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Up & coming dates

Y9 Progress Evening – 8/12/22 4.30-7pm

Deadline for festive food donations – 12/12/22

Christmas Concert – 15/12/22 6-7pm

Break up for Christmas Holidays – 12.20pm 16/12/22

Students return to school – Weds 4/1/23

Presentation Evening – 5/1/22

December 2nd, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our annual Presentation Evening will be a face-to-face event here in school for the first time this year since the start of the pandemic. Year 11 students from 2022 and their parents/carers will be invited to join us to celebrate their achievements and to formally receive their examination certificates along with other special awards. Please put the date and time - 6pm Thursday 5th January 2023 - in your calendar now if your child left in the summer of 2022.

Our school Christmas concert tickets are on sale now from our student office priced at £4 for an adult and £2 concession (cash only). The event takes place on Thursday 15th December from 6pm and is set to be a festive extravaganza featuring dramatic and musical performances from students and staff. Refreshments are also going to be provided. We really hope to see you there and bring in the Christmas season with you all.

Mrs Rawlinson and I met with parents, students and staff on Thursday night regarding our current toilet facilities in school and potential improvements that we can make to these. Parental feedback is extremely important to us in the development of our facilities to provide the best possible experience for the young people who attend here. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like to offer feedback you can attend my Headteacher forum (virtual) on the 14th December, send us an email to admin@todhigh.co.uk or pass on feedback via your child's Learning Manager. Equally my door is always open to students who want to come and make suggestions or discuss how to improve the school with me, so please do encourage your child to come and have a discussion with me if they wish to. I would like to thank the parents who did attend.

Some fundraising events have been taking place in school lately, including our Todmorden High School Christmas raffle which is being run via focus time with lots of exciting prizes to be won. Ava Spence (year 9 head student) smashed her piggy bank in order to donate to the fund, showing the true ARCH value of care. The proceeds of the raffle will go towards buying more goods for our festive food hamper drive. The festive food hampers will be donated to those in our community who really need them this Christmas. These are being assembled on Monday 12th December so there is still time to donate to them. Further information on this can be found in last week's letter [2022511-Weekly-Letter-v2.pdf \(todhigh.co.uk\)](#).



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Thank you to all students who entered the Christmas card competition, we had a wide range of entries and lots of effort had been put into their creation. I judged these this week and the winner was Amelia Stephenson (year 9) who created a Christmas card based on our core values of Ambition, Respect, Care and Honesty. I think you will all agree it is an eye catching and well thought out design. Amelia and the runners up will come and see me on Monday morning to claim their prizes, and Amelia will be given a set of 50 cards to give to her friends and family. The design will be used for our official Christmas card 2022. Well done, Amelia and to everyone else who entered!

St Joseph's Players have asked us to share their Christmas flyer with you all detailing their upcoming performance at the Hippodrome of 'Cinderella'. You can find this flyer attached to the rear of this email.

Our students' Christmas lunch is upcoming on Tuesday 13th December. Students will be served a traditional Christmas meal with all the trimmings plus a vegan option for those who choose. There will not be an alternative choice offered. Please do ensure that your child's account is topped up so they can join in with the festivities. We are really looking forward to it. On the subject of catering, Leadership have been working together with our Catering Manager to improve the catering provision and dining experience for our students. There are lots of changes coming up regarding the way we serve dinners, what we serve, and seating arrangements to help make the experience better for all. We have acted upon feedback from students, parents and also been to visit other school catering provisions to gain ideas on improving this service. We hope that our students will enjoy the changes that we put in place, and I will continue to meet with our children to gather their thoughts and opinions on what we offer.

On Thursday 8th December there will be a Progress Evening for year 9. This will be a virtual event run through SchoolCloud. Parents and carers of students in year 9 should now have received a letter about this with all the information. If you have not received this letter or are having issues logging on please contact your child's Learning Manager d.kontogiannopoulou@todhigh.co.uk.

Please remember that we break up at the slightly earlier time of 12.20pm at the end of this term. Bus companies have been notified and we will all be outside to wave goodbye to our students and see them safely off site as they go home to celebrate the festive period with their friends and families. Students return to school for a slightly shorter first week in the new year on Wednesday 4th January due to Monday being a bank holiday and Tuesday a training day for our staff.

Enjoy your weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Gill Shirt
Headteacher



ST JOSEPH'S PLAYERS

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Cinderella

CELEBRATING **70** YEARS
OF ST JOSEPH'S PLAYERS

TODMORDEN HIPPODROME THEATRE

Wednesday 11th January - Saturday 14th January 2023

7:30pm - Doors open at 7:00pm

SATURDAY MATINEE at 2:00pm - Doors open at 1:30pm

Wednesday all tickets £8.00

Concessions £8.00

Adult £10.00

Family £32.00 (Admits 2 adults and 2 children under 16 or 1 adult and 3 children under 16)

Book tickets at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/cinderella2023

or call The Todmorden Tourist Information Centre: 01706 818181

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