

Up & coming dates

Break up for summer: 23/7/21 12.15pm

Y7 start school: 8/9/21

Y8 start school: 13/9/21

Y9 start school: 10/9/21

Y10 start school: 9/9/21

Y11 start school: 9/9/21

* More information below

Friday 23/7/21

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the summer break approaches I would like to extend my thanks to all parents and carers. Your understanding for the position we have been put in has been second to none. As you read this letter you will see that the testing programme continues we have had to alter some arrangements because of this. Once again thank you for your understanding.

When students return to school in September we are required to carry out two on-site lateral flow tests to identify asymptomatic cases of Coronavirus. To support the completion of one test before students return to school we will be staggering the start of the school year across year groups. Students will attend school for testing before their start date.

The schedule for testing and return to school is detailed below. A letter with further details regarding the process will be uploaded to Class Charts before the end of term. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact your Learning Manager.

Year group	Testing date	School Start Date
7	Tuesday 7 th September 2021	Wednesday 8 th September 2021
8	Friday 10 th September 2021	Monday 13 th September 2021
9	Thursday 9 th September 2021	Friday 10 th September 2021
10	Wednesday 8 th September 2021	Thursday 9 th September 2021
11	Tuesday 7 th September 2021	Thursday 9 th September 2021

Arrival times for testing are as follows

	Year 11	Year 10	Year 9	Year 8	Year 7
Testing Date	07/09/2021	08/09/2021	09/09/2021	10/09/2021	07/09/2021
Arrival Time	Surname	Surname	Surname	Surname	Surname
08.30	A – Cu	A – Coe	A – Coc	A – Com	A-Coc
09.30	D – F	Col – Hal	Coe – Go	Coo – Gl	Coh -Hall
10.30	G – Ho	Ham – Le	Gr – Lang	Go – Li	Hals – Law
11.30	Hu – Ou	Li - Po	Lann – Park	Lo – Po	Lea – Pre
13.00	Ow – Sm	Pr – Ta	Parv – Sta	Pr – Sta	Pri – Tay
14.00	Sp - Z	Ti - Z	Ste - Z	Ste - Z	Ter - Z

We recognise this is not the ideal start to the school year but we hope that by completing the first tests before students start with us we will minimise the potential for an outbreak early in the school year. A letter regarding the testing process will be uploaded to Class Charts and this will also be emailed out to parents of our new Year 7 students joining us in September.



Please can I remind you that we do not allow vehicles on-site during periods where students are moving around the school. We ask that you park your car on the leisure centre car park or across the road from school when you are dropping your child off/collecting them or if you have an appointment in school.

In the first week back after the summer holidays Mrs Rawlinson will be hosting a parental information session for each year group after school (Mon Y7, Tue Y8, Weds Y9, Thu Y10, Fri Y11). The purpose of these evenings will be to meet with you and update you on our new Behaviour Policy and the ARCH values, our hope is that this will give us a strong start to the new academic year where we can work together to secure the best learning experience for your children. These information sessions will run from 5-6pm each day as per the details above. If you have more than one child in different year groups, please do feel free to just attend once. We hope to see many of you there.

We are trialling an amendment to our behaviour policy in relation to mobile phones for the first half term. Mobile phones and smart watches will not be able to be seen, heard, or used between dismissal from the yard in the morning and dismissal at the end of the day. If students want to bring a mobile phone to school, we expect them to be safely stored in their bags or an inside blazer pocket.

Students will receive their Year 11 data on Thursday 12th August, students will be able to collect their results between 10:00 and 12:00. Year 11 students will be receiving a letter with details about this, please contact r.ogden@todhigh.co.uk should you have any questions.

We have added all the information and arrangements you need for Year 11 Results day on our website, please click on the following link to view our guidance, letter home and JCQ guidance <http://todhigh.co.uk/exam-and-assessment-results/>. As I booked my holiday before the government changed exam results day I won't be in attendance. My full trust goes to Mrs Coates to run this effectively, let's hope the Year 11 students all get the results they deserve.

We are running a Summer School for our new year 7 students who will join us in September. The sessions will run for two weeks (week beginning 2nd and 16th August), children will have fun educational sessions each day on Maths, English, team building, sports and cooking. We have several external agencies attending to deliver activities. This is a fantastic opportunity for our new students to familiarise themselves with the school building and some of our staff before we start in September, something we have not been able to do as well as we would have liked due to the pandemic. Places are filling up quickly, if you have a student starting in September and have not yet booked onto these days, please email our Summer School Coordinators to book a place using the email addresses below.

Week one 2nd – 6th August - **Summer School Coordinator** - Steph Patchett-Byrne s.patchett-byrne@todhigh.co.uk

Week two 16th – 20th August - **Summer School Coordinator** - Ant Jackson a.jackson@todhigh.co.uk

Summer school is free to attend and you can choose to attend for different days or the full week, lunch is provided each day.

We have a number of staff leaving us at the end of this summer term:

- Elizabeth Boardman (Head of MFL)
- Oliver Beck (Teacher of Science)
- Carys Lampard (Teacher of Science)
- Kirsty Stead (Teacher of Maths)
- Emma Naylor (Primary – Closing the Gap)
- Shirley Duxbury (Cleaning Team)

Starters:-

- Matthew Charles – Head of MFL
- Tara Kinlin – Teacher of Geography
- Linda McCool – Second in Science
- Philip Smith – Maths KS4 Lead

- Samantha Dewsnip – Teacher of D&T
- Megan Morgan – Teacher of Maths
- Sarah Riley – Primary Teacher-Closing the Gap
- Zyelda Hague – Teacher of Maths
- Leanne Maude – Teacher of History
- Sarah Reith – TA (fixed term until July 2021)

We are delighted to announce that in keeping with our core value of ambition, we have recently invested in GCSEPod, the award-winning digital content and revision provider used by over 1,250 schools worldwide. A notification has gone out to all students via Class Charts today and the letter is available to read [here](#).

If we can be of any assistance to you or your family, please don't hesitate to email admin@todhigh.co.uk and we will endeavour to get back to you, reception is not staffed during the holidays but messages will be checked periodically. Once again thank you to all our families for your undaunting support. We are looking forward to welcoming your child back in September. Have a wonderful summer.

Yours Sincerely,



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Headteacher