



24th May 2024

Dear parents and carers,

So here it is, the end of this half term!

Our year 11 exams are going well. We are very proud of them. Keep going during study leave, revision will make the world of difference.

Well done to all our other students too, for being quiet and respectful around the site, whilst our Year 11's sit their GCSE's.

On Thursday afternoon, school conducted an invacuation practice. It was practised with dedication, good grace and to the letter by all students and staff - for which I thank you all, everything went to plan.

I wish you all a happy half term. Let's hope the rain calms a little and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 3rd June for the return of school. I am off with four other colleagues to the battlefields of France and Belgium with 40 students.

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 or by calling school Monday-Friday between the hours of 8-4pm.

Yours sincerely,

Gill Shirt

Headteacher

Up and Coming Dates



3.6.24 - Return to school.

10.6.24 - Year 10 mock exams to start.

6.6.24 - Headteacher's reward trip to Nando's.

12.6.24 - Calderdale athletics competition.

13.6.24 - Key Stage 3 Year 9 celebration evening.

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

21.6.24 - Our THS Great Summer Get together, 4-6pm!

Vaccination dates to note:

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

A polite reminder

A polite reminder about the processes that need to be followed if you have to pick your child up through the day for an external appointment.

1. Email or call the attendance team attendance@todhigh.co.uk with details of the appointment with as much notice as possible, usually this will be 48 hours.
2. When picking your child up, come to the school reception where you will need to meet your child.

The same applies for individual meetings please. Please contact the member of staff in advance to arrange any meeting required regarding your child. All staff diaries are planned in advance, so walk in meeting availability is very rare.

We are a large organisation, and following these processes allow the school to run more effectively. Thank you for your support with this.

Power to Thrive update

Some of our Y8 students have been visiting and helping at Ferney Lee Nursery. These visits are part of their Power 2 Thrive accredited course. We are very grateful for this fabulous opportunity that Ferney Lee have given our students and the very warm welcome we have received from the staff and children in the school. It is superb to witness our Y8 students turning into young adults. They are showing care and respect as they encourage the infants to develop through a range of activities.





Book vending machine

Six of our fabulous students enjoyed a visit to our book vending machine this week as a reward for their brilliant commitment to our ARCH values (and their reading ambition, of course!) Congratulations to Arley, Emily, Amelie, Tim, Lucy and Tom.





Year 11 revision

To support with productive revision throughout the examination season we are going to make a refined offer this year.

Previously, post Spring Bank week, we've moved students onto study leave and asked them to attend only the lessons for which they still have outstanding examinations or coursework. Students have not always maximised these opportunities for explicit revision with subject experts. This year we are going to collapse the Y11 timetable, post Spring Bank week, and offer explicit revision sessions.

The sessions are timetabled to be run prior to the examination for the specific subject. This will allow for purposeful revision, with a subject expert, directly before their examination. Due to the number of examinations we are not able to run these sessions for all subjects.

The below table will show you when exams are due to take place (in black) and when we are offering revision sessions (in green)

The sessions are as follows:

MORNING (8.40am)	Date	AFTERNOON (1.00pm)
Maths	Mon 3rd June	Russian REVISION P4 Spanish R13 Mr Charles
Spanish REVISION P3 History R18 and R19 with Mr Dawson, Mrs Maude and Mr Ash	Tues 4th June	History
Geography REVISION P3 H&S R29 with Mrs Lambert	Wed 5th June	Business and Health & Social
English Language	Thur 6th June	REVISION P5 Separate Biology R49 Mrs Collins
REVISION P2 Combined Biology R39 Mr Keane	Fri 7th June	Biology
Maths	Mon 10th June	Spanish i-Media REVISION P4 Separate Chemistry Mr Riding R44 REVISION P5 Combined Chemistry Mr Gales R40 REVISION P5 Geography R16 Miss Smith
Chemistry	Tues 11th June	
	Wed 12th June	CATCH-UP P5 Art / Photography R50 Mr Freeman

REVISION P1 Separate Physics Mr Keane R39 REVISION P2 Combined Physics Mr Riding R42	Thur 13th June	REVISION P5 Geography R14 Mr Hall
Geography	Fri 14th June	Physics
Russian	Mon 17th June	REVISION P5 D&T R23 Mrs Hartley
Design & Technology	Tues 18th June	
	Wed 19th June	REVISION P5 H&C R51 Mr Morton
Hospitality and Catering	Thur 20th June	
	Fri 21st June	

Our outstanding EPR department shines bright

As you are probably aware, the EPR dept at Todmorden High is a beacon of excellence regarding Religious Education. Last year they achieved the REQM Gold Award and this year, they have been part of the Locally Agreed Syllabus team. Both Mr Womack and Ms. Wells have been heavily involved in Believing and Belonging which will direct coverage for schools in West Yorkshire. This approach will better serve our children and their understanding of lived experience in religion and non-religion. Pictured is the Calderdale launch event at the Shay in Halifax.





ICT rocks!

It's another end to a packed half term of ICT and Computer Science shenanigans!

Our fantastic year 7's have been developing their coding skills using Microbits. These Microbots are a computer the size of a credit card. I have been really impressed by the leaps and bounds made by our fledgling future programmers! Our next topic is graphic design – so prepare to be dazzled by their creative genius.

Our year 8's got to grip with a unit on binary and have just started a challenging (but rewarding) unit on computer animation using Adobe Animate. I really believe that giving our kids these ICT skills now will equip them with the skills they will NEED in their future jobs – and therefore be able to afford the care homes that we as parents deserve!

In Computer Science we cover genuine life skills that will stay with our students forever and not only will enable our year 9's to get better grades in the future but also to have a better understanding of the new world we live in. One of these essential life skills is Cyber Security and how to keep not only ourselves but also our money and data safe in the future. This is a much needed topic in today's modern world and the cohort have done themselves proud.


There is always a lot of tears and raking sobs when our year 11's finally realise that their Business, Computer Science and iMedia lessons are coming to an end and the big wide world is knocking on their door; but our students shouldn't be too downhearted!

They will still see their Computer Science/ Business teachers in Lidl (or Marks and Spencer's at Christmas) and will be able to tell us how much they miss us! Good luck everyone – it really has been a pleasure teaching you.

Finally, I would like to tell you a conversation I heard between Mr McDermot and Miss Daubney last week. Miss Daubney had just made Mr McDermot a cold brew and then asked him "Do you like cold coffee?" to which he replied "No, but I love ICT"!

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 Miss Hartley Room 25 & 26	English Speaking Board Invitation only Mrs Kewin Room 90	Magic Club Mr Charles Room 13	<p>All clubs finish by 4pm unless stated otherwise</p> 
	Cricket Club (all years) Mr Dunsen Gym	MMM Fantasy Orchestra Miss Lesterer School Hall	Fitness Club Miss Riley In the Hall	
	Year 9 Maths Club Invite only Mr Smith	Y11 EPR Drop In Mr Wornack Room 47	Athletics Club Mr Dunsden Changing rooms	
	K54 Art/Photography Club Mr Freeman Room 45	Year 7 & 8 Code Club Mr McDermott Room 23		
	K53 Art Club Miss Webster Room 46	K53 Science Club Miss Smith Room 41		
	Drama Club (All Years) Miss Gaudiney Drama Studio	Hockey Club Mr Neave Miss Creighton		
	Badminton (All years) Miss 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

Local news

Restorative solutions would like to warmly invite 10 Todmorden High pupils from across Year 8 and 9, to attend our community conference around Anti-social behaviour. We would like to hear from the youth about their thoughts on Anti-social behaviour within Todmorden market / surrounding areas, and any ideas they may have, that could reduce anti-social behaviour within Todmorden. Local Market stall holders and businesses have also been invited to give their thoughts. There will be refreshments and pizza! Each youth is welcome to bring a parent or carer along with them. To book, please follow this link - <https://forms.office.com/e/aqSWAmsmfa>

Armed Forces Event



Saturday 29 June, 9am-5pm
Southgate, Halifax Town Centre






Free

Stalls, military vehicles, equipment, a medical tent and full field kitchen, plus much more. Representatives from the armed forces will be there, so come along and find out more about military life past and present.

A fun day out for all the family.

www.calderdale.gov.uk search for armed forces

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Design your own Soapbox Cart!


High School Competition!

Are you fascinated by Engineering?
Nelson and Colne College invites you to take part in this year's **Super Soapbox Challenge**, an exhilarating competition that puts your engineering skills to the test! With fantastic prizes up for grabs, this is an opportunity you won't want to miss.

What's the challenge?
Your task is to design your very own soapbox cart. But here's the twist: you must also provide a detailed explanation of your design choices. Your cart should not only be aerodynamically pleasing but also safe and capable of reaching impressive speeds. Consider the materials you'll use, the dimensions of your cart, and the features necessary for a skilled driver.




How to enter:
Submit your entry to marketing@nelsongroup.ac.uk by **Friday 7th June**.
Our expert panel will judge all submissions, and winners will be announced at the **Super Soapbox Challenge on Sunday 30th June**.



Ready to be inspired?
Scan the QR code to take a look at last years Soapbox cart designs for inspiration!

nelson.ac.uk



Tell us about your cart!
This budget for your cart built is £2500. How much would the materials cost to create the cart you have designed? Let us know in the space below!

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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

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

Email: demik@todhigh.co.uk

Year 8 - Mrs. Thompson

Email: p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk

Year 9 - Mrs. Townend

Email: a.townend@todhigh.co.uk

Year 10 - Miss. James

Email: j.james@todhigh.co.uk

Year 11 - Mrs. Stansfield

Email: e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk