



1st March 2024

Thank you for all your emails with your comments and experiences of the bus timetable change in Todmorden. I read them all and discussed them with the Town Councillors for consideration. An update will follow next week.

As always, if you have any other concerns or if you wish to speak with a member of staff please get in touch with us via the website, by emailing reception at [admin@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:admin@todhigh.co.uk) or by calling school Monday-Friday between the hours of 8-4pm.

Yours sincerely,

Gill Shirt

Headteacher

## Up and Coming Dates



W.c 4th March - Careers Week

7th March - Year 9 Information, Advice and Guidance evening - details to follow.

11th March - Ramadan begins

## Music for the Many



We would like to invite any student who plays an instrument either inside or outside of school to attend our school orchestra on a Wednesday afternoon after school in the music department. This is being supported by music teachers from the charity Music for the Many and will provide the following opportunities:

- Additional tuition from the four teachers present for free.
- Play instruments in a group setting (many successful bands have begun in school settings).

- Borrow and play new instruments for free.

Playing instruments in a social setting is also great for building confidence and developing new friendships. If you have any questions about this or would like further information, please contact Mrs Leicester on [j.leicester@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:j.leicester@todhigh.co.uk)

## Ambition never ends!



Some fabulous news for 2 of our students! Iona Bell and Rosie Dowson have secured a place in the National Cross Country Competition, following on from their magnificent effort in the regional rounds. We wish them lots of luck on the 16th March!

## National Careers Week



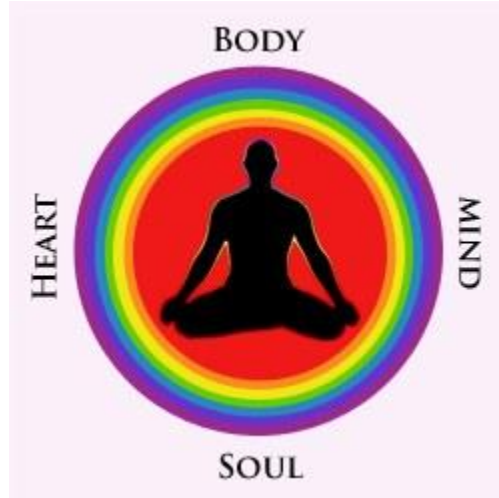
Next week (4th-9th March) is National Careers Week and we will be acknowledging this through assemblies and personal development during the week. As a school, we will be celebrating our own Careers Week between 15th-19th April where we will hold our annual careers fair, however, during next week there is a wide range of information available to get pupils thinking about life beyond THS.

Links within the community:

We are keen to expand our connections within the community to support our careers provision as we continue to develop. If you work for an organisation/industry that would like to work with THS please complete the below MS form and let us know how you would like to get involved. If you think you might be able to support with careers events, we would love to hear from you. Please complete the form by following the link below. If you have any additional questions, please email Miss Kinlin at [careers@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:careers@todhigh.co.uk).

[Supporting the THS Careers Provision \(office.com\)](#)

## Student Health (Physical and mental health, and wellbeing)



Be active for your mental health

One of the best things we can do for our mental health and wellbeing is to be active – it's a natural mood booster. Our bodies release feel-good hormones when we're active that can also reduce anxiety and stress, and help us sleep better. There are lots of free and affordable ways to get moving for all ages and levels of physical ability, including the NHS Couch to 5K and Active 10 apps, so we can all benefit. Find out more about the mental health benefits of physical activity and ways to get moving by clicking below.

[Be active for your mental health - Every Mind Matters - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters)

Calling our young local artists amongst us!

# TOD ROOTS!



**AMBITIOUS NEW PROJECT FOR  
YOUNG PEOPLE (12-18 YEARS OLD)**

**Tod College  
Burnley Road  
Todmorden, OL14 7BX**

**March 2024  
8 Saturdays  
2-4pm**

## CREATE A DANCE FILM IN NATURE!

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED**

**Pay what you  
can or free-  
no questions  
asked!**

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST AT:  
[Islainnature@gmail.com](mailto:Islainnature@gmail.com)  
or call 07906 796602  
**Limited spaces****

**[www.innanature.org](http://www.innanature.org)**





**Tod Roots is a fun and welcoming dance and film opportunity by Inna Nature for young people aged 12-18 yrs from Todmorden.**

**Inna Nature is a new CIC made up of professional artists, producers and nature guides!**

"We will work together to create a new and exciting dance based around the local nature. We'll be dancing outside in nature itself some of the time!"

A short film, made with a professional videographer, will be produced to document our journey and creativity, and young people can get involved with the direction etc of this as well if they would like to. We are planning to submit this to suitable film festivals.

The project will consist of 8 weekly sessions, taking place on Saturday afternoons both at Tod College and outside in Tod Park.

The project will be part of Culturedale, the special event for Calderdale's Year of Culture.

They are looking to recruit up to eight young people who live in the Todmorden and surrounding wards.

Please see the attached flyer and if you have any questions , please contact them.

Recruiting will close soon, so if this project calls do get in touch soon!

Shrek is coming to Tod Hippodrome!

Todmorden Amateur Operatic and  
Dramatic Society present  
The **TONY AWARD-WINNING** hit musical

# SHREK The MUSICAL

Based on the Dreamworks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig

Artistic Director – RACHEL ROGERS  
Musical Director – HELEN CLARKSON  
Choreographer – EMMA COOK  
Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire  
Music by Jeanine Tesori  
Original Production Directed by Jason  
Moore and Rob Ashford


**16<sup>TH</sup> To 20<sup>TH</sup>  
APRIL 2024**

The Todmorden  
**HIPPODROME**  
THEATRE

Book your tickets at  
**www.todhip.org**  
or call 0333 666 3366\*

Tickets also available in person at  
Todmorden Information Centre

\*booking fees may apply. Telephone Box Office hours  
Monday to Friday 9am to 7pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm



**noda**  
Be inspired by amateur theatre

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions. This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe) All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe www.mtishows.co.uk

A perfect night out for the young, and the young at heart, the award-winning 'Shrek the Musical' is guaranteed fun for all ages and will have you singing and laughing all the way home. With sensational staging and costumes, a dusting of magic and of course, our award winning live show orchestra, this will be a night to remember....

Tickets are on sale now, so act quick to ensure you get the best seats in the house!

[Shrek - The Musical \(todhip.org\)](http://todhip.org)

## Parenting Children's behaviour Clinic

*Free Parenting Clinics*

with  
Anisa Lewis  
Positive Parenting  
[www.anisalewis.com](http://www.anisalewis.com)

*March*  
7th @ 12.30pm  
*Behaviour*

What is going on with your child's behaviour?

Do you often question why your child is behaving in a certain way? Why are they hitting/kicking/lashing out? Why do they always shout? Why won't they listen?

What is your approach to discipline like? Do you tend to react the same way each time?

Join Anisa (Parenting Coach) on the 7th March for her monthly Free Parenting Clinics, this talk is focused on behaviour and what we can do to support ourselves and our young people.

Join us on zoom, for the 30-minute talk.

Book here:  
<https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>  
or  
email: [hello@anisalewis.com](mailto:hello@anisalewis.com) for the booking link  
(The clinic will be recorded and sent out to those who register to attend.)

West Yorkshire Youth Commission

# INFORMATION



**Application deadline extended to Friday 1st March!**

**Exciting opportunity for Youth People aged 14-25 to join the West Yorkshire Youth Commission**

The Youth Commission will allow young people to support, challenge and inform the work of the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership. The **Youth Commission will explore urgent issues affecting young people in West Yorkshire**, such as the root causes of violence, exploitation and knife crime etc.

**We're looking for a diverse group of young people from different backgrounds and life experiences to take part**, including those who have direct experience of the issues or are part of traditionally underrepresented groups.

This is a brilliant opportunity for young people to **gain new knowledge, skills and experiences** that focuses on listening to the views of young people in West Yorkshire. Members of the Youth Commission will play an important role in helping to run consultation events and gather the opinions of other young people. They will work directly with the Deputy Mayor for Crime and Policing and the director of the Violence Reduction Partnership.

All the relevant recruitment documents and they can also be found, along with more information at: <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/policing-and-crime/west-yorkshire-youth-commission/>

## Learning Managers



Just to remind you all of our 5 Learning Managers and their contact details, should you ever need to email them.

**Year 7 - Mrs. Kontogiannopoulou**

**Email:** [demik@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:demik@todhigh.co.uk)

**Year 8 - Mrs. Thompson**

**Email:** [p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk)

**Year 9 - Mrs. Townend**

**Email:** [a.townend@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:a.townend@todhigh.co.uk)


**Year 10 - Miss. James**

**Email:** [j.james@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:j.james@todhigh.co.uk)

**Year 11 - Mrs. Stansfield**

**Email:** [e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk)

# Extracurricular timetable Feb 2024

Todmorden High School extra-curricular timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Latin Club Invite only Ms Pollock	Design & Technology Club KS4 only Mrs. Hartley Room 23 & 26	English Speaking Board Invitation only Mrs. Kewin Room 90	Magic Club Mr. Charles Room 13	
All clubs finish by 4pm unless stated otherwise	K33 Basketball Mr. Danden Gym	M4M Fantasy Orchestra Mrs. Lancaster School Hall	 <p><b>Other opportunities:</b> Home Learning Club in the Library Every night after school until 4.00pm *Y9/10/11 – Duke of Edinburgh Award. See Miss Mullarkey for details</p>	
	Year 9 Math Club Mr. Smith Invite only	Y11 EPE Drop In Mr. Womack Room 47		
	KS4 Art/Photography Club Mr. Freeman Room 45	Year 7 & 8 Code Club Mr. McDermott Room 21		
	KS3 Art Club Miss Webster Room 46	KS3 Science Club Miss Smith Room 41		
	Drama Club (All Years) Miss Daubney Drama Studio	Girls' Netball Club All Years Miss Creighton		
Badminton All years @ Tod sports center Mrs. Lambert	Year 7 Math Club Invite only Mr. Smith			

Half Term 4 2024