

Up & coming dates

Y10 Mock Exams: 21/6/21 (postponed)

ARCH Day 6: 1/7/21

Virtual transition evening: 8/7/21

Transition day: 9/7/21

Y9 and 10 Sports day: 15/7

Y7 and 8 Sports day: 16/7

Friday 18/6/21

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances and following guidance from the local authority, we have taken the difficult decision to postpone the end of year celebration event for Year 11 that was scheduled to take place today. We have consulted with the Year 11 students and the majority of students were in favour of postponing the event as well.

A new date is being finalised and will be communicated as soon as possible but it is highly likely to be in the last week of term (week commencing Monday 19th July) to hopefully ensure that any restrictions have eased. All tickets that have been purchased will be valid for the new date, and we will be able to offer refunds to any students who can't attend the re-arranged date. We will provide more information as soon as I can.

We had our Year 11 Leavers' Assembly this morning, which was attended virtually by some, to see our Year 11 off on their last day. It was lovely to celebrate our students' school lives with us since they arrived 5 years ago, and we are so excited to see what their lives hold for them as they move forward into further education and the world of work.

Following our consultation period on the school day, we are pleased to announce our new school day is as follows, launching from September:

P1	8.40-9.40 (1 hour)
P2	9.40-10.40 (1 hour)
Break	10.40-10.50 (10 minutes)
P3	10.50-11.50 (1 hour)
Lunch 7, 9 & 11/ Focus 8 & 10	11.50-12.20 (30 minutes)
Lunch 8 & 10/ Focus 7, 9 & 11	12.20-12.50 (30 minutes)
P4	12.50-1.50 (1 hour)
P5	1.50-2.50 (1 hour)

Due to the disruptions to school this year our ordinary calendar of events has had to be changed, this has particularly affected our Parents' Evenings. In the early part of the year we replaced Parents' Evenings with reports accompanying our data check in place of scheduled events. Since March we have been able to run our Parents' Evening remotely, through SchoolCloud and these have been very successful. We have re-arranged as many dates as were possible to ensure that we communicate with you on your child's progress. Unfortunately, we have not been able to do this for our year 9 students. This has not been an easy decision and we have considered that the year 9 students have had written reports and individual conversations with teachers as part of the options process. We have built into our calendar for next year 2 Parents' Evenings for this year group – the first being in the first half term of next year, staff will be able to provide feedback to parents on how the students have settled in to their GCSE studies.



Safeguarding Week - 21st-25th June: Next week is safeguarding week. This annual event is an opportunity to refocus on how we can collectively safeguard our young people from harm. Please do remind yourself of safeguarding messages on our school website and of our safeguarding team in school:

- Melissa Wells - Associate Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) m.wells@todhigh.co.uk
- Gill Shirt - Headteacher and Deputy DSL g.shirt@todhigh.co.uk
- Emily Rawlinson - Deputy Headteacher and Deputy DSL e.rawlinson@todhigh.co.uk
- Gemma Cooper - Associate Assistant Headteacher and Deputy DSL g.cooper@todhigh.co.uk
- Sharon Pickles - Safeguarding Manager s.pickles@todhigh.co.uk

Safeguarding information is available on our website <http://todhigh.co.uk/safeguarding-send-pdbw/>. Other useful information, on Personal Development and Mental Health and Wellbeing, can be found under the 'ARCH' section. In addition, you are welcome to contact us at any time, should you have concerns or worries. Your child's Learning Manager is also a useful first point of contact. We regularly educate our young people about risks and dangers, and would ask that you do the same, so that we collectively protect them from harm whilst allowing them to develop skills in independence and autonomy as they grow towards personal responsibility and adulthood.

We have recently made the move to using buff paper, school wide. Our reasons behind doing this are;

- Dyslexia – friendly.
- Students will all have the same paper type; fosters inclusivity.
- Parent friendly- for home school communication, buff may provide a better experience for those parents who may struggle to read on white paper.
- Buff paper is 100% recycled.
- Helps us move towards being an eco-conscious school.

Many organisations are now doing the same and moving towards the use of buff paper, the NHS are an example of an organisation who now print only on buff paper. If you would like to discuss this, please do get in touch with us.

I want to encourage you to get in touch if you have any positive news to share with us regarding our students and their endeavours, we love to hear about amazing things our students achieve not only in school but also outside school. If you have any news to share please do email us or speak to your child's Learning Manager so we can celebrate our students' achievements with them by making them a Star of the Week, sending a Headteacher's letter home, writing an article to share on our social media platforms and much more.

I hope that those of you who have students who are isolating have all you need to home school with your child, if you have any questions about remote learning please contact Mr Nalborczyk a.nalborczyk@todhigh.co.uk.

Thank you for all your continued support and cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,



Gill Shirt
Headteacher

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