

**Up & coming dates**

Good Friday: 2/4/2021 (school closed to students)

Easter break: 2/4-18/4/2021

Students return to school: Monday 19/4/2021

Y8 Parents' Evening: 22/4/2021

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well, with your child/children settling back into school life. You may, or may not, be aware of the different scenarios schools may find themselves in as we continue to respond to the Covid-19 virus. To ensure the best possible education for students who have to learn from home, we have updated our remote learning strategy based on the successes we have learnt from the recent lockdown. Please click [here](#) for the full document, or take a look on our website. Alternatively, if you are short of time, take a look [here](#) at a summary of the main points for parents. Be assured that details regarding any type of closure would be communicated individually and in detail in the case of an occurrence. You may also wish to familiarise yourself with our school risk assessment which you can access [here](#).

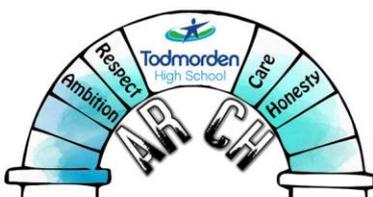
We have been working hard to make improvements to our school catering provision, including a full revamp of our eating areas for our students with more exciting changes to come. Please do encourage your child to have a school lunch, we offer a range of tasty options catering for vegetarian diets also. A meal deal is £2.15 including a main meal and drink OR pudding, for bigger appetites a super meal deal is just £2.60 to get a main meal, drink AND a pudding.

Please do remember to top up your child's lunch account regularly. If you are struggling to access your Parentpay account please contact [e.crossley@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:e.crossley@todhigh.co.uk). From the 29<sup>th</sup> March, students will be allowed one lunch on an account in a deficit and will be issued with a topping up ticket/text home, if the student remains in a deficit unfortunately they won't be able to access a lunch with us until their funds are replenished. If you are struggling financially, please do get in touch with your child's Learning Manager and we will do our best to support you.

In case you weren't aware, in England a Free School Meal (FSM) is a statutory benefit available to school aged children from families who receive qualifying benefits and who have been through the relevant registration process. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please get in touch with Mrs Wrench who will assist and advise you, [j.wrench@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:j.wrench@todhigh.co.uk). You can find out more here <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.

As a school we have longstanding association with Burnley Football Club and have offered a range of student support initiatives via their fantastic outreach workers over recent years. They are asking for our support in a new initiative called 'Planet Super League'. This is a FREE project that everyone associated with THS can get involved with. Its focus is on living sustainably and saving money, things that are so important to us all in the modern world! The flyer is attached [here](#) and there is a short video which explains the project here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F1ZNAGfjM6xppIzDUlL0zDNTOniEE9oJ/view?usp=sharing>



Please sign up and get involved with this exciting new venture! Let's see if Burnley FC can't win some silverware this year! The link is on the flyer. Thanks, everyone!

Many thanks to all those students who have come back to school in full and perfect uniform and with all their correct equipment. We are delighted to see such high standards in so many of our THS family. Please do ensure that these uniform standards are maintained and that your child always arrives in full and proper uniform (details are available at <http://www.todhigh.co.uk/school-uniform/>). Students are also recommended to wear a coat to school, due to some covid-19 measures they may have to queue outside for short periods of time.

As a reminder, please ensure that jewellery is NOT worn to school; in particular, rings are not welcome and **facial piercings**, as ever, are **not allowed**. Also blazers should be worn all the time, even over PE kit, hoodies are not allowed. We understand that some families may be experiencing issues in replacing outgrown uniform, but please do get in touch with your child's Learning Manager if this is the case for you. We have supplies in school and get help provide any items needed. Additionally, if you do have outgrown uniform that is still of good quality, we would be delighted to receive it in school to re-stock our 'spares' cupboard. Please send it in to the general office. Many thanks.

In closing, it has been absolutely wonderful to have all our students in school this week- many students have been given their home testing kits now following three successful tests in school. I am pleased to report that so far we have had no positive tests within our student body during testing. We continue to look forward positively to the future! As always, get in touch if you think we can help in any way.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'G. Shirt'.

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Headteacher