

### Up & coming dates

Year 7 Settling in Evening- 23/9/21

ARCH Day 1- 28/9/21

Year 11 Revision Evening- 30/9/21

Todmorden Together- 6/10/21

Year 6 Open Evening- 7/10/21

Year 11 Mocks- 18/10/21

Year 10 Parents' Evening- 21/10/21

Friday 10/9/2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to all the students who have been involved in our testing programme. All year groups have been tested this week, with some already having their second Lateral Flow Test completed. By doing so we help to help keep the local rates down and prevent the spread within our local community.

As part of our updated Behaviour Policy we have adopted a strict ban on mobile phones on school site. Students have been introduced to this new rule in their assemblies this week and we have begun with a soft launch this week, with full rules being enforced week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021. 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. Phones will be confiscated if they are seen out during school time, with the students able to collect from the student office at the end of the school day. You can view our full behaviour policy on our school website.

We have updated our Risk Assessment in line with national guidance, to ensure that we have a safe learning environment in place for our students and staff. While some of our routines have slightly eased due to the same being applied nationally, we are still doing our best to remain safe and reduce the spread of Covid-19. Our Risk Assessment is also available on our school website. Our Remote Learning Strategy has been updated and is attached at the rear of this letter. This strategy has been updated to reflect the updated position with regard to the changing rules and advice about self-isolation.

We had a fantastic set of results over the summer from our GCSE cohort. Students visited school to collect their results and staff attended to wish them well in their future endeavours. We are very proud of our Year 11's and what they have achieved under such unusual circumstances as we have found ourselves this past two years. We wish them all well in the next stage of their lives, and hope that they stay in touch with us.

We are privileged that our students are an exceptional group of young people and we have very high expectations of the way in which they wear their uniform. Please do take a look at our uniform guidance to remind yourself of the expectations - [www.todhigh.co.uk/school-uniform](http://www.todhigh.co.uk/school-uniform). We do still have our school uniform cupboard, so if you are getting rid of any uniform that your child has grown out of, please do consider donating this to our stocks. If you have any questions or queries relating to uniform, or any other aspect of school life please speak to your child's Learning Manager in the first instance.

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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.

Do take some time to peruse our up-and-coming dates listed at the top of this letter, the new term brings lots of exciting opportunities for us to engage with our students and wider community. We are looking forward to being able to host some key events in person once again, as long as restrictions continue to allow us to do so.

Our new school website will be launching officially in the next week or so. We have invested in a fantastic website, with a brand new look, which will still contain a wealth of information and all you need to know about school life at Todmorden High. The web address will remain the same [www.todhigh.co.uk](http://www.todhigh.co.uk).

We have a number of new staff members who have joined us this term, and we extend a very warm welcome to them as they join the Todmorden High School family. Our new staff are listed below for your information.

- 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 – English and Maths
- Zyelda Hague – Teacher of Maths
- Leanne Maude – Teacher of History
- Sarah Reith – Learning and Teaching Assistant
- Danielle Forbes - Learning and Teaching Assistant
- Andrea Ashton - Learning and Teaching Assistant

If your child is a budding actor, perhaps they might benefit from a visit to our local Drama group at Story Magic Theatre School. I have attached the flyer at the rear of this letter for your perusal. We also run a number of fantastic extra-curricular clubs in school including sports, gardening and chess, I will get this information out to you within the next couple of weeks.

It has been an absolute pleasure catching up with our students this week and hearing all about their summer holidays. I am really looking forward to welcoming Year 8 back on Monday and having a full school once again. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with our helpful reception team if you need anything at all, they will assist you 01706813558. Have a great weekend.

Yours Sincerely,



Gill Shirt  
Headteacher

## Remote Learning Strategy – Todmorden High School

### September 2021 Update for Students and Parents

This strategy has been updated to reflect the updated position with regard to the changing rules and advice about self-isolation, please find further information by clicking on the links below.

This strategy has been developed with the best interests of all pupils as the main driving force, whilst ensuring all local authority and government expectations are met, it does this based on advice accurate as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

*High-quality remote learning in schools, further education and higher education settings should be provided for all pupils and students if:*

- *they have tested positive for COVID-19 but are well enough to learn from home; or*
- *attendance at their setting has been temporarily restricted.*

[Department for Education - August 2021](#)

*Not all people with COVID-19 have symptoms. Where appropriate, you should support those who need to self-isolate because they have tested positive to work or learn from home if they are well enough to do so.*

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Work will continue to be made available for all students if they are well enough to complete it but need to self-isolate or their attendance has been temporarily restricted (previously known as a bubble closure).

The same curriculum will be taught remotely as we do in school wherever possible and appropriate. Some of the context and examples may differ, but the coverage of the curriculum will be consistent with that delivered in school.

To enable remote learning to have the greatest impact, parental support is crucial. If you require any additional support to ensure your child can meet the expectations, including any technology e.g. a laptop, please contact your child's learning manager in the first instance:

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Students should continue to uphold our ARCH values however and wherever they work:

- Showing ambition in producing high quality work that is the best of their ability.
- Showing respect to their teachers by ensuring the work is submitted on time and in the correct way. Showing respect with the way they conduct themselves on Teams.
- Showing care by supporting their peers and also looking after their own needs, support is available for any student that needs it.
- Showing honesty to themselves, their families and their teachers when saying they have completed all the work that has been set and asking school for support with technology where required.

#### For all students completing remote learning.

- There is an expectation for students to be completing the work that has been set to the best of their ability.
- Students should expect to be completing 5 hours of work per day, plus homework and/or revision for KS4 students.
- Students should use their in-school timetables (available on ClassCharts) to help manage their time effectively.

- Students are expected to share evidence of their work with their usual classroom teacher on a minimum of a weekly basis.

#### **For students who are self-isolating.**

- Parents/Carers to inform school that their child is self-isolating.
- If a student is well enough then they should be completing the work set by their teachers.
- Departments will set work will be set via email, on a Sunday for the upcoming week.
- Students must logon to their school email to download work set.
- Students should follow their usual school timetable, completing the work in hour blocks.
- Where appropriate, teachers may 'live stream' their lessons for students at home to join and participate, this is most likely to occur in KS4. Students will receive invites via Teams when this is planned, students are expected to attend these sessions.
- Evidence of all completed work should be emailed to their classroom teacher.

#### **If a year group bubble has to close (students have their attendance restricted).**

- Work will be set on ClassCharts daily. Students should logon to ClassCharts daily and work through the activities that have been set for that specific day.
- Teams' meetings will be arranged, there will be at least one live (synchronous) lesson for English, Maths and Science weekly. These will appear on the student's email calendar, so this needs to be checked daily.
- Assemblies on Teams will take place at least weekly.
- Students should attend all Teams sessions that are provided.
- Students to submit key pieces of work set by their teachers through Microsoft Assignments on a weekly basis.

If you have any questions or require any further guidance with this strategy please contact [a.nalborczyk@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:a.nalborczyk@todhigh.co.uk)





Pupils will work towards a variety of projects which may include:  
**Performances, Arts Awards**  
**LAMDA exams (drama)**  
**& IDTA exams (Musical Theatre)**

After School classes & holiday workshops also offered



Check the website [www.storymagictheatre.com](http://www.storymagictheatre.com)  
 or contact Katrina for exact details of current classes  
**07973 444875 | [katrina@storymagictheatre.com](mailto:katrina@storymagictheatre.com)**

Classes taught in Todmorden Town Centre Locations

*Classes are taught by Katrina Heath, an experienced director, qualified teacher with a BA hons in Musical Theatre, an IDTA diploma, an enhanced DBS and is a Council for Drama, Dance and Musical Theatre recognised teacher.*

