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Up & coming dates

Half Term – Fri 21/10/22 2.50pm

Return to school – Monday 31/10/22 8.40am

Y11 Geography trips – 7/11, 9/11 and 11/11 8.40-10.40am

HT Virtual forum – 16/11/22 3.15pm

Y11 Progress Evening – 24/11/22 4.30-7pm

Christmas show tickets on sale – 28/11/22

October 21st, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday this week I attended an event at the Town Hall regarding the ongoing cost of living crisis. The event allowed opportunities for Todmorden High School to network with organisations across sectors we hadn't met before, begin work closely with other local organisations to support the community of Todmorden and offer feedback to the council on our own experiences of how the crisis is affecting our young people and their families. We are very aware of the impact the current cost of living may be having on many of you and we are here to help if you need us. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me or a member of our school team if you are experiencing financial difficulties and need some guidance or support. You can also access some links to support via the Todmorden Town Council webpage [Help & Support | Todmorden Town Council \(todmorden-tc.gov.uk\)](http://todmorden-tc.gov.uk). There are several provisions in Todmorden to support families with accessing food packages should they need them; please take a look at the links I outline below for information:

- [Calder Community Cares Food Share Project](#) (The Food Share Project can provide food parcels in an emergency, call 0790 3452 788)
- [The Old Library Cornholme, Food Bank & Cafe](#) (The Old Library at Cornholme runs a drop in Food Bank which is open every Monday 1030-12pm)
- [Kindness Cafe](#) (The Kindness Cafe serves delicious and nutritious food and operates a 'pay it forward' scheme that allows customers to donate a meal)
- [Todmorden Food Drop in](#) (Open Saturdays at Tod College. Free food parcels, advice and support, hot drinks and food served when open)
- [Home - Simply Veg](#) Advice and guidance on introducing more veg into young people's diets while still keeping meals affordable.

We also have a stock of uniform. Do please let us know if you need any support. All requests will be dealt with confidentially and sensitively.

A message from our PE department in school. If students have got football in PE, we highly recommend that they have shin pads and football boots on during lessons and after school clubs. Similarly, if students are playing hockey, it is advisable that they wear shin pads as well as a mouth guard. We do store a small amount of equipment in school to support any families who may not be able to acquire this equipment.



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Hebden Bridge Junior Band are recruiting both brass players and percussionists. They are a non-contesting brass band for players up to 19 years and are looking to boost their team so if you are a brass player or a percussionist and you are interested in performing, please get in touch with them. The flyer advertising their band is attached to the rear of this letter. If you don't currently play, but would be interested in learning, they also offer affordable music lessons and instrument hire.

Well done to all our year 11 students who have been sitting their mock exams this week. Mock exams continue after the half term holiday for one more week. Also, a big thank you to our student community who have been thoughtful and shown the ARCH value of care of the year 11s this week by moving around the school quietly and calmly so as not to disrupt students who are sitting exams. If you are a year 11 parent and need any support for your child as they revise and study towards their GCSE exams, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Miss James as your first point of contact (j.james@todhigh.co.uk).

To enhance our Year 7 students' understanding of the erosional power of water, the geography department (with the help of a couple of historians) took 47 students to Nidderdale where they abseiled 50 feet into How Stean Gorge, slid down waterfalls, jumped off cliffs and swam through deep pools. The geography team informed me that it was a brilliant, if chilly, geography adventure. Please see our Twitter account for two students' experiences of the day.



Following the success and positive impact of the international visits funded by the Turing grant, our group of schools have managed to secure funding to offer this opportunity for a second year. We are very proud that ten of our KS4 students will have the amazing opportunity to travel to Eswatini and a further ten to Ecuador on a cultural exchange visit to support local children by undertaking voluntary work and complete some sightseeing of the local wildlife. Applications will be welcomed from all students currently in years 10 and 11 to join us on this once in a lifetime opportunity to visit Eswatini from 16th July - 30th July 2023. For more information and to apply please follow this link [Turing Scheme Schools Programme 2023 - Kaya Responsible Travel \(kayavolunteer.com\)](https://www.kayavolunteer.com), the deadline for applications is 5pm, Monday 7th November 2022.

As the planned visit to Ecuador unfortunately had to be cancelled due to political unrest, students in the initial cohort will be offered first refusal on places next summer.

Our Culinary Club made a recent visit to the Calder Cheese House in Todmorden to sample a selection of cheeses alongside their very own cheese that they had made. Culinary Club takes place on Thursdays after school, if you would like to ask any questions about it, please get in touch with Mr Morton (g.morton@todhigh.co.uk).



We close for half term at 2.50pm today and re-open for students on Monday 31st October for a school start of 8.40am. I hope you have a restful half term.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Gill Shirt.

Gill Shirt



Hebden Bridge Junior Band

WE WANT YOU

to play in our band



Rehearsals

THURSDAY EVENINGS

The Birchcliffe Centre,
Hebden Bridge

BRASS PLAYERS AND PERCUSSIONISTS

Performance opportunities
Travel
Fun
Instrument Hire
Lessons

We are a non-contesting brass band for players up to 19 years.
We play a wide range of music and perform regularly throughout the year.
We have an annual band trip, travelling across the UK as well as abroad.

Contact hebdenbrass@hotmail.com

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