

Up & coming dates

May Half Term: Friday 28/5/2021
Return to school: Monday 7/6/2021
Y10 Parents' Evening: 9/6/2021
Y10 Mock Exams: 14/6/2021
Y11 Leavers' Party: 18/6/2021

Friday 28/5/21

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday 9th June 2021 we will be holding a virtual Year 10 Parents' Evening on SchoolCloud. Parents' and carers of Year 10 will receive a letter about this shortly.

Year 11 have now received their leavers' hoodies, and have permission to wear these each day up until they finish on the 18th June. Any other hoody is not allowed.

Please find below a proposed change to our school day, as shared in last week's letter. It is important to compare the proposed school day to our existing school day (the school day that was in operation prior to Covid). The school day operated this year has been an emergency response to the pandemic and although we will not maintain it, as we return to normality, we are trying to capitalise on some of the gains it has offered us.

The proposed day takes us back in line with the existing school day structure. Starting the day with lesson 1 and 2 followed by a toilet break then lesson 3 before lunch and lesson 4 and 5 after lunch.

The main differences between our proposed day and our existing school day are as follows:

- Having a focus session in the middle of the day, rather than the start of the day. This allows us to run a split lunch which has proved very effective in running a smooth and calm lunch service. It has reduced queueing time and increased the supervision ratio.
- Reducing the length of the morning break session. This, combined with moving focus session the middle of the day, enables an earlier lunch at either 11:50 or 12:20 [depending on year group].
- An earlier finish time of 14:50. This slightly earlier finish time would allow siblings to pick up from local primaries some of which have undertaken a similar restructure and are ending their school day slightly earlier.

Different elements of the proposed structure have been consulted on with staff, students and parents, via a questionnaire sent out within the weekly news on 26th March 2021 and again on 1st April 2021. We are now offering an opportunity to provide final feedback, on the proposed structure below, via the following link. Please do let us know your thoughts and opinions on the proposed school day by scanning the QR code or visiting the link below:



<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=V6IP4C5ZDKWYwW09OkgaWAjvJe8Zv2JAiQRp0bA1ABtURDZBSIk3T1RaS1NNTFdWU1RBMDVLVzlaTi4u>

If you wish to discuss the proposed structure further please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Rawlinson on e.rawlinson@todhigh.co.uk.

We will close this period on consultation on Friday 28th May and publish the finalised structure week beginning 7th June.



Session	Session length	Time
Lesson 1	1hr	8:40 – 9:40
Lesson 2	1hr	9:40 – 10:40
Break	10 min	10:40 – 10:50
Lesson 3	1hr	10:50 – 11:50
Lunch / Focus	30 min	11:50 – 12:20 Y7, Y9 and Y11 lunch Y8 and Y10 focus
Lunch / Focus	30 min	12:20 – 12:50 Y8 and Y10 lunch Y7, Y9 and Y11 focus
Lesson 4	1hr	12:50 – 13:50
Lesson 5	1hr	13:50 – 14:50

We retain the start of the day as we have it - 84% of students are in favour of keeping this routine.

Feedback from students and staff indicated the desire for a short morning break.

Operate a split lunch with. 85% of students found the staggered lunch useful.

We had a very successful first week of enrichment with our Year 11 students, who attended a range of sessions throughout the week with external visitors, video links and areas for discussion, A Level subjects amongst many other exciting events. I had the pleasure of judging a D of E competition and a visit to the Clitheroe Grand with Y10 Music students, we are all so proud of our young people. The following two weeks after half term will offer a chance for our Year 11 students to enrich their experiences before leaving us for further education and their future lives, however the structure will be slightly different. A more streamlined offer will see our Year 11 students in school between 9:45 and 13:45 with some optional sessions between 13:45 and 14:45 each day. NCS students will attend full time. More information on this will be circulated directly to Year 11 parents.

If you are looking for something to do over half term for your children, there is a programme of activities on offer for half term, from Calderdale's service for children and young people - [Time Out](#). Time Out is for all 10-19 year olds in Calderdale. With a focus on emotional wellbeing, they connect young people with activities, opportunities, learning and support. Please see the information below:

[Time Out](#) have some awesome free activities in store for you this half term! Check out the programme for the week below, helping young people get creative, active and musical during the holidays. These sessions are perfect for blowing off some steam, having a chance to relax from school work and meet new people!

Most activities are still being delivered over zoom, but we do have one of our boxing workshops happening in person at [Northern Powerhouse Boxing Academy](#).

Included in the programme are three Time Out Taster sessions - come to all three and give us feedback on what future sessions you'd like to come to! Sessions include: creating a virtual digital graffiti wall with 2D and 3D art, developing character profiles with creative writing and text-art and designing faces/face paint. [To book on the taster workshops click here.](#)

Want some info before booking? Get in touch with Alex:

alex@healthymindscalderdale.co.uk

Text/phone/WhatsApp: 07516 030575

Monday 31 May- Boxing Workshop 9+ yrs (Online) | 11.30am 40mins

Zoom session of exercises and drills to introduce young people to the sport of boxing! Learn the basics of punching and moving in 40 minutes of fun-filled, physical activity. Beginners welcome!

To book message/whatsapp Josie on 07989 538044

josie@northernpowerhouseboxing.org.uk

Tuesday 1st June- Taster Workshop 1: Virtual Graffiti Wall | 10am, 60mins

Unleash your imagination in this fun creative drawing workshop, including creating 3D artwork that will be wrapped onto digital pixels to create your own avatars!

[To book on the taster workshops click here.](#)

Wednesday 2nd June- Taster Workshop 2: Character Profiles | 10am, 60min

Bring your drawn characters to life in this text-based art workshop, using selfies and developing characteristics and personalities to create your fully formed character profile!

[To book on the taster workshops click here.](#)

Boxing Workshop 9+ yrs (In Person) | 2pm, 40min

This second boxing session is in person at [The Northern Power House Boxing Academy](#), Perseverance Mill Unit 5, Halifax Road, Todmorden, OL14 6EG.

To book message/whatsapp Josie on 07989 538044

josie@northernpowerhouseboxing.org.uk

Thursday 3rd June- Taster Workshop 3: Crazy Faces! | 10am, 60min

Learn how to design crazy make up and face paint for your characters and add your design onto a digital face.

[To book on the taster workshops click here.](#)

Friday 4th June- Home Made Samba: Drumming Workshop (online) | 10am, 60min

Find your rhythm at this online drumming workshop! Learn to play Brazilian samba from home with household objects. Suitable for beginners. All young people aged 10+ are welcome to attend.

To book contact Mitch Oldham: mitch.oldham@hotmail.co.uk

We break up for the half term holiday today and will return to school on Monday 7/6/2021. As always do get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours Sincerely,



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Headteacher