



6th September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to all to our new academic year of 2024-2025.

I do hope you have all had a wonderful break and managed to enjoy the time together and the sun - when it decided to show itself.

This week we extended a warm welcome our new Year 7 students. We wish them a super journey through our High School as they work their way through the years and experience all that our High School has to offer. We have been impressed so far with how they have transitioned and taken to our values of ambition, respect, care and honesty so quickly.

During the summer we had our Year 11 students in for their GCSE results - It was our best ever year for GCSEs and we send massive congratulations to our students for their magnificent set of results, especially considering their High School journey started with the disruptions caused by COVID-19 in Year 7. A number of students celebrated achieving top grades of 8 and 9 across a variety of subjects, which is outstanding. We wish them all well in their onward journey.

I am sure you are all aware of the bus service changes that have affected 590, 591 and the 592. If in doubt, please visit [Plan a journey | Metro \(wymetro.com\)](#)

Saturday 14th September brings the 150th Todmorden Town Hall logo competition results at the Town Hall. A big well done to our many students who entered this competition. An invite will be going out early next week for students to attend the event, during which the winners will be announced.

Finally, I would like to say a few words about however sorry we all were to hear of the passing of one of our Year 11 students, Tilly Wooler. Tilly was an extraordinary young lady. We will hold onto our fond memories of Tilly and are thankful that our staff were invited to attend Tilly's funeral.

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

Yours sincerely,

Gill Shirt

Headteacher

Up and Coming Dates



12.9.24 - Behaviour Forum with Miss Shirt and Mrs Rawlinson

16.9.24 - Manchester Photography Trip

19.9.24 - Year 7 Form Tutor Evening

20.9.24 - Salford Quays Field Trip

26.9.24 - Open Evening: 5-7pm

1.10.24 - ARCH day 1

9.10.24 - Headteacher's Online Parent Forum

10.10.24 - Year 7 Parent Forum 3:15 - 3:45

17.10.24 - SEND Forum with Mrs Ransom and Miss Cooper

23.10.24 - Data Forum with Miss Vosc

19.11.24 Year 7-11 Nasal Flu immunisations

Details of how to join / make an appointment for each forum will be released closer to the dates.

Please keep an eye out on our social media pages for lots of new and interesting articles!

2024 - 2025 Term Dates

School term dates 2024-2025

Date	Event
Monday 2nd September 2024	CPD Day 1 (school closed to students)
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	CPD Day 2 (school closed to students)
Wednesday 4th September 2024	School opens for Autumn term
Friday 25th October 2024	School closes for Autumn half-term
Monday 4th November 2024	School re-opens after Autumn half-term
Friday 20th December 2024	School closes for the end of Autumn term
Monday 6th January 2025	CPD Day 3 (school closed to students)
Tuesday 7th January 2025	School opens for Spring term
Friday 14th February 2025	School closes for Spring half-term
Monday 24th February 2025	School re-opens after Spring half-term
Friday 4th April 2025	School closes for the end of Spring term
Monday 21st April 2025	School closed: Easter Monday
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	School opens for Summer term
Monday 5th May 2025	School closed: May Day
Friday 23rd May 2025	School closes for Summer half-term
Monday 2nd June 2025	School re-opens after Summer half-term
Friday 18th July 2025	School closes for end of summer term
Monday 21st July 2025	CPD Day 4 (school closed to students)
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	CPD Day 5 (school closed to students)

- Of the 195 days, five are to be pupil occasional holidays. School must open 190 days to students.
- One of these must be polling day, if schools are closed due to the elections.
- Two of the five days may be disaggregated.

Our New Daily Routine

2024/25			
Session	Session length	Time	Year
Arrive on site	10 min	8:30 – 8:40	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Focus	30min	8:40 – 9:10	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Lesson 1	1hr	9:10 – 10:10	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Break	15min	10:10 – 10:25	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Lesson 2	1hr	10:25 – 11:25	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11

Session	Session length	Time	Year	Session	Session length	Time	Year	Session	Session length	Time	Year
Lunch A	30min	11:25–11:55	8, 10	Lesson 3	30 min	11:25–11:55	7	Lesson 3	1hr	11:25–12:25	9, 11
Lesson 3	1hr	11:55–12:55	8, 10	Lunch B	30 min	11:55–12:25	7	Lunch C	30min	12:25–12:55	9, 11
				Lesson 3	30 min	12:25–12:55	7				

Session	Session length	Time	Year
Lesson 4	1hr	12:55 – 13:55	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Transition	5min	13:55 – 14:00	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Lesson 5	1hr	14:00 – 15:00	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11

Important information regarding Attendance

Over the summer the Government have released some advice on attendance. Please use the link below to see information regarding when to send your child to school. If you have any questions about attendance, please contact our Learning Manager for attendance on n.clark-hutchinson@todhigh.co.uk.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/09/02/back-to-school-week-everything-you-need-to-know-about-school-attendance/>

Governor Vacancies

Due to relocation, we have a vacancy for a parent governor. The application window for this key voluntary role in our school will open on Monday 9th September 2024 and will close on MONDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2024 at 5.00pm. An invitation to apply will go out to parents on Monday by ClassCharts.

To apply, you should follow the process outlined in the letter on ClassCharts, which includes a personal statement of approximately 250 words. These statements will be circulated to all our parents as part of the election process. The ballot period will open on Monday 30th September 2024.

We also have a vacancy for a co-opted governor. There is no election process for this role, and it does not have to be a school parent (although it can be). Co-opted governors are appointed by the governing body and are usually selected for their key skills or expertise that will support the effective running of the school. If you are interested in becoming a co-opted governor – or know someone who is, then please contact clerktogovernors@todhigh.co.uk to begin the application.

Being a school governor is a rewarding role although it does carry some responsibility. The governors at Todmorden High School are engaged and well-informed and the Chair of Governors has a wealth of experience both here and in other schools and academies across West Yorkshire. Your role would be that of a critical friend – looking at the school from above, rather than involving yourself in the operational management of the school.

For a broad overview of governance and what it entails, you could visit this website which is run by the National Governors' Association.

[For Schools & Trusts | National Governance Association \(nga.org.uk\)](http://nga.org.uk)

Governors are appointed for a four-year term. The full Governing Body usually meets 4 times a year. Each governor is usually assigned to at least one of three sub-committees and they meet a further 3 times a year each. Meetings usually are held at 5.30 on a Wednesday evening and last for an average of 2 hours. A week before each meeting, papers are circulated allowing you time to read and prepare questions for the school and to make informed decisions.

Depending on the business of the time, there may be other full governing body meetings, or one-off panel meetings throughout the academic year.

Summer school

We held our Summer School in July / August and what a success it was. A strong and caring staff team supported the students in the transition events and many different activities were put together and enjoyed by all!







Introducing our new staff for next academic year



Jen Ransom

Hello everyone, my name is Mrs Ransom and I'm joining Todmorden High School as SENDCO. The subject I teach is history and my favourite topic is the Tudors. I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone.



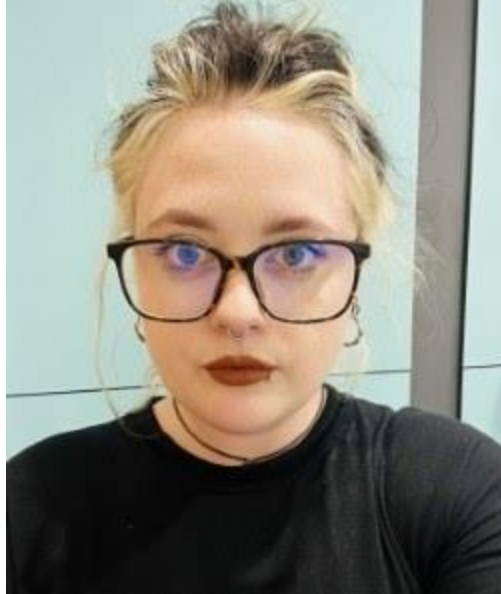
Donna Kendall

Hi, I am Mrs Kendall and I am really looking forward to joining the Science and SEN Team at Todmorden in September. I currently teach Science and I'm Head of Vocational Skills (6th Form SEN Provision) at Ryburn Valley High School so I am excited to continue with my passion for SEN and Science at Todmorden. I have been a teacher for nearly 20 years after being an ITU Nurse for 10 years before that - I am definitely a 'people person' and love making good and effective relationships with students, staff & parents. I especially love finding new ways and ideas for learning in fun and memorable ways to enhance not just Science skills and knowledge but life skills too.



Amy Wood

I am Mrs Wood who will become the Curriculum Leader for Art, Photography and DT in September. I am a proud Todmordian who cannot wait to join the Todmorden High School family.... again! I came here as a student, returned as the Art Technician after graduating, and went on to complete my teacher training here at Todmorden High School . Since qualifying, I have been at Sir John Thursby in Burnley, where I am currently a Curriculum Leader for The Arts and a Lead Practitioner for Teaching and Learning. I knew that one day I would come 'home', and always dreamed of taking this position. I really cannot wait to get started and work with students and families from my hometown.



Seren Morley

Hi, I'm Ms Morley and I have moved to Todmorden High from Calder High School in Mytholmroyd. Some of you may know me from my brief time with you as an ITT at the start of 2017 (some of you might have even taught me when I was a Y7 student in 2007!) I am going to be joining the English Department as Second in English and Coordinator of Key Stage 3 and honestly I cannot wait to start in September. I have loved all of my experiences with the staff and students at Todmorden High School - it will be wonderful to finally be part of the team and to learn from you all!



Tom Bull

Hi! I'm Mr Bull and I've moved to Todmorden High School from Trinity Academy Grammar. My position at Todmorden High School will be Teacher of English (and a little bit of EPR!) and I'm really looking forward to getting started and meeting you all!

My favourite thing to teach would probably be poetry or anything creative or expressive - I love how many different themes can fit into poetry and how many interpretations there can be!

I love teaching because I love English - and I think it's great when students grow to love it too! I'm looking forward to teaching students to enjoy the subject just as much as teaching them about the subject!



Wendy Goldthorp

Hi, I'm Mrs Goldthorp and I'm returning to teaching at Todmorden High School after 9 years away. I'm very excited to be 'coming home' and beginning my post of Teacher of Humanities. It is clear that lots of positive changes have happened since I last taught here but what hasn't changed in my passion for teaching and helping students reach their own unique potential. Without a doubt, my favourite topic to teach is Tudor England. However, I'm also looking forward to teaching the topics 'extreme weather' and 'climate change' in Year 7 Geography as there are current issues that are close to my heart.



Scott Kenworthy

Hi I'm Mr Kenworthy and I have moved to Todmorden High School from Colne Valley High School. My position at Todmorden High School will be Teacher of PE, I can't wait to get started and bring my energy, enthusiasm and passion for sport to Todmorden. I'm thoroughly looking forward to joining the PE team and engaging with the extracurricular programmes.



Mirren Sunderland

Hi! I'm Miss Sunderland, and I'm going to be an English, ARCH and EPR teacher here at Todmorden High School.

I am so excited to come back, as I was originally a student here, and I loved the English department so much I went on to study Education and English at university. I absolutely love teaching English, and more so getting everyone up acting. The best part of teaching for me, is when students are really immersed and passionate about the books we read.

I can't wait to see you all in September!

Local News

St John the Divine, Holme-in-Cliviger, Burnley

Scarlett's Stride

Saturday 14th September 2024

MASS START from the church at **10.00 am PROMPT**

An 8 mile or 12 mile walk around the parish taking in the glens and hills

of the beautiful Cliviger countryside in aid of St John the Divine

Registration OPENS at Church House next to the church at **8.30 am**

Entry Fee: Adults £7 Child £5

Family Ticket 2 Adults with no more than 3 children £20

This includes a meal at the end of the journey in Church House

St John the Divine and Church House are on the A646 at Cliviger

on the main Burnley to Todmorden Road opposite The Ram Inn

ENTRY FORM

Name / names

Address with postcode

Home telephone number/s

Mobile number/s (carried on walk)

Email

Number of VEGETARIAN MEAL/S required		8 mile	12 mile
Adult £7 per adult	Number	Total £	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child £5 per child	Number	Total £	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family ticket £20	Number	Total £	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Family ticket 2 adults with no more than 3 children)

**Please return this ENTRY FORM with a cheque made payable to
PCC St John the Divine, Cliviger, Burnley**

to: Mrs M Shorrock, 18 Dyneley Ave, Burnley BB10 4JD Telephone 01282 420033
or when registering on the day and keep the above details for reference

Organiser: Matthew Pickles Mobile 07973 361930 email caarinus@me.com

Please sign:
I/we accept that I/we compete in this event at my/our own risk and that the organisers cannot accept any liability for any accident, loss or damage, however caused, as a consequence of me/us taking part in the Scarlett's Stride. I understand that my personal details supplied on this form will be held on a computer database for the sole purpose of walk administration only.

Local events



CORNHOLME & PORTSMOUTH'S GREAT GET TOGETHER

SATURDAY 14TH
SEPTEMBER

11AM - 4PM



Join us for a vibrant community event that brings together neighbours, friends and families in a celebration of unity and local spirit!

With activities for all ages, from fun games, pamper and taster sessions to delicious food, there's something for everyone to enjoy at 4 venues in our beautiful valley.

Let's come together to create memories, build relationships, and celebrate the power of community and the bonds that make it stronger.

PORTSMOUTH REC

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11:00 - PARKPLAY

12:00 - INTERGENERATIONAL
SPORTS DAY

12:00 FAIRY HOUSE TRAIL

ICE CREAM VAN

HIRST STREET PLAYGROUND

OL14 8NX

2:00 - FACE PAINTING

2:00 - PEBBLE PAINTING

ICE CREAM VAN

SHUTTLE BUS

12:45 - Rec > Old Library > Hirst St > Vale

1:45 - Old Library > Hirst St > Vale

2:45 - Old Library > Hirst St > Vale
(return stops may be available)

We will be taking photos at this event. These images may be used to share news about the event, in press releases, printed publicity and on social media. If you would prefer not to be photographed, please speak to the photographer or a volunteer.

Our funders & sponsors:











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THE OLD LIBRARY

OL14 8QA

1:00 - FREE PACKED LUNCHES
1:30 - DECORATING FAIRY
WINGS



**SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE!
TAG US IN YOUR PHOTOS
#CPGREATGETTOGETHER**

**Our raffle prizes have been
generously donated by:**

Havoc Bike Park, Eagles Cragg Brewery
Four Lane Ends Farm, Crumb & Get It
JC Valeting Services, Yoga with Debs
Jim Bob's Motors, Cornholme Grocers
Inspire Motivate Transform, Nail'd It
One More Rep Fitness Studio, Staff Of Life
Scents Galore & More, Gemma's Tropics
Tai Chi with Bryan, Cadence Cycleworks
Moor Fillings, Calderdale Convenience

VALE BAPTIST CHURCH

OL14 8JY

12:00 - FOREST SCHOOL FOR
EVERYONE
1:00 - YOGA TASTER SESSION
2:00 POP UP FOOD
2:00 - KEEP FIT TASTER SESSION
3:00 TAI CHI TASTER SESSION

FROM 1PM:

BIKE MAINTENANCE DEMO'S
MILKSHAKES & SMOOTHIES
DIY SEED BOMB WORKSHOP
FREE MASSAGE / REIKI
FUN FAMILY GAMES
HENNA PAINTING
TOMBOLA

**Head to Moor Fillings, Burnley Road to
buy a £1 raffle ticket or from Vale
Baptist Church on the day**

Regular activities in Cornholme & Portsmouth

MONDAY

10-12pm Food Bank FREE - The Old Library
4-5pm Keep Fit with Rebecca, pay as you feel - Vale
6:30-7:30pm Yoga with Debs £5 - Vale

TUESDAY

9:30-11:30am Parent & Toddler Group (term time)
£1.50 per family - Vale

THURSDAY

11-1pm Lionesses Of The Valley FREE - The Old Library
1:30-2:45pm Tai Chi with Bryan, pay as you feel - Vale

FRIDAY

7-8:30pm Rock Solid Youth Church (term time)
aged 9+ FREE - Vale

SATURDAY

8:30-10:30am Men's Breakfast FREE - Vale
11-1pm ParkPlay FREE - Portsmouth Rec
12-3pm Cornholme Running Wild Forest
School FREE - Portsmouth Rec

SUNDAY

10:30-11:30am Sunday Service and
Refreshments - Vale



TUESDAY OFFER

FREE CLASS & REFRESHMENTS
10, 17, 24TH SEPTEMBER
(USUALLY £5, EVERYONE WELCOME)

1:30PM MOVEMENT, DANCE, MUSIC
2:30PM REFRESHMENTS & CHAT

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DOVER STREET OL14 5TL

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improve mobility and stamina, feel good,
meet like minded people

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Transform for more information on 07510 187211



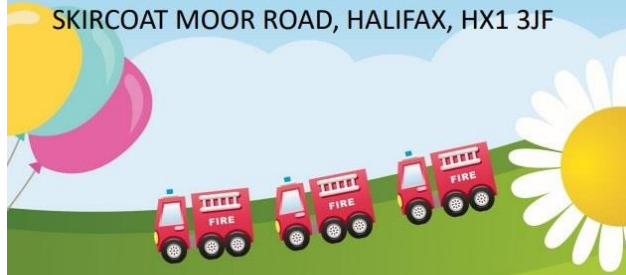
HALIFAX FIRE STATION

12:00-16.00

OPEN DAY

7 SEP 24

SKIRCOAT MOOR ROAD, HALIFAX, HX1 3JF



FACE PAINTING	LINE RESCUE DEMO
WATER SAFETY DEMO	FOOD STALLS
CHARITY STALLS	RIDES



West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service



Learning Managers for next academic year 2024-2025



Just to remind you all of our 5 Learning Managers and their contact details, should you ever need to email them.

Year 7 -Mrs. Townend

Email: a.townend@todhigh.co.uk

Year 8 - Mrs. Kontogiannopoulou

Email: demik@todhigh.co.uk

Year 9 - Mrs. Thompson

Email: p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk

Year 10 - Mrs. Stansfield

Email: e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk

Year 11 - Miss. James

Email: j.james@todhigh.co.uk