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Up & coming dates

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

Armistice Day and minute's silence – 11/11 (11am)

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

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

November 4th, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, an important message regarding bullying and child-on-child abuse. Todmorden High School defines bullying as: 'the repetitive, intentional harming of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.' Our behaviour policy makes clear that bullying is not within the ARCH values or the ARCH Zone. The policy also identifies bullying as a form of child-on-child abuse and identifies how we deal with such instances. Where an incident of child-on-child abuse occurs, a staff member would upload details onto our internal system CPOMS. A weekly report is run from CPOMS to track all incidents of child-on-child abuse, including bullying. The SLPT (Student Learning and Progress Team) use this report to intervene, sanction and support students. The report is reviewed weekly to ensure the issues have been resolved or to offer further intervention where they may not have. If you have any further questions regarding this important area, please feel free to come to a drop-in session on Thursday 17th November between 4pm and 5pm with Mrs Rawlinson our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

We wanted to let you know about a new a 'choose well for mental health' guide for children and young people. The guide has been created by Southwest Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, with children and young people with lived experience, and specialist healthcare teams who work with them, carers and their families. The 'choose well for mental health' guide can be used by children and young people and/or by parents, carers, families and friends to:

- Support people in looking after their mental health and wellbeing
- Inform people about how to access the right support when they need it
- Help people know what to do if they, or someone they know, experience a mental health crisis or emergency.

You can [download a copy from the Trust website](#) or from our school website [Mental Health - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](#).

The Academy Trust Board of The Crossley Heath School is seeking to appoint a new Governing Member to their Board and are keen to attract a field from a wide spectrum of people associated with Calderdale. The Members have asked us to circulate the details of this opportunity which we have attached at the rear of this letter.



Enabling individuals to unlock their unique potential

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

A brand-new National Saturday Art Club is officially opening on Saturday 12th November. This is a partnership Saturday Art Club between Hopwood Hall College, Rochdale Campus and Touchstones Museum and Art Gallery. Each Saturday is completely free for applicants 13 – 16 years old from across Rochdale town and Rochdale townships, please note that young people need to apply here ASAP: <https://saturday-club.org/club/rochdale-hopwood-hall-college-art-design/>.

A reminder that your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals. Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- in full-time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2023. Links to apply are listed below.

CALDERDALE: <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals>

LANCASHIRE: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

ROCHDALE: <https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/benefits-money/free-school-meals>

Finally, it has come to my attention that some of our students are using electric scooters around Todmorden. It is currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement. E-scooters can present significant danger to those using them and to others, such as pedestrians and other road users, particularly when not used safely and in line with guidelines. It is worth noting that, according to law, you must be in possession of a drivers license to use these scooters – more information available at [Electric Scooter Law in the UK \[2020\] | UKscooter.co.uk](https://www.ukscooter.co.uk). While I understand that many students will be interested in having an e-scooter and that they can be purchased from many popular retailers, it is my duty for the safety of our young people and the wider community to encourage you not to buy these for your children. I have attached a poster at the rear of this letter for your consideration.

Enjoy your weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Gill Shirt
Headteacher

Electric Scooters

It is currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement.

We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can buy them from many popular retailers.



Current law

You can buy an e-scooter, but you cannot ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on a private land.

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEV's), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance

As e-scooters do not have numberplates, signalling ability and do not always have visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads.

What happens if I'm stopped by the Police

The Police will advise you of the current law about how to use an e-scooter legally and ask you to take it home. They may however still penalise you depending on the nature and gravity of the offence.

E-scooter trials

The UK Government is currently taking part in 'Future Transport Zone' trials for e-scooter hire, with a view to making them legal to use on the roads.

Enquire with your local authority for a trial closest to you.

Further information

Further details can be found on the following government website:
Powered transporters - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)





CROSSLEY HEATH SCHOOL ACADEMY TRUST LIMITED

Crossley Heath School Academy Trust Limited is looking to increase the number of Members (presently four Founding Members) by one as the wish is to provide for a more diverse range of perspectives to enable robust decision making and reduce the risk of concentrating power. It also ensures Members can take decisions via special resolutions without requiring unanimity.

The governance structure of academies

An academy trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It is an independent legal entity with whom the Secretary of State has decided to enter into a funding agreement on the basis of agreeing their Articles of Association with the Department for Education (DfE). Crossley Heath School Academy Trust Limited is a single academy trust (SAT) and so has a single funding agreement with the Secretary of State. All academy trusts, as charitable companies, have Members and Governors (the DfE term is Trustees).

Members

Academy trusts are founded by Members, who may then appoint additional Members to join them. While they must ensure they do not stray into the undertaking of the academy Trustees' role, they should assure themselves that the governance of the trust is effective, that academy Trustees are acting in accordance with the trust's charitable object(s) and that they, the Members, use their powers to step in if governance is failing. Members play a limited but crucial role in safeguarding trust governance.

They have an important role based on a number of key powers set out in the DfE's model Articles of Association and in company law. It is a similar role to shareholders of a company limited by shares. Most notably they:

- * are the subscribers to the Memorandum of Association (where they are founding members);
- * may amend the Articles of Association subject to any restrictions created by the funding agreement or charity law;
- * may, by special resolution, appoint new Members or remove existing Members other than, where there is one, the foundation/sponsor body and any Members it has appointed;
- * have powers to appoint Trustees as set out in the trust's Articles of Association, and powers under the Companies Act 2006 to remove Trustees;
- * may, by special resolution, issue direction to the Trustees to take a specific action;
- * appoint the academy trust's external auditors and receive (but do not sign) the audited annual report and accounts (subject to the Companies Act);
- * have power to change the company's name and, ultimately, wind it up.

Essential documents for further reading are:

DfE Governance Handbook Academy trusts and maintained schools October 2020;

DfE Academy Trust Governance – Structures and Roles Descriptors October 2020;



*ESFA Academy Trust Handbook 2021 (also known as the Academies financial handbook) June 2021.
Effective from 1 September 2021.*

Size of the Trust Board of Members

Academy trusts must have at least three Members, although the Department's strong preference, wherever possible, is for academy trusts to have at least five Members. Members of the academy trust must not be employees of the academy trust, nor occupy staff establishment roles on an unpaid voluntary basis.

As it is important for Members to be kept informed by Trustees about trust business in order to be assured that the Board is exercising effective governance the Head Teacher and the Chair of the Governing Body at Crossley Heath School Academy Trust Limited, although they are not Members, attend meetings of the Board.

Frequency of Meetings

Board meetings are held once a term with the December meeting being the annual general meeting (AGM). Communication is by email and papers are sent out at least seven days in advance.

Expression of Interest

Experience of school governance would be useful but is not essential, indeed, experience of the charitable sector, business or any public sector organisation should be included in your expression of interest.

If you are interested in becoming a Member of Crossley Heath School Academy Trust Limited please submit a brief (no more than one side of A4) account of your background and what you offer to the Trust to: g.fisher@crossleyheath.org.uk by midday Thursday 18 November 2021.

We will inform you by Monday 6 December 2021 if you are being invited for a brief interview with the Trust Board at the school on Monday 13 December 2021.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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