

Key Dates

*Half Term break- 14/2/2020 3pm
Return to school- 24/2/2020 8.40am
Todmorden Together- 26/02/2020 5.30pm
National Careers Week- Monday 2/03/2020
World Book Day- Thursday 5/03/2020*

Friday 14th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to be able to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection with you, there is a link on our website to the inspection report (www.todhigh.co.uk). I have provided a small extract from the report which I thought you may like to see in advance. As you will see, the report confirms that Todmorden High School remains a 'good' school. To receive three consecutive judgements of 'good', the latest under yet another and very different framework, is a challenge for any school. The inspectors noted that;

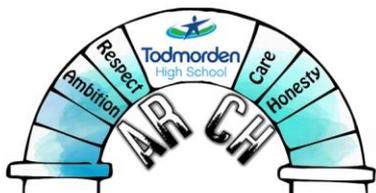
'Todmorden High School is a welcoming and friendly school. Pupils enjoy coming to school because they feel safe and they learn a lot. Pupils get on well with their teachers and enjoy good relationships. Pupils know that there is always someone who will help them if they have any concerns.'

We are delighted with the report. The inspection team judged the quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, and leadership and management all to be good. I am extremely proud of our pupils, colleagues, Governors and all our external partners who have worked together so incredibly hard to ensure that Todmorden High School continues to raise the bar. I hope you will read the letter which is much shorter than previous inspection reports. It is extremely positive about everything we are doing to ensure that we deliver a first class education for every child.

The judgement of good in all areas of inspection brings welcome recognition and validation of all the hard work that has taken place over recent years and is in line with our own self-evaluation of our current strengths and areas for further development. Thank you to parents and carers for their unwavering support, belief and trust in both myself and the school as a whole. This positive outcome is without doubt the result of a huge team effort of which we all feel incredibly proud.

Turning to other matters, a revised bus timetable will be introduced from Sunday 23 February that will help address a number of the concerns we have raised around the current bus service. First have taken into account our feedback, the need to both improve reliability and coordination between services. The 589 has been revised to improve reliability as well as some changes to departure times to allow better co-ordination with other services (including service 590 at peak times of the day). First have also made changes to the 590 & 592 to improve punctuality and reliability and to ensure better spacing at peak times. As a result they have added a number of new journeys from Todmorden to Burnley at 0527, 0640, 1445 and 1540, from Burnley to Todmorden at 0605, 0720, 1530 and 1630, from Todmorden to Halifax at 0555 and from Halifax to Todmorden at 0650.

On the 26th February 2020 we are holding our second 'Todmorden Together' community meeting of the academic year, 5.30-6.30pm at THS. The Todmorden Together group was formed last academic year, as a forum for interested stakeholders (including police officers, parents, members of our community and staff along with many others). We are working together to ensure that our students have a safe and happy school and community to live in. If you are interested in becoming involved in this scheme please don't hesitate to contact me. The Todmorden Together group now features on our school website <http://www.todhigh.co.uk/todmorden-together/>, please take a look.



Some staff members will be running revision sessions in school during the Easter holidays. Students will need to sign in as they come on to the school site before attending their revision session with their teacher. Please find attached the list of dates and times below.

REVISION SESSIONS FEB 2020

Drama	Tues 18th 10-2pm
Spanish	Weds 19th 10-12.30pm
English	Monday 17th 12.45-2.45pm
Business Studies	Monday 17th 9.30-12.30pm
Music	Tuesday 18th 12-3pm
Maths	Friday 21 st 9.15-10.45 Higher Revision Session (Higher students can then stay and complete past exam questions - getting help when stuck until 13:30) 11.00-1pm Foundation Revision Session (Any student then wanting to do an extra hour on past exam papers - getting help when needed can stay until 14:30)

As you should be aware we break up for half term this Friday at the usual time of 3pm and we will return to school on Monday 24th February at 8.40am. Term dates and timings of the school day can be located on our website at www.todhigh.co.uk/school-day-and-term-dates.

As always if you need to speak with a member of staff please contact school on 01706813558. Have a lovely weekend and half term break with your families.

Kind regards,



Miss G Shirt
Headteacher



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