



7th June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have enjoyed the May half-term, although the weather was mixed!

I was fortunate enough to accompany four other staff on a school trip to the World War One battlefields in France and Belgium and Disneyland Paris for a day.

I have been on this trip so many times before with other schools and have always wanted to take children from Todmorden. Mr Dewsnip, our Head of History, researched how many men from Todmorden had been lost of in the great war. He then produced a card for all those he found and where they were commemorated or buried. (659 In total)

Each time we went to a memorial or a cemetary, the students had a card to trace the man's grave or plaque. One boy, Ollie, found his once next door neighbour.

Having an unusual name like "Shirt" I took the time to trace a "B Shirt" buried at Tyne Cot Cemetery. I don't know if he is related or not - but I intend to find out.

It was a truly fascinating and moving experience. All our Todmorden High School pupils were impeccably respectful. In today's day and age when teenagers can often be the subject of criticism, it is important that we celebrate young peoples' positive behaviour.

At Todmorden High School we celebrate positive behaviour every day and every week in a variety of ways. Students are rewarded on Class Charts for positive behaviour in class and for completing their home learning. ARCH points for demonstrating the values of Ambition, Respect, Care and Honesty are given at every opportunity and these points are totalled at the end of each week to celebrate in form and in assembly.

Students are awarded Headteacher's Star of the Week and send postcards and letters home. Attendance is rewarded with a suite of badges, which the children value. Our final reward for Year 11 is, of course, the Prom and Year 7-10 are invited on our trip to Alton Towers. This week I have taken a selection of students to Nando's as a reward. On the 13th June we are holding our KS3 Celebration Rewards Evening.

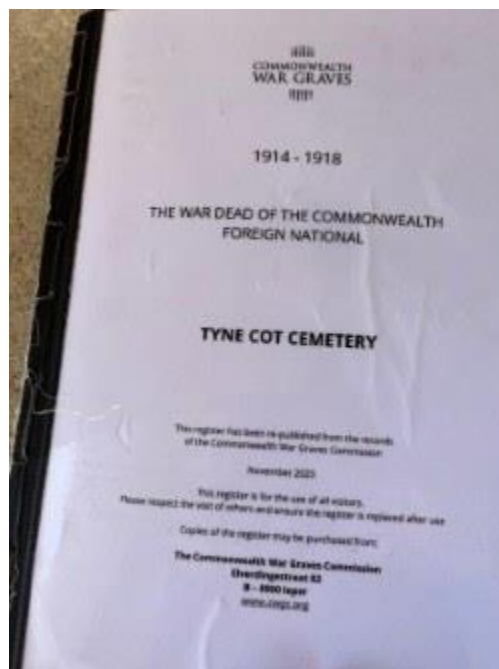
Over this year our students have been involved in many community projects, giving invaluable positive input into these groups. I am proud to lead the young people at Todmorden, whose positive attitudes are a great indicator for a bright and successful future.

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](mailto:admin@todhigh.co.uk) or by calling school Monday-Friday between the hours of 8-4pm.

Yours sincerely,

Gill Shirt

Headteacher





SHIELDS, Private, MATTHEW, 826598. 47th Bn., Canadian Infantry. 26 October 1917 to 28 October 1917. Grave Reference: XXXI. C. 4.

SHILLSHIRE, Rifleman, C G, 9768. 1st/8th Bn., West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own), 26 October 1917. Grave Reference: LII. C. 8.

SHIPLEY, Private, B, 1582. 5th Bn., Durham Light Infantry. 12 December 1917. Age 25. Son of Enoch Francis and Margaret Tessa Shipley, of 28, Surtees St., Darlington. Grave Reference: I. W. 19.

SHIRLEY, Private, C, 16382. 1st Bn., Hampshire Regiment. 14 June 1915. Grave Reference: LVIII. F. 13.

SHIRT, Private, B, 25113. 1st Bn., Cheshire Regiment. 8 October 1917. Grave Reference: XXVII. B. 20.

SHORT, Private, THOMAS, 241961. 1st Bn., King's Own Scottish Borderers. Killed in action, 7 April 1918. Age 26. Son of Frederick and Harriett Short, of Waingroves, Codnor, Derby. Grave Reference: XIX. C. 9.

SHORTLAND, Gunner, J, 112073. 129th Bty. 42nd Bde., Royal Field Artillery. Killed in action, 26 October 1917. Heir of Sarah Ann Grove (formerly Shortland), of 11, Hall St., Bilston, S. Grave Reference: H. 23.

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## Up and Coming Dates



10.6.24 - Year 10 mock exams to start.

12.6.24 - Calderdale athletics competition.

13.6.24 - Key Stage 3 Year 9 celebration evening.

14.6.24 - Yr 7, 8 and 9 data to home.

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

21.6.24 - Our THS Great Summer Get together, 4-6pm! Welcome to all to come along!

27.6.24 - Yr 10 trip to Burnley College.

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

4.7.24 - Yr 10 trip to Belson College.

6-7.7.24 - Yr 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze.

9-10.7.24 - Geography field trip.

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

19.7.24 - Break up for summer.

Vaccination dates to note:

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

## Well done to Rosie Dowson!

A massive congratulations to our student Rosie Dowson who has recently completed a duathlon. This consisted of Rosie running 5km, cycling 18km and finishing with a 2.5km run. Rosie has qualified for the GB team! Outstanding ambition Rosie! We wish you all the very best!



## PE update!

Congratulations to all our students who have represented THS in the football teams this year.

The Calderdale season has now been completed despite the weather not playing ball this year! Our teams have worked hard in all games despite having to play in some terrible conditions.

Our Year 10's in particular have performed to a high level coming third overall out of 10 teams. The boys battled hard throughout the year and gave 100% for their manager Mr Smith.

Year 9 came 5th in their group and showed a great team spirit throughout the season. If all games had been played I am sure the team would have finished higher up the table.

Year 7 came 6th out of 10 despite having a number of fixtures cancelled due to the poor weather. They also did well to get to the semi final of the cup but unfortunately were beaten by an excellent Brooksbank team.

Hopefully the weather will be more favourable next year and we can aim to move further up the league tables. Well done to all those involved!



## Understanding assessment grades

As we near the end of the year our teachers are starting to input assessment grades for students that we will share with you on their data reports. In addition to the assessment data we also share with you **an attitude to learning grade**. These are for each subject and are designed to inform you about the approach to learning and effort your child is putting in to their class work and home learning. Often we find these are associated with behaviour by students and parents, while this is part of the picture they are broader than that. They are, as the title suggests, about attitude to **learning**.


In our whole school staff training we have worked with teachers to ensure that the attitude to learning grades are used ambitiously with our students so that we are pushing all our students to **put in the best effort and so unlock their unique potential**. We are sharing these with you now so that you are aware of the expectations to achieve each AtL grade. **A2 is a very good grade and students should be praised for this**. This means that they are thinking for themselves, completing the vast majority of home learning and responding to teacher feedback to improve. **A1 is for exceptional effort** and commitment to their own learning including students who have completed all home learning set.



This time you may find that students who have previously received A2 in subjects are receiving A3. The likelihood is this will be marked as home learning on the reason code. Home learning is a major factor in students' overall achievement and outcomes at secondary school. Evidence shows that students who complete home learning of recall and retrieval activities linked to core subject concepts (which is the structure for home learning at THS) throughout all five years of their secondary education perform significantly better in their GCSE exams. We also see that the students in our school who complete all home learning do better in their assessments each year. This is because they revisit the same information often and it becomes part of their long term memory. If your child does receive an A3 for home learning for some of their subjects this half-term please talk to them about this, in particular the importance of completing home learning and support them in doing their home learning more consistently.

ATL Score	Criteria	ATL Score	Criteria
1	<p>Attitude to learning is exemplary because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You have very high expectations of yourself and do your best in lessons.</li> <li>Your oral responses use formal vocabulary and ambitious academic language.</li> <li>You make every effort to achieve the highest standard of written English by using the Spag for Life codes to identify errors and proofread your work.</li> <li>Over time you effectively <b>plan, monitor and evaluate</b> your work. You understand thinking involves effort.</li> <li>You value and use the feedback teachers give you.</li> <li>You complete home learning because it is a key tool used to support long-term learning.</li> <li>You use the ARCH values to support your learning.</li> </ul>	2	<p>Attitude to learning meets expectations most of the time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You have high expectations of yourself and do your best in lessons.</li> <li>Your oral responses use formal vocabulary and ambitious academic language.</li> <li>You make every effort to have high standards of written English; you use SPAG for Life codes to identify errors and proof read your work.</li> <li>Over time you effectively <b>plan, monitor and evaluate</b> your work. You understand thinking involves effort.</li> <li>You value and use the feedback teachers give you.</li> <li>You complete home learning because it is a key tool used to support long-term learning.</li> <li>Where a teacher needs to discuss one of the above you make changes quickly and without discussion.</li> </ul>
3	<p>Attitude to learning is below expectations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your expectations of yourself are not yet high enough and you do not always try your best in lessons.</li> <li>You may not be silent in retrieval, or you avoid thinking to answer questions, often waiting to be given answers.</li> <li>Your oral responses need to be more developed and need to use subject language when answering questions.</li> <li>Your standards of written English or presentation need to be improved in particular using SPAG for Life codes to identify errors and proofread your work.</li> <li>Thinking involves effort and you need to be more willing to try before asking for help or giving up.</li> <li>You need to use the feedback teachers give you to help you improve your work.</li> <li>You do not complete your home learning often enough.</li> <li>Sometimes when a teacher needs to discuss one of the above you do not respond, or you argue with them. Your teacher regularly puts negatives on Class Charts.</li> </ul>	4	<p>Attitude to learning is below expectations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your expectations of yourself are not high enough and you do not always try your best in lessons.</li> <li>You often miss silent retrieval due to being late to lesson or you avoid completing it.</li> <li>You are not ready to learn and are often missing key equipment for this subject.</li> <li>Your oral responses need to be longer, and you need to be more willing to answer questions.</li> <li>You need to complete more work in class and focus on working to a higher standard.</li> <li>Thinking involves effort and you need to try as hard as you can before asking for help.</li> <li>You need to act on the feedback teachers give you to help you improve your work.</li> <li>You need to complete your home learning for this subject.</li> <li>Sometimes when a teacher needs to discuss one of the above you do not respond, or you argue with them. Your teacher regularly puts negatives on Class Charts, and you are sometimes removed from lessons in this subject.</li> </ul>

**Attitude to Learning**  
Ambition, Respect, Care and Honesty



## Headteacher's reward trip to Nando's!

On Thursday of this week, I took 14 students to Nando's for a reward after they entered a raffle for completing the most amount of student feedback questionnaires. We went on our new school minibus, which is an amazing new asset for our school and students. The students had a great time. Food was delicious and the students had such a fun time at the restaurant and on the bus. Their behaviour was outstanding and they were a credit to the themselves and the school. A successful reward trip! Thank you to the parents of students who emailed the school afterwards with such positive feedback from the trip.





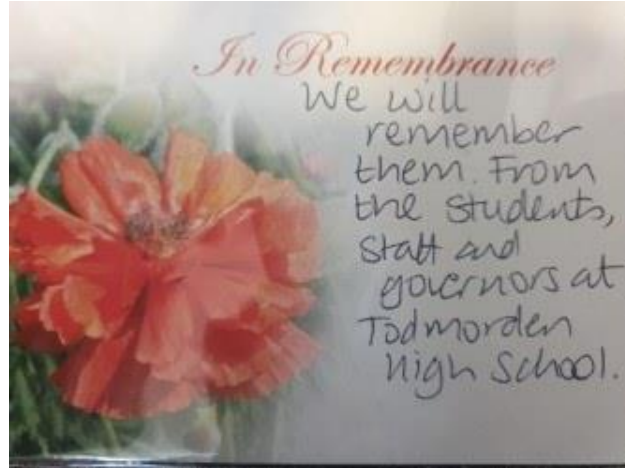


## Students arriving late

If a student arrives after 8:35am, they **must** register at the student office.

Please note that students who receive two or more lates in one school day will be issued with a late detention. If your child is going to be absent, then please call the absence line before 8.30am on 01706 813558 stating the name, form and reason for absence. Wherever possible, we ask that medical and dental appointments be made out of school time. We do appreciate that there are exceptions so if your child does need to come out of school for an appointment, we respectfully ask that you provide a copy of their appointment card or letter for our records.

## Battlefields Trip



For this article, I am going to let the picture's do the talking.

We will remember them.



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Tyne Cot War Cemetery





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The Last Post Menin Gate





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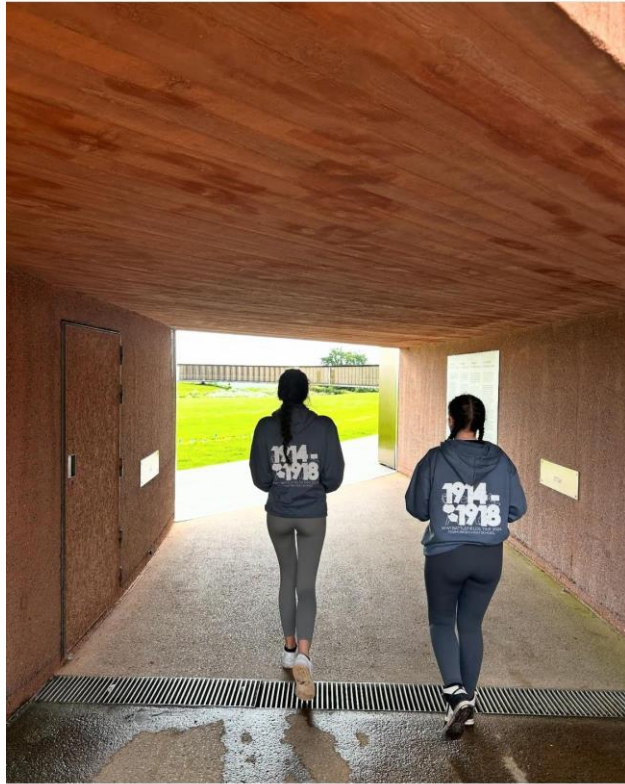
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Notre Dame de Lorette.







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Tyne Cot War Cemetery









**OGDEN  
JOHN WILLIAM**



Private John William Ogdén 32604  
8th Battalion York & Lancaster  
Regiment

Born Walsden  
Lived at 8 Boot Street, Earby  
Worked as a Butcher

Son of John & Mary Ann Ogdén

- John Ogdén (b. 1845)
- Mary Ann Ogdén (b. 1847)
- Rosetta Ogdén (b. 1867)
- Sarah Elizabeth Ogdén (b. 1869)
- Susannah Ogdén (b. 1872)
- Annie Maud Ogdén (b. 1874)
- Mary Ann Ogdén (b. 1876)
- John William Ogdén (b. 1878)
- Agnes Ellen Ogdén (b. 1881)
- Thomas Arthur Ogdén (b. 1884)

Married Betsy Stansfield  
8th December 1900

- John William Ogdén (b. 1878)
- Betsy Ogdén (b. 1876)
- Nera Ogdén (b. 1907)
- Edna Ogdén (b. 1907)

Enlisted Keighley

K.I.A.  
15th July 1917 France & Flanders  
Aged 39

*Todmorden Advertiser*  
Friday 27th July 1917

**ANOTHER WALSDEN NATIVE  
REPORTED KILLED**

Although the fact still lacks official confirmation, it is stated in a letter from a comrade at the front -- and there is no reason to doubt its authenticity -- that Pte. John Ogdén, formerly of this district, and of later years resided in various parts of East Lancashire, has been numbered with the slain in France. He only joined up about Easter, so that he had the misfortune to fall while yet comparatively new to the Army, and with little actual experience of warfare. Several local readers will remember him quite well as for some time in the butchering department of the Walsden Co-operative Society. On leaving these parts he went to Burnley, removing thence to Brierfield, having received an appointment under the Co-operative Society there, and ultimately, he started business for himself at Earby. He leaves a widow and two children, with whom sympathy will be widespread, for the family had a considerable circle of acquaintances.

*Todmorden & District News*  
Friday 3rd August 1917

**TODMORDEN LOSSES  
PTE. JOHN W. OGDEN**

The unofficial news of the death of Pte. John W. Ogdén, formerly of Todmorden, and late of Earby, has been confirmed by the official notification from the War Office. The first news of his death was conveyed by Lieut. C.H. Druitt, who wrote on July 15th, as follows:--"It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that Pte. J.W. Ogdén, York and Lancaster Regiment, was killed by shell fire during last night. He was attached to this company for special duty, and at the time was on a working party in the front-line trenches, acting as orderly to the officer in charge, who was wounded by the same explosion. The other men present assure me that his death was quite instantaneous, and that he was spared any pain." Pte. Ogdén was 39 years of age and was married, and had two children. He comes of a well-known Todmorden family, and before he left Todmorden was employed in the butchering department of the Walsden Co-operative Society. Later on, he moved to Earby, where he was in business on his own account as a butcher. When at Todmorden he was closely connected with Bottoms Primitive Methodist Chapel, being a member of the Sunday school and choir.

**Menin Gate**

DEWHIRST  
WILLIAM



Private William Dewhirst 6186  
1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment

Born Todmorden  
Lived at 78 Cambridge Street  
Worked as a Labourer

Son of Rodger & Rebecca Dewhirst

Rodger Dewhirst (b. 1836)  
Rebecca Dewhirst (b. 1836)  
Sarah Jane Dewhirst (b. 1872)  
Rebecca Dewhirst (b. 1871)  
Susannah Dewhirst (b. 1873)  
Martha Dewhirst (b. 1876)  
William Dewhirst (b. 1878)

Enlisted Blackburn

K.I.A.  
13th May 1915 France & Flanders  
Aged 37

*Todmorden & District News*  
Friday 4th June 1915

**MORE TODMORDEN SOLDIERS  
KILLED**

**PTE. W. DEWHIRST**

News was received in Todmorden on Tuesday morning of the death of another Todmorden soldier - Private Wm. Dewhirst, of the 1st East Lancashire Regiment - death having taken place at some place not stated on May 13th.

Deceased was a single man, 37 years of age, and the news came from the Infantry Record Office, Preston, to his sister, Mrs. Martha Widdup, wife of Mr. J. Widdup, 16, Derby Street, Millwood, in the following terms:- "It is my painful duty to inform you that a report has this day (May 31st) been received notifying the death of No. 6,186, Private Wm. Dewhirst, 1st East Lancashire Regiment, which occurred on the 13th May, 1915, and I am to express to you the sympathy and regret of the Army Council at your loss. The cause of death was killed in action." The usual formal notice was also enclosed from Lord Kitchener conveying the sympathy of the King and Queen. Private Dewhirst was a reservist, and went out to France at the beginning of the war. He also served in the Boer War.

Menin Gate

STANSFIELD  
RICHARD HENRY



Private Richard Henry Stansfield

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11th Battalion Cheshire Regiment

Born Burnley  
Lived at 425 Burnley Road, Lydgate  
Worked as a Warehouseman

Son of Abraham & Annie Stansfield

Abraham Stansfield (b. 1857)  
Annie Stansfield (b. 1869)  
Richard Henry Stansfield (b. 1892)  
Flora Stansfield (b. 1894)

Enlisted Wrexham

K.I.A.  
15th June 1917 France & Flanders  
Aged 24

*Todmorden Advertiser*  
Friday 13th July 1917

**KILLED**

**PRIVATE R. H. STANSFIELD**

News has been received by his sister of the death in action in France on June 15th, of Private R. H. Stansfield, Cheshire Regiment, of 425, Burnley Road, Lydgate. We hope to publish his photo and fuller particulars next week.

*Todmorden Advertiser*  
Friday 20th July 1917

**KILLED**

**PRIVATE R. H. STANSFIELD**

Last week we briefly reported the death in France of Private R.H. Stansfield, of the Cheshire Regt., whose home address was 425, Burnley Road, Lydgate. The sad information has been received by his sister, and is to the effect that he was killed on the 15th June. The last letter received from him arrived on June 17th, two days after his death. He enlisted on February 22th, 1916, crossed to France on Sept. 1st, 1916, and was killed June 15th, 1917, at a place not known. Deceased worked as a warehouseman for Messrs. Newell Bros, before enlisting. He leaves only one sister to mourn his loss. His name is on the roll of honour at Lincolne. He was respected by everyone who knew him, and will be missed by many friends. He enlisted in the Denbighshire Hussars, but was transferred to the Cheshires on crossing to France.

## Menin Gate







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Disneyland Paris

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## Rewards trip for students in September

As we enter the final half-term of the year the planning for the celebratory visit to Alton Towers will begin. The criteria are ambitious and students meeting them will more likely reach their unique potential by the end of year 11. Well done to the large numbers of students who have met these criteria over the course of this academic year. Letters will be posted onto Class Charts early next week.

For students to qualify they must fully uphold our ARCH values, shown by an ARCH ratio in excess of 97%. Additionally, students need to meet the attendance threshold of 95%.

I know that a number of students will be disappointed not to have received a letter inviting them on this visit. I hope they can use it as a motivating factor to improve both their attendance and ARCH ratio next year. Doing so will not only provide them with the opportunity of attending the rewards visit, but more importantly it will have a significant positive impact on their GCSE results at the end of year 11 and provide them with improved life choices as a result.

If you feel that there are extenuating circumstances that have prevented your child from meeting these criteria, please do let their learning manager know. We would not like any child to be unfairly disadvantaged.

## Art continues to unlock our students' unique potential

The art department continues to enable students to unlock their unique potential in a variety of ways allowing students to expand and develop not only their physical skill sets but their critical thinking skills in delving into the deeper meanings behind their art works.

Year 11 have just completed the course with a great deal of success across both art and photography. We are extremely inspired and excited by the progress the groups have made this year and the sheer potential our students have showcased.

Attached are some of the stunning photography outcomes of the students from this year's cohort. Well done everyone!



**Paige Dagers**





**Emily Ashworth**



**Charlie Lee**

**Isla Clarkson**

**Lottie Ellis**



**Rosie Riches-Woolston**



**Zara Dempsey**



**Isaac Kenworthy**





## Lilia Newell

### KS3 Indoor Cricket team have smashed it!

Congratulations to our KS3 Indoor Cricket team who came 3rd overall in the Calderdale Indoor Cricket league this year. The boys played extremely well against some top opposition and conducted themselves impeccably throughout the tournament.



### Our Great Summer Get Together!

Calling all local businesses & charities in Todmorden.....We'd love to offer you the opportunity to showcase and promote your business / charity at Todmorden High School's "Great Summer Get Together" on Friday 21st June, 4-6pm. This event is part of our transition programme for the September intake of Year 7's and their families but this year we want to expand it and promote what Todmorden can

offer its wider community via this event with the school community. If you are interested or would like more details, please contact [j.james@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:j.james@todhigh.co.uk)

## THS Festive Fare Project and Tesco

Todmorden High School has been successful in our bid to join forces with Tesco for their Tesco Stronger Starts project! Voting starts in stores from the first week of July until the end of September. When you visit a Tesco store and make a purchase, you are given a token to vote with. Stores for voting are Burnley Extra, Reedley Burnley, Brunshaw Burnley and Padiham. First prize is £1500, second prize is £1000 and third prize is £500, that we will put towards providing festive food parcels to students that may be struggling in the cost of living crisis at Christmas.

We would appreciate all the votes we can get! Thank you in advance.

## Purchasing through student reception


We now sell bottles of water from our student reception - They are £2 a bottle.

Calculators are now £12 each - we have black and pink.

All purchases have to be done through parent pay please.

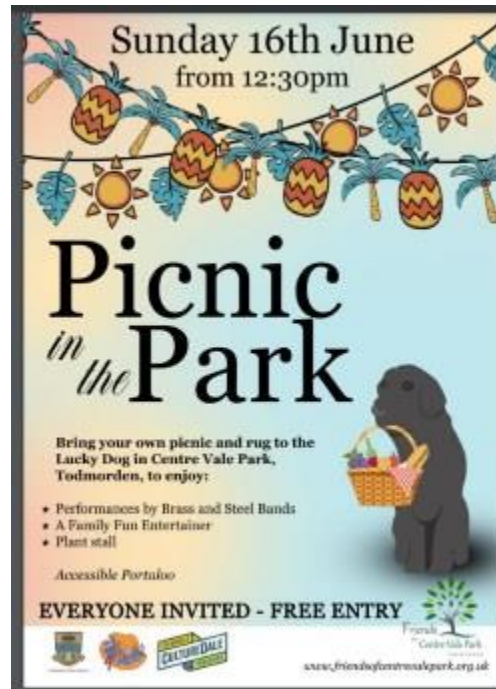
## Our new Extracurricular timetable is here!

**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	Music 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 Coady 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

## Local news



## 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](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](mailto:demik@todhigh.co.uk)

**Year 8 - Mrs. Thompson**

**Email:** [p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk)

**Year 9 - Mrs. Townend**

**Email:** [a.townend@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:a.townend@todhigh.co.uk)

**Year 10 - Miss. James**

**Email:** [j.james@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:j.james@todhigh.co.uk)

**Year 11 - Mrs. Stansfield**

**Email:** [e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk)