

Up & coming dates

Y11 Mock Exams – W/C Mon 17th Oct Half Term – Fri 21/10/22 2.50pm Return to school – Monday 31/10/22 8.40am Y11 Geog trips – 7/11, 9/11 and 11/11 8.40-10.40am Y11 Progress Evening – 24/11/22 4.30-7pm Christmas show tickets on sale – 28/11/22 Ewood Lane Todmorden West Yorkshire OL14 7DG

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October 14th, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last night we had our first in-person Open Evening since the Covid-19 pandemic. It was an absolute delight to see so many young people and their families visiting our school. Prospective students and their families met Todmorden High students, teachers and co-professionals around the building in different department areas where they could find lots of interesting and exciting activities taking place. I delivered two addresses to those who attended and really enjoyed meeting those who I had the pleasure of speaking to in person. Thanks to everyone who came. If you, or someone you know, were not able to make our Open Evening please do get in touch with Mrs Thompson who would be happy to speak to you on an individual basis p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk.

Todmorden Hippodrome are putting on a production of Peter Pan from 18th-22nd October, many of our students are taking part. Please find the poster attached to the rear of this email. You can purchase tickets from here: Peter Pan at Todmorden Hippodrome Theatre event tickets from TicketSource.

We run a range of peripatetic music lessons in school. Currently we have nine tutors visiting the school weekly who offer violin, piano, drum kit, flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, bass guitar, ukulele and singing lessons. You can contact Miss Brockman via email if you need any more details or are interested in signing your child up for lessons (a.brockman@todhigh.co.uk).

Please find the updated bus times that we hold for the 592 from Burnley (which arrives in Portsmouth at the following times) - 7.45am / 8.15am / 8.45am. We strongly advise that students aim for the 8:15am bus which will ensure that they arrive at school for 8:25am in good time to start the day. We understand that the bus service can occasionally be unreliable, hence we ask those students who live in the Portsmouth/Cornholme area to plan accordingly for their journey into school to ensure they arrive on time.

We do report any complaints that we receive to the bus services and encourage parents and carers to do the same where there has been an issue with transport to school for your child. The more that we report issues, the more the bus companies do to rectify them. Together, we can continue to strive for good quality bus services for our children.

We have been hosting a number of careers assemblies in school this week and will be continuing with these in the coming weeks for year 10 and year 11. Rochdale Sixth Form College, Nelson and Colne College, Burnley College and Hopwood Hall College will all be delivering assemblies to the year groups to give them as much information as possible regarding moving forward into Post-16 studies.





Enabling individuals to unlock their unique potential

It is never too early to get students to start thinking about their next steps, and Post-16 Open Days are the perfect opportunity for this. If you could promote the following with your children, it would be greatly appreciated.

Burnley College	Hopwood Hall College
03/11/2022, 17/11/2022, 12/01/2023,	20/10/2022, 17/11/2022
14/03/2023 <u>www.burnley.ac.uk/</u>	https://www.hopwood.ac.uk
Rochdale 6 th Form College	Crossley Heath
15/10/2022, 17/10/2022	12/11/2022
www.altusep.com/	https://www.crossleyheath.org.uk/6thapplications/
Calderdale College	Bacup & Rawtenstall Grammar
18/10/2022, 24/11/2022, 17/01/2023, 18/03/2023	09/11/2022
www.calderdale.ac.uk	www.brgs.org.uk
Nelson & Colne College	Myerscough College
(none up coming)	15/10/2022, 19/11/2022, 04/02/2023, 18/03/2023
www.nelson.ac.uk	www.myerscough.ac.uk/
Trinity 6 th Form College	Ryburn Valley School 6th Form
08/12/2022	23/11/2022
www.sixth.trinitymat.org	http://www.ryburnsixth.co.uk/

Year 11 students begin a series of mock examinations on Monday that run for the next two school weeks. 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 remind your children of this prior to next week in support of our Year 11.

A reminder that we close for the October half term next Friday at the usual time of 2.50pm. Students will be welcomed back to school on Monday 31st October at 8.40am.

If you have any attendance related issues that you need to contact the school regarding please do this via the student absence line 01706813558 or by emailing Mrs Dearden at c.dearden@todhigh.co.uk. If you have any queries relating to your child's school life your first port of call is their Learning Manager. You can contact learning managers via the school telephone or by their email, addresses listed below:

- Year 7 Mrs Thompson p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk
- Year 8 Miss Crowther <u>r.crowther@todhigh.co.uk</u>
- Year 9 Mrs Kontogiannopoulou <u>d.kontogiannopoulou@todhigh.co.uk</u>
- Year 10 Mrs Stansfield <u>e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk</u>
- Year 11 Miss James j.james@todhigh.co.uk

Have a lovely week with your families, and as always please get in touch with us if you have any queries or concerns to raise. We will gladly assist you.

Yours sincerely,

Gill Shirt

Headteacher

