

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 26th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

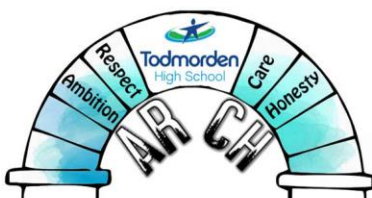
As you are probably aware, there was an incident on school site yesterday (25.3.21) which warranted the attention of the Police. Please be assured that the incident was isolated and dealt with effectively by school staff. Some social media reports have referenced weapon use which is not the case. Please be assured if an incident ever arose where your child's safety was at risk you would be notified with haste. We are doing all we can to work with the Local Authority, the Police, our parents, local community and each other to ensure that every student is safe on school site, as ever.

Thank you to all those families and students who have worked hard to ensure that uniform is full and correct. We realise it's been difficult whilst the shops have been shut. Can I ask that all students wearing skirts ensure the guidelines on length are followed and only plain v-neck jumpers should be worn; please leave hoodies and other non-uniform layers at home. Additionally, only a single pair of plain studs and a wristwatch should be worn. Other jewellery should be left at home.

When we return after the break, we will be conducting a full audit of all uniform worn to school and we will expect all students to be appropriately dressed, compliant with all our uniform regulations. Should you need a reminder of the uniform rules, and a list of stockists, this information is available here: <http://www.todhigh.co.uk/school-uniform/>. If there is a genuine problem, please do get in touch with school and we will do our utmost to help. If you have outgrown but good quality uniform, please do send it into school to boost our 'spares' cupboard.

Turning to face coverings, just a reminder that, in line with guidance, "a face covering is something which safely covers the nose and mouth. You can buy reusable or single-use face coverings. You may also use a scarf, bandana, religious garment or hand-made cloth covering but these must securely fit round the side of the face" (DfE- Gov.uk). We do prefer, and recommend, that students wear a mask where possible. If you wish to familiarise yourself with the guidance you can do so here https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/967285/Face_coverings_in_education-March-2021.pdf.

Parents and carers have asked for advice, support and signposting to emotional health and wellbeing resources for their children. In response to this, Calderdale Open Minds Partnership have produced a number of clear and accessible leaflets around some key issues to help parents support their children with getting back to their school routine and alleviating any feelings of frustration, worry and uncertainty. These leaflets were created in partnership with mental health professionals, local parents/carers and commissioners, and can be found in the parents/carers section on Open Minds Calderdale website: <http://www.openmindscalderdale.org.uk/emotional-health-support-parents/>. You can



also view them on the Mental Health & Wellbeing page of our website <http://www.todhigh.co.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/>.

Following a successful Year 11 Parents' Evening using 'SchoolCloud' software we are going to repeat this with years 8, 10 and 7 across the rest of this academic year. The next Parents' Evening will be for Year 8 on 22/4/21, hosted online through this software. Year 8 Parents' will be contacted separately with further detail on booking appointments and accessing teachers on the evening.

On the subject of our Year 11 cohort, Mrs Stansfield has asked me to share with you that the organisation 'InvestIn' has created a quiz that has been designed to help determine each students' ideal career type. Once students have completed the quiz, they can gain access to a host of exclusive career-coaching resources and actionable steps to enhance their future. On top of this – for every student who takes part, they will make a donation to BookTrust which is one of the world's largest reading charities. You can find the careers quiz at https://investin.org/pages/find-your-future?mc_cid=826e7707fa&mc_eid=2ba050ce13, please encourage your child to give it a go. If you have any questions about Careers guidance, please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Stansfield on e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk

As you'll be well aware we've made a number of adaptations to our school day this year to ensure we are as Covid safe as possible. We're currently reflecting on these changes, as we consider what the structure of the school day could look like next year. With that in mind we'd be very grateful if you could share your experiences, in the short survey below, and help best inform us how to move forward. You can also access these surveys via the homepage of our website. Thank you in advance.

Parents/Carers:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=V6IP4C5ZDkWYwW09OkgawAJvJe8Zv2JAiQRp0bA1ABtUOTc4R1I0V0tQMFI3TFJZMTBLT0FHME9VUy4u>

Students:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=V6IP4C5ZDkWYwW09OkgawAJvJe8Zv2JAiQRp0bA1ABtUMUdKVEdMUvdGM1hVNEVYQkpYSUQ2VIJLWS4u>

Our students who use the No.7 bus service (Bacup bus) have been having difficulties getting home of late due to an amended bus timetable. Following a telephone appointment with Ashley Weir, Principal Transportation Officer at Lancashire County Council, we have worked together to arrange a more suitable timetable. I'm pleased to advise that the pm journey from Todmorden High School will depart at 1509, well placed for the normal finishing time and acceptable for the current temporary finishing time. In discussion with Transdev agreed the attached new timetable (at the rear of this letter) will commence after Easter from **11 April**. Hopefully this will provide a smoother service moving forward.

After Easter we will be starting a year 7 Science STEM club. The club will run for 5 weeks starting on Thursday 22nd April 3-4pm. This is a great opportunity to develop your science skills and try out some new practicals. If you would like to attend then you will need to fill in an application form as we only have a limited number of places available. This can be found on class charts or ask your science teacher for a copy.

In other news, Scott one wonderful students, is raising money to buy gift bags for children in hospital this coming Christmas. Scott would like to ask the parents of Todmorden High if they have any colouring books or word searches, that haven't been coloured or marked in, would they consider donating them to this worthy cause. Any other small gifts suitable for children would also be very welcome. Scott is equally open

to any other ideas to help put a smile on people faces at Christmas time. Please can I encourage you to donate if you do have any of these items, or let Mrs Thompson know if you have any further ideas that may help them with this worthy cause, p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk. You can follow Scott and his sister's charity on their Facebook page 'Charlie's Christmas presents for childrens' ward'. Please find below a direct quote from a letter Scott wrote to me earlier this week, outlining some of their reasons behind this:

Me and my sister are raising money to buy gift bags for children in hospital at Christmas time. We have worked out there are about 80-100 beds, we would like to spend about £5 on each bed.

Me and Charlie both know how hard it is to be away from our mum as she spends a lot of time in hospital, so my sister came up with this idea as we want to make sure that even though they are in hospital at Christmas time, they still deserve to have some happiness.

So far, we have raised just under £300, in the gift bags we would like to put a colouring book, word search book for parents and other gifts.

We know times are hard, however we would like to ask the parents of Todmorden high to see if they have any colouring books or word searches that haven't been coloured or marked in that they could donate.

I am very proud of Scott and Charlie, and the motions they have made so far towards cheering up others this coming Christmas time. Well done to both of them, and we will support them moving forward with their endeavours.

As always if we can help or support you in any way please do get in touch. If you wish to contact a member of staff and do not have their contact details please email admin@todhigh.co.uk and they will pass on your email.

Yours Sincerely,



Gill Shirt
Headteacher

RAWTENSTALL - NEWCHURCH - BACUP - TODMORDEN

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via Waterfoot - Booth Rd - New Line - Pennine Rd - Sharneyford
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Service Number	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
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RAWTENSTALL Bus Station	0718	0718	0923	1123	1323	-----	1633	1838
NEWCHURCH Church Street	0726	0726	0931	1131	1331	-----	1641	1846
WATERFOOT Turning Circle	0732	0732	0937	1137	1337	-----	1647	1852
STACKSTEADS Booth Rd/Rook Hill Rd	0737	0737	0942	1142	1342	-----	1652	1857
BRITANNIA New Line	0742	0742	0947	1147	1347	-----	1657	1902
BACUP Pennine Road (Bottom)	0747	0747	0952	1152	1352	1442	1702	1907
BACUP Market Street	0753	0753	0958	1158	1358	1448	1708	1913
Sharneyford	0757	0757	1002	1202	1402	1452	1712	-----
Clough Foot	0801	0801	1006	1206	1406	1456	1716	-----
TODMORDEN Bus Station	0811	0811	1016	1216	1416	1506	1726	-----
TODMORDEN High School	0815	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

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TODMORDEN High School	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1509	-----	-----
TODMORDEN Bus Station	-----	0822	1022	1222	1422	1512	1512	1737
Clough Foot	-----	0831	1031	1231	1431	1521	1521	1746
Sharneyford	-----	0835	1035	1235	1435	1525	1525	1750
BACUP St James Gardens	0840	0840	1040	1240	1440	1530	1530	1755
BACUP Pennine Road (Bottom)	0844	0844	1044	1244	-----	1534	1534	1759
BRITANNIA New Line	0849	0849	1049	1249	-----	1539	1539	1804
STACKSTEADS Booth Rd/Rook Hill Rd	0855	0855	1055	1255	-----	1545	1545	1810
WATERFOOT Turning Circle	0900	0900	1100	1300	-----	1550	1550	1815
NEWCHURCH Church Street	0903	0903	1103	1303	-----	1553	1553	1818
RAWTENSTALL Bus Station	0916	0916	1116	1316	-----	1606	1606	1831

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No service - Bank Holidays, Public Holidays and all replacement Public or Bank Holidays.

No service - Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.