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Up & coming dates

Bank Holiday – Mon 19th Sept (school closed)

Photography trip – Tue 20th Sept

Y7 Progress Evening (1) – Thu 22nd Sept (tutors only) 4.30-7pm

Y11 Revision and IAG Evening – Weds 28th Sept 4.30-7pm

Y11 Geography trips (AM) – Mon 3rd Oct, Weds 5th Oct, Fri 7th Oct

ARCH Day 1 – Tuesday 4th Oct

Todmorden Together – Thu 6th Oct 5.30-6.30pm

September 16th, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the date of the State Funeral has been announced as Monday 19th September. As advised by the Department for Education and as this has been declared a Bank Holiday, Todmorden High School will be closed next Monday as a mark of respect and to give our school community the choice to engage in this solemn occasion. School will open on Tuesday 20th September at the normal time of 8.40am.



I visited St Mary's Church in Todmorden today with some of our students to lay some flowers in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Students also accompanied me to Jalib's memorial in Patmos Gardens where we paid our respects to his memory and laid a bunch of flowers for him. Jalib Naqeebi was a former student at our school who tragically passed away in the summer holidays. Our students were impeccably behaved, respectful and represented their peers in school admirably. A true representation of the ARCH values in action. I am very proud of them.



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THS has recently switched to using buFF paper for printing services. Our paper is 100% recycled.

We want to ensure all our students and their families have as much support as possible. We know that the cost of living crisis is creating many challenges throughout our community. If your circumstances have changed and you now receive additional benefits, your child may be eligible for free school meals. If you think you may qualify for this please get in touch with Mrs Wrench, j.wrench@todhigh.co.uk and she will provide you with further information.

Our gardening club started up again this week in full force, with our avid gardeners harvesting plums, green beans, apples and all sorts of other home-grown delights. Gardening club runs after school on a Tuesday and anyone is invited to join in. We have a very extensive extra-curricular timetable at Todmorden High School including steel pan, magic club, rock band and many sporting activities. We are currently adding to our extra-curricular timetable with some new activities, and this will be published online shortly. I will also feature this in my letter in the coming weeks for your attention. Please do encourage your child to attend one, or more, of our extracurricular clubs. It can be a great way to make new friends and develop skills outside of the classroom, having fun while doing so!



Next week, Story Magic Theatre School are running some creative sessions for free. Children aged 4+ are able to attend these sessions and enjoy engaging in some performing arts. Please find the flyer attached to the rear of this letter for your information.

A polite reminder that we do not allow chewing gum in school so please discourage your child from this. Additionally, a reminder that we no longer serve drinks cartons from the canteen and we ask that students bring a bottle with them to refill throughout the day. We have had an additional water fountain installed this week to aid with this.

Our Open Evening is fast approaching, and we are really excited to be able to host our first in-person Open Evening for the last three years. We will open our doors and welcome in prospective students and their families on Thursday 13th October from 6-8pm. If you, or any of your friends and family, have a child looking to join high school in 2023 or the years beyond that please do share this information with them. We would love to have as many students as possible in attendance to look round our school and meet some of our staff and students.

It is that time of the year again where we recommend our Year 11 students and their families to start looking at all of the option available in terms of their next steps into the world of post-16. College and Post-16 open days and events are an amazing opportunity for students and parents/carers to see what each individual provider has to offer in terms of departments, subjects, enrichment activities and general facilities, as well as the opportunity to meet other students and members of staff alike. Open events are a really good way to get a taste of what their next step may be like - and narrow down where they can see themselves attending.

There are a number of events coming up that we would recommend students attend - please see each provider's website for further details:

Burnley College 15/09/2022, 21/09/2022, 04/10/2022, 13/10/2022, 03/11/2022, 17/11/2022, 12/01/2023, 14/03/2023 www.burnley.ac.uk/	Hopwood Hall College 08/10/2022, 20/10/2022, 17/11/2022 https://www.hopwood.ac.uk
Rochdale 6th Form College 15/10/2022, 17/10/2022 www.altusep.com/	Crossley Heath 12/11/2022 https://www.crossleyheath.org.uk/6thapplications/
Calderdale College	Bacup & Rawtenstall Grammar

18/10/2022, 24/11/2022, 17/01/2023, 18/03/2023 www.calderdale.ac.uk	09/11/2022 www.brgs.org.uk
Nelson & Colne College 29/09/2022 (Nelson) 21/09/2022 (Accrington) www.nelson.ac.uk	Myerscough College 15/10/2022, 19/11/2022, 04/02/2023, 18/03/2023 www.myerscough.ac.uk/
Trinity 6th Form College 06/10/2022, 08/12/2022 www.sixth.trinitymat.org	Ryburn Valley School 6th Form 23/11/2022 http://www.ryburnsixth.co.uk/

Year 11 students begin a series of mock examinations on Monday 17th October that run until Friday 4th November. These will be taking place in the gym, hall, and school buildings. We would like to remind all students to show care and respect to enable our older pupils to show ambition, free from distractions, during this key time of their education. Please do encourage your child to revise at home. We also want to ask as many parents and students as possible to attend the Year 11 IAG evening on Wednesday 28th September where revision strategies will be discussed further. This will be an invaluable session building up skills for you and your child in the lead up to their GCSE examinations next year. Year 11 students will have received a letter this week regarding IAG evening and more information.

A vacancy has arisen for a print and copy assistant to join our network team in school. Our main requirement is for a colleague who is able to manage an efficient and effective reprographics provision which meets and exceeds the needs of the students, staff, and the school, supporting learning and teaching and whole school improvement. If you are interested in joining our wonderful staff team at Todmorden High School, please take a look at the recruitment section of our website to apply [Recruitment - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](http://todhigh.co.uk).

I hope that you have a restful weekend and look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Tuesday 20th September.

Yours Sincerely,



Gill Shirt



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StoryMagic THEATRE SCHOOL

KS1 Drama - 4:30-5:00 Tue 20th Sept at Tod Social Club (next to B&M)
 KS2 Drama - 7:00-8:00 Mon 26th Sept at Tod College
 11+ Drama - 5:00-6:00 Tue 20th Sept at Tod Social Club (next to B&M)
 Mixed Age Musical Theatre - 6:00-7:00 Tue 20th Sept at Tod Social Club (next to B&M)

Free places at classes are available for anyone who needs it via our access fund.
 Any questions please call Katrina on 07973 444875 or email katrina@storymagictheatre.com

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