



## 7th October 2024

Dear Parent / carers,

We are always keen to keep communication open. We are running lots of parent forums over the next few weeks, with appointments still available. If you want to book an appointment, please see the below article for details to do this.

We have a new extra curricular timetable, which is being updated on a regular basis, so please make sure that you take a look at this, as these clubs are always lots of fun!

We had our ARCH day this week - which was such a great day for all our students. The content that students study on these days is vital for their personal development. There will be a full report in next week's letter.

I have made the difficult decision to retire at Easter 2025. After 37 happy years of teaching, I've finally decided to hand over the baton, the school is strong, our exam results were *good and* I am nearly 62 years old. Teaching has been a great pleasure and teaching your children a privilege, I am positive that the school will go from strength to strength in the future. I will continue to lead the school for another six months to ensure its stability. Todmorden High School has promising and exciting times ahead.

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)

Yours faithfully,

Gill Shirt

Headteacher

## Up and Coming Dates



\* Our 1-2-1 online forums are your opportunity to speak personally online to a senior member of staff. To make an appointment please email Miss Jones on [v.jones@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:v.jones@todhigh.co.uk)

9.10.24 - Headteacher's Online Parent / carer Forum @ 4-5pm.\*

9.10.24 - Year 11 Post 16 Information Night, 5:00-6:30pm.

10.10.24 - Year 7 Parent Forum with Miss Shirt and Year 7 Learning Manager, Mrs Townend @ 3:15 - 3:45pm.\*

11.10.24 - GCSE School Trip, Blencathra Field Studies Centre, Keswick with Mr Hall.

17.10.24 - SEND Forum with Mrs Kendall and Miss Cooper @ 4-5pm\*

23.10.24 - Data Forum with Miss Vose @ 4-5pm \*

7.11.24 - Uniform Forum with Mrs Rawlison @ 4-5pm \*

14.11.24 - Revision Forum with Mrs Mansfield and Mrs Stansfield @ 4-5pm.\*

19.11.24 Year 7-11 Nasal Flu immunisations.

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

## 150th Todmorden Town Hall celebrations

Well done to Mia who entered Todmorden Town Hall's logo competition, out of over 100 entries Mia won. Attached is a copy of the logo she designed and the plaque and certificate Mia received, she also won a fantastic cash prize of £250, richly deserved and well done Mia. We are all so proud of you and proud that a Todmorden High School student received this accolade for her talent.





## Feedback from the public

Some of our students picked up a bag this week, that had been accidentally left on the Bacup bus and brought it into reception for safe keeping. The member of public was found and the bag returned safely. The lady asked us to pass on her thanks to the children for picking up the bag and recognising it was hers, as they often see her. The lady said our students are an absolute pleasure - and has been catching the bus for 2 years and never had a problem. Well done Bacup students and thank you to the member of the public for taking the time to provide us with this feedback.

## Attendance award

Summer in year 10 is the winner of our 100% attendance and 0 late marks award for last week. This is a brilliant achievement, and we are really proud of her. We are running this prize every week so that each student has a new chance to take part and join in the fun.



## Inktober

October is here and artists all over the world celebrate the month with 'Inktober'! It is a great way to improve your skills and practice you own work with a doodle a day using the daily prompts. The Art Department would like to get as many students, staff and families involved as possible. Collect your sheets from Student Reception or The Art Department. Please then return them after half term and the best entries will receive a prize!





## INKTOBER RULES:

- 1) Make a drawing in ink (you can do a pencil under-drawing if you want).
- 2) Post it\*
- 3) Hashtag it with #inktober and #inktober2024
- 4) Repeat

*Note: you can do it daily, or go the half-marathon route and post every other day, or just do the 5K and post once a week. What ever you decide, just be consistent with it. Inktober is about growing and improving and forming positive habits, so the more you're consistent the better.*

**That's it! Now go make something beautiful.**

\*Post it on any social media account you want or just post it on your refrigerator. The point is to share your art with someone. :)



## Our extra-curricular timetable!

Todmorden High School extra-curricular timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>Further Maths</b> Years 10 & 11 SMIP/HAGZ/RUHF Room 80/82	<b>Design &amp; Technology Club</b> Years 7,8,9 HARS/DAVJ Room 25	<b>Year 8 Maths Club</b> Invite only SMIP Room 82	<b>Sports Studies</b> Year 10 KENS Changing rooms
	<b>Orchestra</b> All Years LEIJ Room 69	<b>Year 7 Maths Club</b> Invite only SMIP Room 82	<b>Band Practice</b> All Years LEIJ Room 69	<b>Physics Club</b> Year 10 & 11 KEAA Room 39
All clubs finish by 4pm unless stated otherwise	<b>Chess Club</b> All years WOMJ Room 18	<b>Netball Club</b> All Years CREG Changing rooms	<b>Drama Club</b> All years DAUH	
	<b>Football Club</b> Year 8 BRAJ	<b>Coding Club</b> All Years MCDD Room 21		

**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

Half Term 1 2024

## Salford Quays Trip

The Year 11 Geography GCSE students took a recent trip to Salford Quays to do some Geographical research. It was a great day, the sun shone, Media city looked ace and Todmorden High School students were exemplary in their behaviour and enthusiasm for learning.

They were studying regeneration and how an area of derelict, polluted wasteland can be transformed into the UK's creative industry hub. Fieldwork is a mandatory aspect of GCSE Geography, but we like to turn this into an experience that assists many aspects of their learning and allows them to appreciate that we live near one of the world's booming cities that provides them with world class opportunities on their doorstep.

Although this was towards the end of their educational journey with us, they were skilled in Geographical research as this is something we teach in each year at Todmorden High School. Speak to



your child about their experience of ecosystem studies, environmental quality surveys, river fieldtrips and more.





## Free Parenting Workshop

# Free Parenting Clinics

with  
Anisa Lewis  
Positive Parenting  
[www.anisalewis.com](http://www.anisalewis.com)



October  
10th @ 12.30pm  
**Anxiety**  
0-18 year old

Does your child show signs of anxiety?

What exactly is anxiety?

How can I support my child with anxiety?

Anxiety can manifest in our children through constant worry, excessive avoidance, social fearfulness, perfectionism and irritability.

If this resonates with you and you are curious join Anisa (Parenting Coach) on the 10th of October for her monthly free Parenting Clinic, this talk is focused on Anxiety and what we can do to support ourselves and our young people.

Join us on Zoom for the 30-minute talk.

Book here:  
<https://anisalewis.com/parenting-clinic>  
or  
email [hello@anisalewis.com](mailto:hello@anisalewis.com) for the booking link.

The Clinic is recorded for those who are unable to attend for us to share with you at a later date.

## 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 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

## 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](mailto:a.townend@todhigh.co.uk)

**Year 8 - Mrs. Kontogiannopoulou**

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

**Year 9 - Mrs. Thompson**

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

**Year 10 - Mrs. Stansfield**

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

**Year 11 - Miss. James**

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