

Key Dates

CPD Day 3 (school closed to students) - 29/11/19

ARCH Day- Wednesday 4/12/19

Year 11 Parents' Evening- 5/12/19 5-7pm

The Big Lunch- 11/12/19 12.30pm

Christmas show- 19/12/2019 6-8pm

Christmas break- 20/12/2019 **1pm**



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Thursday 28th November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child may have been off school unwell this week or last with various symptoms, we conducted a deep clean last weekend, as a further preventative measure to combat many seasonal illnesses we arranged for 'fogging' to take place around the school on Monday evening. Fogging is a process that ensures all spaces are free from bacteria, fungi and viruses. Fogging uses a large machine that distributes an intense mist of hydrogen peroxide which then kills all bacteria, fungi and viruses, including norovirus, influenza and E. Coli. Germs are killed instantly. The school has been clean and open all week. We have taken every measure to combat sickness as advised by Public health England and the HPT. More details and advice is available on our website.

Last week we were made aware of an alert sent out by Calder High School regarding concerns around Instagram. Having checked with a selection of our students, we have found no evidence of any similar requests to 'follow' a person or persons unknown to them. We remain alert to this, and continue to encourage our students to come to us if they become concerned or develop any worries around social media. Please do be aware that many apps have age restrictions and students should not be accessing these apps if they haven't reached the required age. Although social media is used widely by people of all ages, and on the whole is safe to use, there are still dangers that come with young or vulnerable people engaging in social media sites. It's important that we maintain a vigilant sense of security when it comes to our children's online presence. While having the ability to be instantaneously connected to the world around you and to share your experiences at your fingertips has several benefits, it also opens up a whole new world of risks. From predators to cyberbullies, a child's misuse of a social network can have serious consequences. We teach students how to stay safe online during assemblies and ARCH days. Please take a look at the homepage of our website for further detail on how to keep your child safe on social media www.todhigh.co.uk.

Year 11 Parents' Evening will be taking place on Thursday 5th December 5-7pm. A letter should have come home regarding this last week, if you have not received it, it is available on the letters home section of our website. This is a crucial event so if you are unable to attend please contact Mrs Stansfield on e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk.

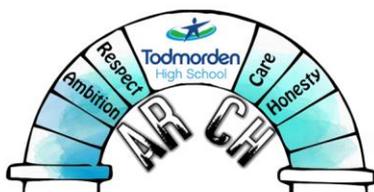
School will close for the Christmas break at 1pm on Friday 20th December 2019, students will go to their lessons as normal before Eat 1 and then will attend lesson 4 instead of going for Eat 2 at 12.20pm. Students will then be dismissed by staff from 1pm onwards, children who have a free school meal will be able to pick up a packed lunch, please plan childcare in accordance with this.

We are hosting our **BIG LUNCH** for elderly members of the Community, and all friends of the school on Weds 11 December 2019 at 12:30pm. To book your place, and enjoy a seasonal meal as one community, please get in touch on the school phone number or email reception on admin@todhigh.co.uk. Places are limited due to the size of the school hall. Menu options are: Turkey, pigs in blankets and stuffing or creamy mushroom, cranberry and brie tart (v) Served with roast potatoes and mashed potatoes, carrots, brussel sprouts and peas. Dessert options are Christmas pudding or Mince tart.

Last but not least, our Christmas concert 'Have a Holly Toddy Christmas' takes place on Thursday 19th December at 6.30pm with a mince pie and carolling reception from 6pm. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for concessions, these are now on sale from the student office at school. Lots of our students are involved so please come along and bring in the festive season with us while showing support for our talented students. As always if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Miss G Shirt
Headteacher



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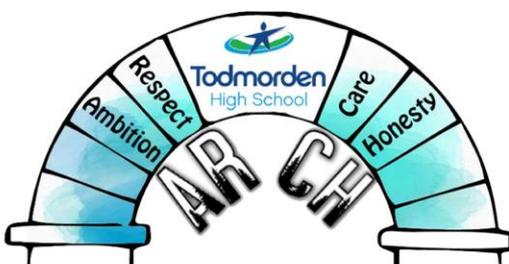
Student profile

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Congratulations to the Cross Country team who competed this week in the annual Calderdale Cross Country Championships at Savile Park in Halifax. Despite running against older students our Year 8 team had some fantastic results. Well done to Sophie, Euan and Grace who qualified in the top 12 places in their respective races (out of 60 students). With this qualification they will now represent Calderdale schools in the West Yorkshire competition in February 2020. If they do well in the next round they will automatically qualify for the Nationals held at Loughborough University. The students showed great ambition in completing their races to the best of their ability and represented Todmorden High School well throughout the event.



Our three superstars!



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