



5th July 2024

Dear parents and carers,

What a very busy week we have had in school!

Thank you to everyone who attended our transition evening on Thursday. It was a great success, and had the most attendees for such an event that we have seen since we started hosting transition evening. We had such lovely feedback from parents, sharing with us that they feel such events really assist their child (and themselves) in the move up to high school.

This week we have had a visit from our Chair of Governors to cast his eye over the school. He had a very positive morning, observing lessons, transitions and was very complimentary about our pastoral care.

On Wednesday, I had the privilege of going to visit Castle Hill Primary School to meet with their Headteacher, Mr Hetherington and some of the children. It was a productive meeting and it was lovely to see and spend time with some of their children.

Year 10's have had a number of visits now to local colleges that have gone well, to give our students an insight and assist them into what direction their path could go. They have given us feedback that the trips were very beneficial and given them clarity.

Last Friday saw our wonderful year 11's celebrate their Prom. What a fabulous fun filled evening! Well done to Mrs Stansfield for organising a wonderful evening and also a superb Year 11 assembly to

celebrate year 11 finishing their high school years. Whatever their GCSE results are, we wish them all well in their journey through life.

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



6-7.7.24 - 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 Planit Architects student trip to 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. Our Bacup students will be able to walk down into Todmorden, to catch the lunch time bus at 12:35pm. If you are concerned about your child, please email e.rawlinson@todhigh.co.uk. The First Bus will be departing at 12:10pm for a specially operated early service.

Vaccination dates to note:

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

Mock Election 2024

Todmorden High School students took part in a mock election on Thursday 4th July. The student leaders put together three manifestos, and these were shared with students before the election. The students were invited to register to vote and reminded that they needed to bring some form of ID into school to be able to take part.

We had a great turnout with 84.8% of eligible students taking part. It has been a wonderful opportunity for our students to understand the electoral process; we had so many conversations about manifestos, secret ballots, different voting systems and political parties. Our students were taught what to do if they did not agree with any of the political parties; you will see some examples of spoilt ballot papers in our photos.

We have reported our results to the Hansard Society and we will be also taking the results of our election to our local MP; we want to share with them the issues that are important to the students of Todmorden High School!



Poll Card	
Mock Election	
Todmorden High School	
Date of Election: Thursday 4 th July 2024	
Voting information	
Polling Day	Thursday 4 th July 2024
Voting Hours	09.05 – 15.00
Your polling station will be	Jack's Diner Todmorden High School Ewood Lane Todmorden OL14 7DG

Your Details





Year 11 Prom

Last Friday we held our Year 11 Prom over at Burnley Football Club. It is safe to say that it was one of our favourite Proms we have ever had the pleasure of organising - with the students being a true credit to our school! The evening was full of laughter, dancing and fun - with both students and staff coming away with a number of awards as by voted by Year 11! Burnley Football Club, the DJ and the Photographer all praised our Year 11 cohort for being phenomenal throughout the evening - which made the evening even better!





Our cricketeers keep going from strength to strength!

Congratulations to the U15 cricket team who have now qualified for the Calderdale Cricket finals. The team played against Ryburn Valley High School this week in a rain affected match. Our U15's batted first and set an excellent target of 202 with outstanding batting performances from Will, Theo and Adam.. When it was our turn to bowl Nathan was in top form taking six wickets and Adam bowled well taking two wickets reducing Ryburn to 78 runs all out. Well done all!

Burnley College Trip

Last Thursday, Miss James and a team of our staff took Year 10 to a post-16 taster day at Burnley College where students took part in two different sessions of their choosing. Sessions included Sports, Beauty, World Tour, Crimestoppers, Engineering, Construction and many more. A great time was had by all the students and the feedback from staff at Burnley College about the students engagement and behaviour was overwhelmingly positive! Miss Daubney even got a 3-D printed souvenir to take home!







Our 5 star kitchen is rocking some new salad dishes!

Our 5 star kitchen team are producing some lovely new summer salads. They are delicious - so give them a try!







News from the Geography Department

It's been another great year in the Geography department. Subjects as diverse as the cotton industry, how the dinosaurs died, rainforests and dismembered feet washing up on Canadian shores have kept our students interested and engaged in the world we live in. Student Voice gave us resoundingly positive feedback, as evidenced by the overwhelmingly positive (by most!) adjectives used by students to describe their Geography lessons: Interesting! Fun! Brilliant! Intriguing! Amazing! Ambitious! Challenging!

We go into the 2024/25 school year with 4 Year 10 GCSE classes to match our 4 Year 11 classes. This makes us the most chosen GCSE subject in the school and we hope to continue our 6 years in a row of GCSE results that achieve grades above expectation.

Our focus on taking learning out of the classroom has included eco-system studies, environmental quality surveys, visiting Salford Quays and investigating our local river features. It even recently took us to How Stean Gorge to give students a first hand experience of seeing and feeling the effects of erosion as they abseiled into the 20 meter gorge and jumped, waded, slid and swam up and down the incredible landform. See attached photos below.

In October our GCSE students have the chance to visit the Lake District and combine geographical research with adventure and the Blencathra Field Studies Centre. How exciting!

Year 10 trip

The final Year 10 college trip, which forms part of our post-16 Careers programme, took place on 4th July with a visit to Nelson & Colne College. Students again participated in two subject sessions they had

chosen, ranging from Creative Art to Sports, Hairdressing & Barbering to Law, Justice & Protective Services. The students had a great time and were once again excellent ambassadors for the school. It's given them all something to think about in terms of their post-16 options and we are looking forward to supporting them more with this in Year 11.







Rochdale College Trip

On Tuesday 2nd July Miss James took 59 Year 10 students for an A-Level taster day at Rochdale 6th Form Centre as part of our post-16 Careers programme. Students experienced four A-level lessons in subjects they had chosen, including Art, Law, Maths, PE, Psychology, Sciences and many more. It was a great day, all the students enjoyed it and were excellent ambassadors of school. The feedback from staff at the college was overwhelmingly positive. Well done year 10.



Local buses

We have been asked by Cllr Ken White to let you know about First buses proposing to make major changes to 590, 591 and 592 service. Essentially, Burnley and Rochdale will become an hourly service from 1st September 2024.

There is a consultation period, which runs from today until the 15th of July. Please could you take the time to review and feedback for this change using the link below. Thank you.

<https://www.firstbus.co.uk/halifax-calder-valley-huddersfield/about-us/proposed-changes-590-591-592#:~:text=We%20are%20proposing%20changes%20to%20bus%20services%20590%2C,and%20will%20end%20at%2013%3A00%20on%2015%20July>

Lost property

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

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.

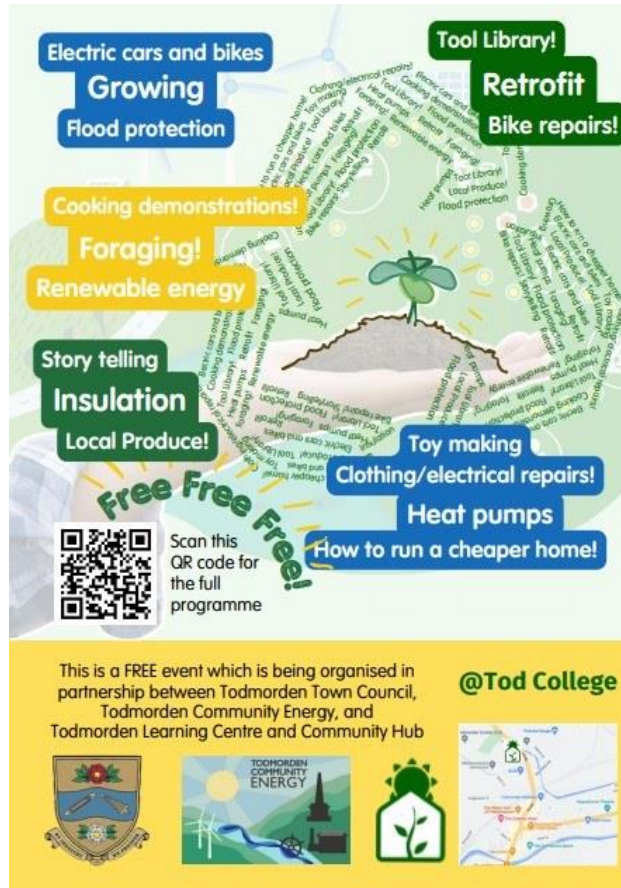
https://immunisation.cht.nhs.uk/vaccinations/men_acwy_dtp?code=107564

Ties

From September, the price of ties will be increasing slightly to £6. This will be reflected in parent pay.

Local news





Measles message from Calderdale Council

Please read this information.

In Calderdale we are now starting to see a slight increase in the number of cases of measles. This has been the case for many other areas in the country in recent months

Vaccination against measles (MMR)

The most important thing to help prevent the spread of measles is to ensure that everyone is vaccinated.

It is important to have the MMR vaccine and we are asking you to encourage parents / guardians to take up the offer of an MMR vaccine if their children are not fully vaccinated.

It is also important that adults that may have missed having their MMR vaccine as children are encouraged to get vaccinated.

The free MMR vaccine is a safe and effective way of protecting against measles, as well as mumps and rubella. The best way to prevent children getting measles is to make sure they have their two MMR vaccines on time – the first at 1 year of age and the second at 3 years, 4 months.

If parents / guardians, their children and adults have missed these vaccines, it's not too late. If parents / guardians are unsure if their child has received the MMR vaccine, they should check the 'Red Book'

which is updated when vaccinations have been given or contact their GP practice. Adults can also contact their GP practice to confirm their vaccination status.

Anyone of any age not up to date can ask for the free vaccine from their GP.

For more information about measles, visit the [Healthier Together website](#) or the [NHS.uk website](#).

For more information on the MMR vaccination, visit: www.nhs.uk/mmr.

You may find the links below helpful for parents / guardians. They include information about measles and MMR leaflets which you can either download or order free printed copies of. Translated versions are also available.

- [Measles: don't let your child catch it flyer \(for schools\)](#) – various translations available [here](#).
- [MMR for all: general leaflet - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) – translations available on the same page.

Anyone who is not fully vaccinated should contact their GP practice to arrange an MMR vaccination

Symptoms of Measles

Although the health risk to children is low, measles spreads very quickly and easily. As a precautionary measure, it is helpful to remind parents / guardians of the symptoms of measles to be aware of and to ask them to check that they and their children have had two doses of the free MMR vaccine, which gives lifelong protection against measles, mumps, and rubella.

Parents / guardians are being advised to watch out for the symptoms of measles in their children and act if they suspect they have the infection. Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash which usually starts on the face or behind the ears a few days later. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth.

The first symptoms are:

- high fever
- sore, red, watery eyes
- cough
- aching and feeling generally unwell
- a blotchy red / brown rash on white skin - it may be harder to see or more subtle on brown and black skin

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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