



28th June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

This last term is flying. Hard to believe we only have 3 weeks left before we break up for the summer holidays.

Thank you for those of you who attended our recent parent forum. It was a successful evening of conversation regarding the school, students and areas that are operating well and those where parents / carers feel that things could be improved.

Our Great Summer Get Together was well attended as usual last Friday, by not only the transitioning year 6's and their families, but also by the local community. The evening was completed by a talent show conducted by our students, that was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who attended and participated!

Our senior leadership team have been visiting our local primary schools over the last few weeks, delivering lessons to make the transition easier for year 6 to year 7 at the high school - along side additional transitional mornings for students who need a little more assistance.

We welcomed Music for the Many last week for their Summer Concert, and were thrilled that 8 of our students were playing in the orchestra. They were joined by over 50 local primary school students. It was a triumph of an event, organised by Daniel Bath.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of you who attended our year 11 leavers' assembly. It was truly wonderful. There was standing room only as the hall was packed out. Many parents passed on heartfelt

thanks to Mrs Stansfield, our Learning Manager for year 11, who has looked after their students since year 10. My thanks go out to you fantastic parents who donated pre-loved uniform to be used in our school uniform store. I cannot sum up how grateful we are, I was blown away by the amount of donations, thank you.

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



2.7.24 - Yr 10 trip to RCSF (60 pupils only)

4.7.24 - Yr 10 trip to Nelson College.

4.7.24 - Transition evening.

5.7.24 - Transition day.

6-7.7.24 - Yr 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze.

9-10.7.24 - Geography field trip.

11.7.24 - Year 10 Mock Interview Day

11.7.24 – Miss Shirt's reward student trip to Planit, Manchester.

12.7.24 - Sports Day

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

17.7.24 - Yr 7, 8, 9 and 10 data to home.

17.7.24 – Miss Shirt's and Miss James' Student voice reward trip to Pizza Hut.

19.7.24 - Break up for summer @ Noon.

Vaccination dates to note:

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

Our Great Summer Get Together

What a fabulous evening our great summer get together was! I was on the BBQ, cooking with my team, serving delicious burgers, veggie burgers and hot dogs! The many stands inside were also popular, with lots of information regarding the transition of year 6's to our school, all served with a delicious array of cakes and drink available.





Data to home

As we approach the end of the academic year, we are preparing to send home a final data report for each student. This report will detail your child's current working grade determined by assessments carried out in the classroom or mock exams, their attitude to learning and, where appropriate, a reason for the attitude to learning grade. Please do take the opportunity to talk to your child about their progress and their attitude towards their learning. For this data report we will be sending the communication via email using a new system we have put in place in school. Please do check your junk email as the communication may go to that folder on this first occasion. If you have any problems accessing the report please contact your child's learning manager or Cat Vose (c.vose@todhgh.co.uk) in the first instance.

Mock Election 2024

On Thursday 4th July, we will be holding a mock election in school. This is designed to give our students the experience of understanding the process of voting in elections. To make the process as close to the real thing as possible, students need to do the following:

1. Register to vote – registration will close at 23.59 on Monday 1st July.
(<https://forms.office.com/e/qw8KKYYHSL>)
2. Read the manifestos and decide who to vote for – these have been created by some of our student leaders. Please take time to read through these with your child and discuss with them which party they want to vote for and why.

- Make sure they have identification on Thursday 4th July – if they do not have their school lanyard, they will not be able to vote.

We will be sharing the results with our local MP (once elected on Thursday) so that they can see the issues that are important to students at Todmorden High School.

Political Party 1	
"We want to abolish exams, give 16-year-olds the chance to vote and change the curriculum to include more lessons that prepare you for adulthood."	
Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A more diverse curriculum that offers more vocational subjects and active lessons. There will include more lessons where you have a chance to be outside. A curriculum to get you ready for being an adult, including more lessons on politics and voting, financial literacy, and mental health. Abolish exams and make a judgement on a student's grade based on everything they have done in their 5 years at secondary school. Reduce university fees to make it more affordable. Maintain a 9-5 school day. Put a dedicated mental health professional in every school. 	Childcare and Families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce restrictions on smartphones to make sure that a 'child friendly' version is available. Provide free breakfast in schools to make sure everyone has to eat start to the day.
Voting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give 16- and 17-year-olds the chance to vote. 	NHS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the pay for nurses and doctors so that there will be more of them available.

Political Party 2		
"We want to introduce shorter school days, more housing more affordable and change the curriculum to include more vocational activities."		
Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More active lessons. Mental health professionals in schools (the number should be based on the size of the school). Give schools £100k to replace the equipment and facilities such as before PE facilities like an extra turf. Abolish exams and grade people on the work they have done across year 10 and 11. Shorter school days and more opportunity to do activities that are not academic. 	Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make houses more affordable for people so that they can get onto the property ladder more easily. 	Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase minimum wage so that it is enough for people to live on. Be a punishment for children under 14. Increase benefits.
Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum wage should be £12 for all working people (there should not be a lower minimum wage for younger people). This gives young people the chance to save up for a house. People should stay with the value of money. 	Voting behaviour & democracy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give 16- and 17-year-olds the chance to vote. Continue to transparent from voting. 	The NHS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruit more doctors into the NHS so that it can provide for a rising population. Invest a huge amount of funding into the NHS. Guarantee free dental care for everyone.

Political Party 3			
"We want an end to university fees, give schools more funding for extra-curricular activities and trips and significantly increase funding for the NHS."			
Education and Unions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reverse the curriculum for GCSE. Make sure there are qualified mental health professionals every school. Put a cap on university fees so that everyone has the opportunity to go to university. More funding in schools for everyone to go on trips, sports and have great extra-curricular provision. Change to a 9-5 school day with no breaks between 10-11 and 1-2. 	Families and Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure there are more places for children to after school activities. Extend free school meals to make sure all children in primary have access to them. Reduce the breakfast club meal service. 	NHS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significantly increase the funding for the NHS. Change to the NHS support with accountability for people with chronic illnesses. Reduce the waiting times. Increase the number of GPs to give people the right to see a GP with a same day GP hours if urgent. 	Money <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No increase in national insurance, reduce tax on what you earn.
Young People <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change the national curriculum to give them more time to be doing activities outside of school. Provide funding and support for more activities, sports, clubs, and other things that are important to young people. 			

Changes to lunchtime sittings

To support the transition to next year we will be making the following changes to lunchtime arrangements from Monday 1st July for the final 3 weeks of term.

Lunchtime 1 - Y8/Y10; 11:20-11:50

- No changes. Y8 remain in the hall and Y10 remain in the dining room.

Lunchtime 2 - 11:50-12:20

- No lunches, expect for Y6 transition days.

Lunchtime 3 - 12:20-12:50

- Y7 will be served in the hall. - Y9 will be served in the canteen.

Summer Uniform

As we are now in the summer term, and finally experiencing some summer weather, we wanted to remind you that students may wear black tailored shorts to school. The shorts must be tailored and cannot be of the cargo variety or sports shorts. Previously, a number of students have cut down old school trousers and put in a simple hem. This has reduced costs and improved the environmental impact. We can help in school with this if needed. Thank you

Flying high!

Congratulations to our U15 Cricket team who made a great start to the 2024 Calderdale Cricket competition with a convincing win against Rishworth on Tuesday. Our U15's batted first and set a decent target of 137 with Dan Brown, Nathan Barker and Ollie Rushton scoring well. Rishworth in reply were all out for 107, key wickets were taken by bowlers Noah Davidson, Hayden Bailey, Archie Hird and Theo Helliwell.

The players of the match award went to Noah Davidson and Nathan Barker.

Good luck against Calder High and Ryburn Valley High next week!




Lost property

We have a large amount of lost property in Student Reception, including jewellery, which needs collecting before summer please.

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 Mrs 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 Lister School Hall	Fitness Club Miss Riley In the Hall	
	Year 9 Maths Club Invite only Mr Smith	Y11 EPR Drop In Mr Womack Room 47	Athletics Club Mr Dunsen 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 Gaudrey Drama Studio	Hockey Club Mr Neave Miss Creighton		
	Badminton (All years) Mrs 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

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

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Year 8 - Mrs. Thompson

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Year 9 - Mrs. Townend

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Year 10 - Miss. James

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Year 11 - Mrs. Stansfield

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