



I hope you all had a wonderful festive break. I wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year!

As always, any 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,

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Headteacher

## Up and Coming Dates



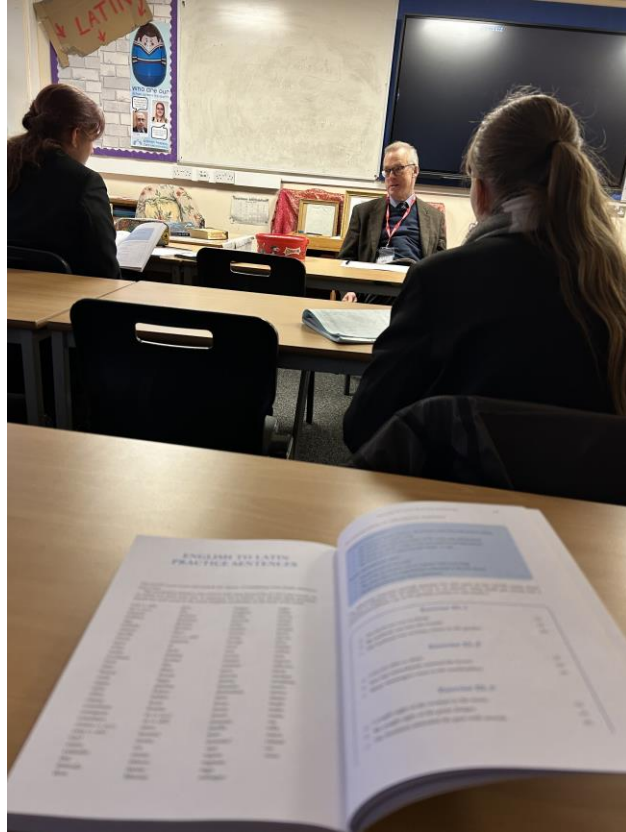
Monday 15th January through to Friday 26th January - Year 11 Mock Exams.

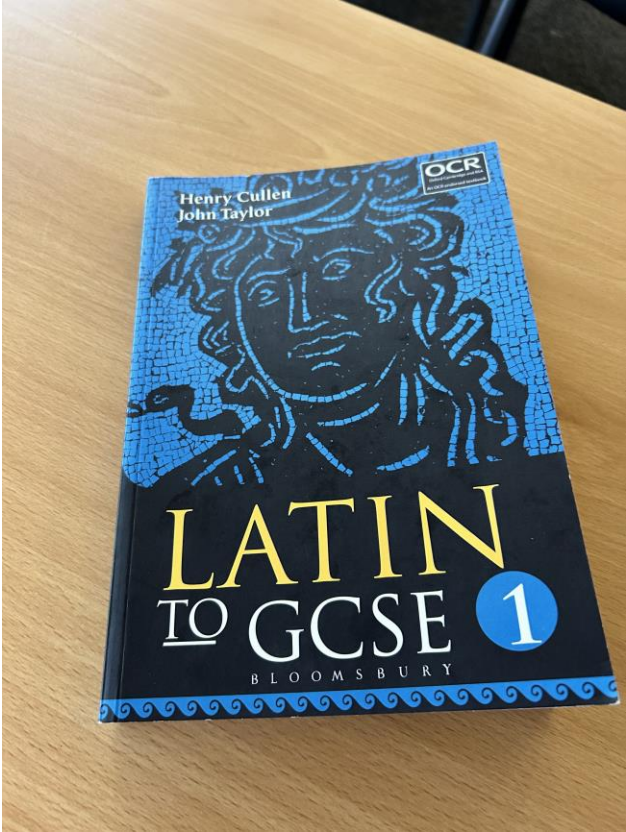
Thursday 18th January - Year 9 Options Evening.

GCSE Latin Cohort special guest!



Our GCSE Latin cohort welcomed a very special guest before the end of the term when John Taylor came to deliver a specialised seminar. Our Latinists enjoyed working with someone who has been so influential in the Latin teaching community; he literally wrote the book being used to teach Latin at GCSE. Thank you to John for giving your time to support our students' ambition in GCSE Latin.





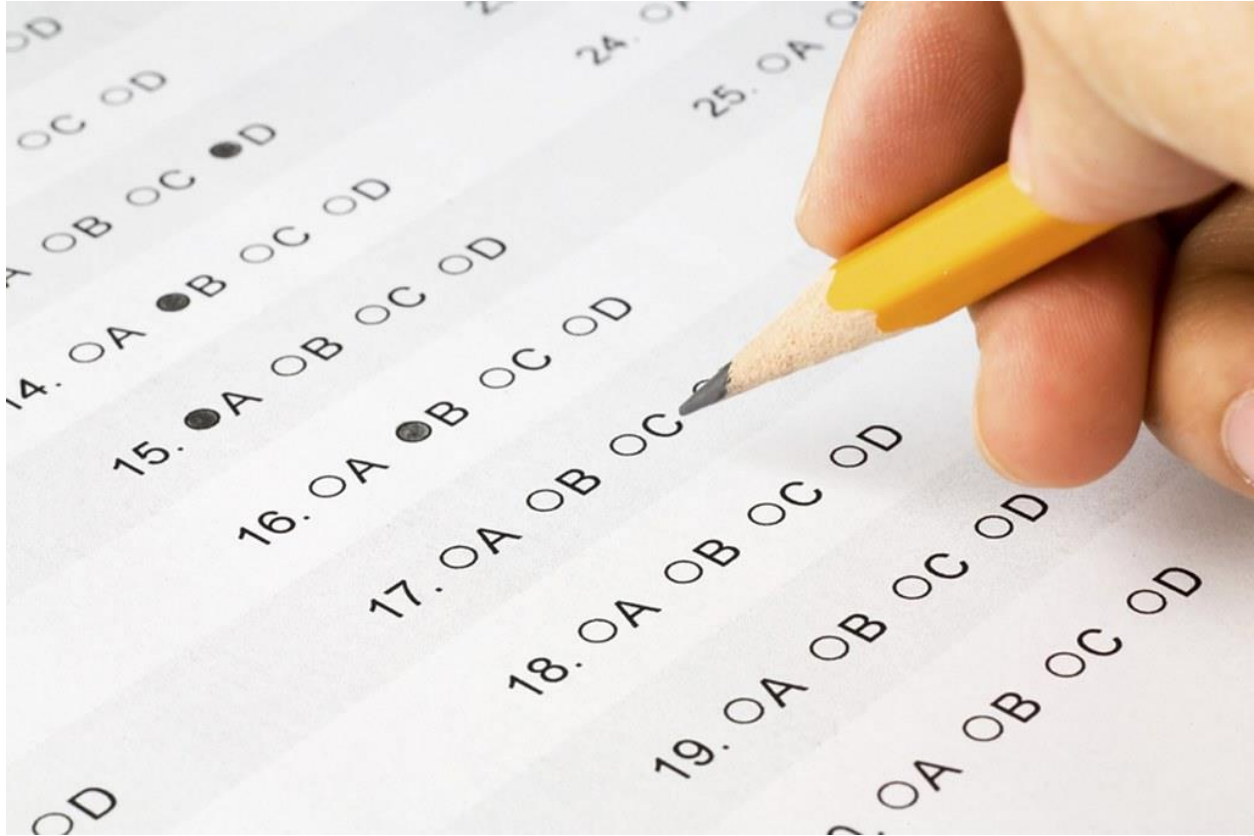
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## Year 11 Mock Exams

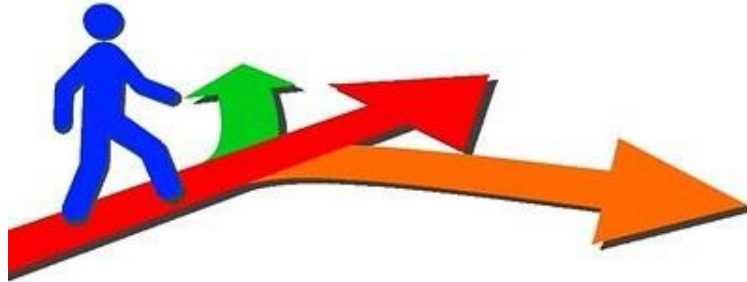


Year 11 will begin a full series of mock examinations next week. These will run until 26th January. Mock examination timetables have now been given to students. Please encourage your child to complete revision for these examinations. They are an important part of preparation for the summer exam series and help teachers to predict grades for college applications.

Students all have access to GCSE Pod, Carousel, SPARX and the revision area of the school website which can be found here <https://www.todhigh.co.uk/learning-and-teaching/revision-by-subject/> as well as work set by their teachers to help guide them through the revision process.

Can I also please take a moment to place emphasis on the importance of following the examination rules during these mock exams. Students need to ensure they have the correct equipment and no electronic of mobile devices on them during the exam. These should be switched off and in bags. Again, this is in preparation for the full exam series and important in building good habits. We wish all students the best of luck in these examinations.

## Options Evening - Thursday 18th January 2024 (16:30-18:30)



We are very excited to invite Year 9 students and their parents and carers to our Options Evening next week. There will be a presentation in the hall explaining the options process and subject teachers will be on hand to discuss the content of each subject. Mrs Townend (Learning Manager), Miss Cooper (SENCO) and Mrs Pitchforth (Deputy SENCO) will be hosting drop-in sessions. Our Careers Advisor, Rob Stoakes, and various post-16 providers will also be present to help students to consider how their option choices will support their next steps after Year 11.

We hope to see you there!

Delicious news school lunches!





Wishing everyone a Happy New Year from the Catering team at THS! We would like to share the news with you that we are producing great new dishes which are healthy, nutritious, and flavoursome, using quality ingredients from local suppliers wherever possible. Our menus change seasonally, using as much fresh produce as possible to ensure every meal is a taste sensation, so please encourage your child to join us for a meal now the New Year is upon us!

Some popular favourites are spaghetti Bolognese, chilli con carne, cheese and onion pie, pasta bakes, hunters' chicken, and the ever popular Fryday Friday, which is a treat at the end of the week! We cater for all dietary requirements including vegetarian, vegan and coeliac. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further information regarding school meals @ [c.dearden@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:c.dearden@todhigh.co.uk)

[Regards](#), Coral Dearden.













Our extra-curricular timetable for 2024 is here!

Todmorden High School extra-curricular timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Latin Club</b> Invite only Ms Pollock	<b>Design &amp; Technology Club</b> All Year groups welcome Mrs Hartley Room 25 & 26	<b>English Speaking Board</b> Invitation only Mrs Kewin Room 90	<b>KS3 Cricket Club</b> Mr Duerden Gym	
All clubs finish by 4pm unless stated otherwise	<b>KS3 Basketball</b> Mr Duerden Gym	<b>M4M Fantasy Orchestra</b> Mrs Leicester School Hall	<b>Magic Club</b> Mr Charles Room 13	
	<b>Math Club</b> Mr Smith Invite only	<b>Y11 EPR Drop In</b> Mr Womack Room 47		
	<b>KS4 Art/Photography Club</b> Mr Freeman Room 45	<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Code Club</b> Mr McDermott Room 21		
	<b>KS3 Art Club</b> Miss Webster Room 46	<b>KS3 Science Club</b> Miss Smith Room 41		
	<b>Drama Club (All Years)</b> Miss Daubney Drama Studio	<b>Girls' Netball Club</b> All Years Miss Creighton		
	<b>Coursework catch up</b> Mrs Lambert	<b>Year 7&amp;8 Girls Football</b> Mrs Lambert		

January 2024



**Other opportunities:**  
 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



## Community Events



**SINGING**

**MUSICAL THEATRE**

**FOR AGES 4+**

**DRAMA**

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

 **Story Magic**  
**THEATRE SCHOOL**

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 honours in Musical Theatre, an IDTA diploma, an enhanced DBS and is a Council for Drama, Dance and Musical Theatre recognised teacher.*

**LAMDA**  **IDTA**   Find us on Facebook