



3rd May 2024

Dear all,

I wanted to put out a formal and factual statement, which I hope will alleviate the understandable concerns that I and my team have received, following on from yesterday's invacuation.

Yesterday two students became very verbally aggressive towards each other and had to be separated as a physical altercation looked likely. There are occasions when we have to take hold of a student - for which staff are trained, if and when the need arises. It can happen when a student presents a risk to themselves, or others around them, and / or for the good order of the school. You may have seen a video – it isn't pleasant to watch but that is the reality of removing a student from a situation that presents a much greater risk such as a physical fight.

Our previous lockdown / invacuation drills have gone smoothly, but as I am sure you will appreciate, reality can sometimes be different. The incident happened at end of break, whilst a good number of students were still outside and not in a building. There was also some confusion with the alarm that sounded. However, staff kept your child safe. This was their priority. We acted out of precaution just as we would with the fire alarm. No students were threatened. I would like to thank all staff for their impeccable effort in keeping all your children - our students - safe, and thank all our students for their calm behaviour during and after this invacuation.

Next week brings Bank Holiday May Day, so we are closed next Monday 6th May, back to normal on Tuesday 7th May. Last weekend, some of our Year 8 students went on a fabulous residential trip, details of which are below. We have also been preparing for our Year 10 ambition evening, which is always a super and valued event by all.

We have received some lovely feedback this week from you, such as complimentary comments on year 8 residential behaviour and our 5 star canteen food. It means so much to us as a team to receive these, so thank you.

Our Year 11 students have begun their GCSE exams. This will involve a slight change of routine and some busy times (such as lunch time) for some of our students, as we make sure our Year 11's are supported as much as possible in this final part of their GCSE journey. I am sure you will all join us in wishing them every success.

Our ARCH day 3 is on Wednesday 8th May. Watch this space for some exciting updates as to what the students get up to!

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



6.5.24 - School closed for Bank holiday.

8.5.24 - ARCH day 3.

9.5.24 - Todmorden Together at 5pm in the school library.

24.5.24 - School breaks up for half term.

Vaccination dates to note:

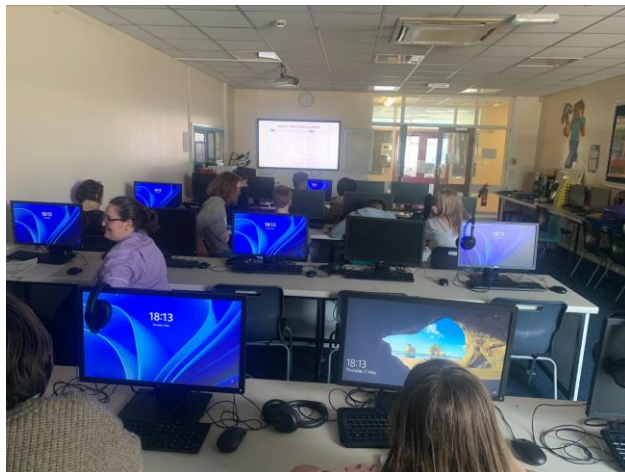
13.5.24 - Y9 DTTP/ACWY

20.5.24 - Y9 DTTP/ACWY

A successful Year 10 Exam Preparation evening!

Thursday evening saw our Exam Preparation event for Year 10 take place and what a great turn out it was (even in spite of the glorious weather!) Sessions included how to plan an effective revision timetable, different ways to revise and the plan / do / review approach. Thank you to all those who attended and for your feedback, to allow us to make future events even better! Details of the sessions will be sent out via Class Charts in the coming days but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Miss James on j.james@todhigh.co.uk







Learning is thirsty work

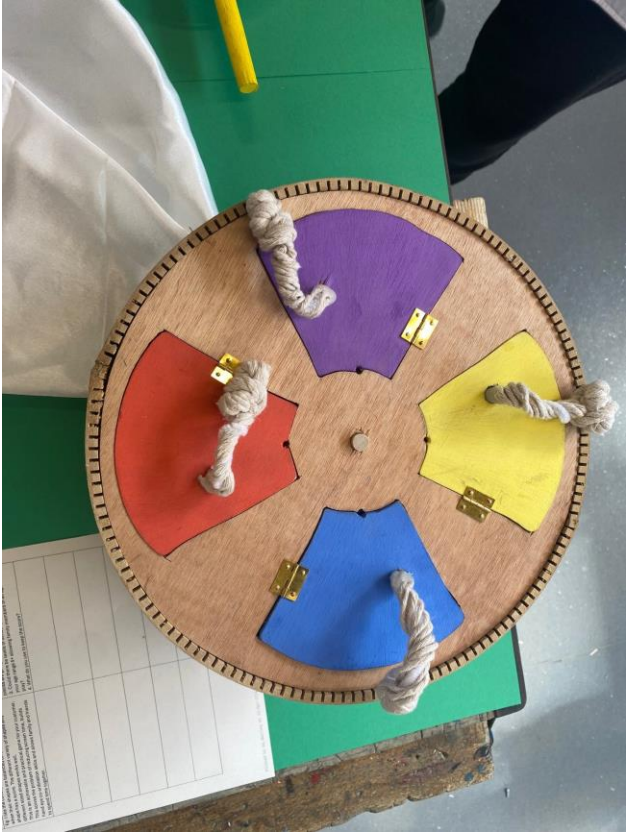
We would like to remind all students to bring a water bottle to school with them. We have water fountains around school that students can use to fill their bottles; we do not provide cups for students as

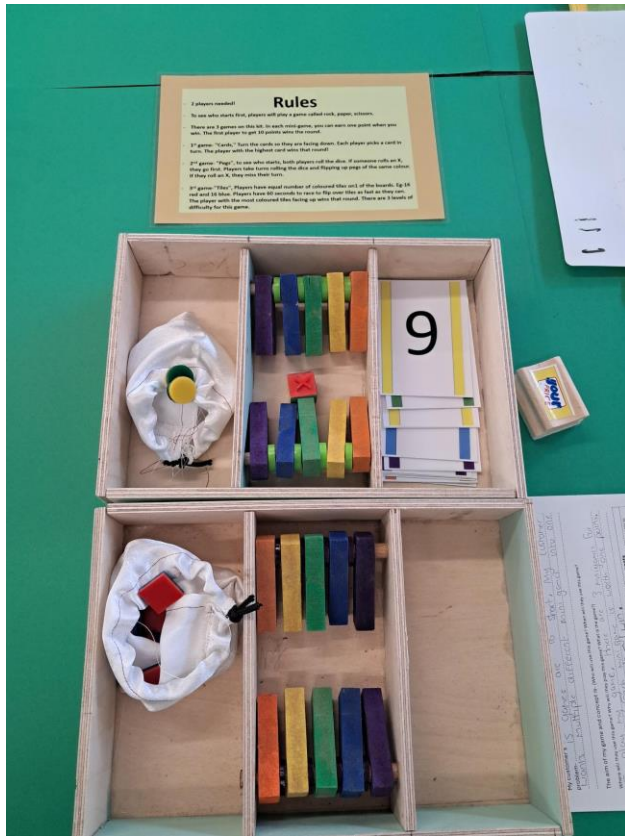
this causes unnecessary plastic waste. This is important all year round to ensure students stay hydrated, but even more crucial as the temperature begins to increase.

Year 11 games!

Some of our Year 11's had a fun afternoon this week, show casing their hand made games to fellow students and staff. These have been created to go towards their Design and Technology GCSE's. Great concepts and creative ideas were on show, which brought about much discussion, thought, laughter and fired up some competitive natures! Well done everybody! Superb effort!











Our latest 5 star canteen menu is here!

| | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 |
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| Monday | Fajita style chicken in sauce with pasta and garlic bread. Tomato and basil sauce with pasta and garlic bread. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad. | Spaghetti or pasta Bolognese with garlic bread Mac n Cheese with garlic bread. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad. | Lasagne, with peas or sweetcorn, garlic bread Tomato and basil pasta, garlic bread. Nachos with salsa, cheese, sour cream Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad. |
| Tuesday | Cottage pie with beans or veg and gravy. Cheese and onion pie with beans or veg and potato croquettes. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad. | Chicken fried rice. Vegetable fried rice. Sweet and sour sauce. Spring rolls and prawn crackers. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad. | Balti chicken curry with rice and naan bread. Spinach, sweet potato and lentil dhal, with rice and naan. Samosas – mango chutney and yogurt mint dip Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad. |
| Wednesday | Roast dinner day – Turkey or sausage with roasted potatoes, Yorkshire puddings, vegetables and gravy Veggie sausage option. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad. | Roast dinner day – Chicken pie or sausage with roasted potatoes, Yorkshire puddings, vegetables and gravy. Veggie sausage option. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad. | Roast dinner day – Hunters chicken - (BBQ sauce and cheese) or sausage with roasted potatoes, Yorkshire puddings, vegetables and gravy Veggie sausage option. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad. |
| Thursday | SFC burgers with side salad Cheese burgers/Burgers with side salad Variety of sauces, burger, red, mayo, sweet chilli Paninis – fillings of the day including cheese veggie option with side salad. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad. | Pulled pork burgers with side salad SFC burgers with side salad Variety of sauces, burger, red, mayo, sweet chilli Paninis – fillings of the day including cheese veggie option with side salad. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad. | SFC burgers with side salad Cheese burgers/Burgers with side salad Variety of sauces, burger, red, mayo, sweet chilli Paninis – fillings of the day including cheese veggie option with side salad. Jacket potatoes - fillings of the day. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad. |
| Friday | Popcorn chicken, chips, curry sauce or gravy Cheese and tomato pizza. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad. | Popcorn chicken, chips, curry sauce or gravy. Cheese and tomato pizza. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad. | Popcorn chicken, chips, curry sauce or gravy. Cheese and tomato pizza. Variety of cold sandwiches, tuna, cheese, cheese and ham, ham, with or without salad. |

Year 8 Winmarleigh Hall residential trip

The Year 8 residential to Winmarleigh Hall took place on the 26th of April until the 28th of April. The students had a great time, bonding and pushing themselves to try new things.

From conquering fears on the high ropes course and the giant swing to collaborating on team challenges, the students embraced every opportunity for growth and adventure. They forged friendships through shared experiences and discovered newfound confidence in their abilities. The residential provided a perfect environment for them to break out of their comfort zones and develop resilience, teamwork, and leadership skills. As they return home, they carry with them memories that will last a lifetime and lessons that will continue to shape their personal growth. Throughout the year 8 residential, they demonstrated excellent manners, respect for their peers and instructors, and a positive attitude towards all activities. Their behaviour reflected their understanding of the importance of representing themselves and their school in a positive light. Whether participating in group challenges, engaging in discussions, or simply enjoying free time, the students maintained a high level of maturity and responsibility.

Their conduct not only contributed to the overall success of the trip but also served as a testament to their character and upbringing. Well done to all!











Roll up roll up!



Today's latest headlines are tomorrow's fish and chip paper!

But if you want to put them to a better use, you could donate your old newspapers to our design and technology department. We have an urgent need of old newspapers. Broadsheet or tabloid, we are not judgemental! Please just drop them off at our reception if you are able to help us. Thank you.

We are recruiting!



Join our super team here at Todmorden High School!

We have a number of vacancies within the exam invigilation team for the upcoming exams this summer.

If you, or anyone you know, who may be interested in the part time exam invigilators vacancies, please share the link below or direct them to our website to complete an application form.

[Recruitment - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](https://www.todhigh.co.uk)

Please keep an eye out on our social media pages and website for details of future opportunities.

Vaccination News

An announcement has gone on Class Charts as we have had confirmation from the local authorities re Year 9 vaccinations.

DTP/ACWY 13/5/24 and 20/5/24.

There is a letter of consent for parent 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.

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Year 10 - Miss. James

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Year 11 - Mrs. Stansfield

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