whole trip was facilitated by Rochdale Sixth Form College as part of the Atom Valley Education Challenge Consortium, who have our grateful appreciation. We hope to be involved in similar events in the future.



Year 10 Trips

Part of our Careers programme is looking at the post-16 pathways available to students, so we have a number of upcoming events with Year 10.

All Year 10 students have now had their initial careers appointment in school. Today, Friday 21st June, LLS online (who assist in supporting students transition into sports careers) came in to school to deliver an assembly to all Year 10.

Thursday 27th June sees a whole-year group trip to Burnley College where students will engage in two subject taster-sessions they have picked themselves.

Tuesday 2nd July sees 60 students visit Rochdale 6th Form Centre for a full taster day including four subject sessions.

Thursday 4th July sees a whole-year group trip to Nelson & Colne College where students will engage in two subject taster-sessions they have picked themselves.

Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

Leavers' Assembly is taking place next week, on Wednesday 26th June between 4pm-5pm. This will be taking place in the school hall. Parents and carers are more than welcome to join this wonderful celebration, where we look back at your last five years at Todmorden High School.

As part of Leavers' Assembly, we will invite students to donate any of their old school uniform, equipment and revision guides that you no longer need - including Calculators and laptops that we have previously lent to students during lockdown.

This is also when we will be handing out any hoodies that have been ordered.

Students do not need to wear their school uniform - but are encouraged to bring an old school shirt that they can get their peers and teachers to sign!

As always, if you have any questions about this at all - please do not hesitate in contacting me on e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk or on 01706 813558.

Results Day

GCSE examination results can be collected from school on Thursday 22nd August 2024 between 10.00am and 11.30am.

- If you are unable to attend, the results **will not** be posted home unless you supply an A5 stamped self-addressed envelope to main reception by Friday 19th July.
- We are unable to provide results to anyone other than the student (not even a parent) unless we have signed, written permission from the student as to who is to collect the results. Any results not collected will be kept in the Exams Office and will be available to collect when the Autumn Term starts on Wednesday 4th September 2024.
- In exceptional circumstances, we can email results if we receive an email from the student's email address to r.ogden@todhigh.co.uk by Friday 19th July. Results will be emailed between 12pm and 2pm on Thursday 22nd August.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school on r.ogden@todhigh.co.uk.

Year 10 Mock Interview Day

On Thursday 11th July we will be holding a mock interview day for our Y10 students. We want to give them an opportunity to practise their interview skills in preparation for their post 16 interviews and potential job interviews as well. To ensure they get the most from this opportunity, we are asking for volunteers to come into school and conduct these interviews so that we have a breadth of experience from a range of industries.

If you have led interviews in your current/previous role and are able to support with this event, please contact careers@todhigh.co.uk and further information will be provided.

Drowning Prevention Week (DPW)

DPW is one of the largest summer water safety campaigns across the UK and Ireland. It runs from 15th to 22nd June. No child should drown, and with the right water safety education – such as knowledge of the Water Safety Code – accidental drownings are preventable. Drowning Prevention Week is deliberately timed ahead of the school summer holidays when children spend more time outdoors and when vital water safety skills can help keep children safe. Please help us to spread the word this year and encourage everyone to have the water safety conversation with children. DPW is critical in raising awareness and encouraging the public to enjoy water safely.

Here's how to get involved: <https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/drowning-prevention-week-campaign>

Upcoming dates:

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

27.6.24 - Year 10 trip to Burnley College.

2.7.24 - Year 10 trip to RCSF (60 pupils only).

4.7.24 - Year 10 trip to Nelson College.

6-7.7.24 - Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze.

9-10.7.24 - Geography field trip.

11.7.24 - Year 10 Mock Interview Day.

11.7.24 – Planit Manchester trip.

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

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

17.7.24 – Student voice rewards trip to Pizza Hut.

19.7.24 - Break up for summer.

Vaccination dates to note:

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

As always if you have any concerns or 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 or by calling school Monday-Friday between the hours of 8-4pm.

Yours sincerely,



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