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Up & coming dates

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

Christmas show tickets on sale – 28/11/22

Headteacher virtual forum – 30/11/22

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

Christmas Concert – 15/12/22 6-7pm

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

Return to School – Weds 4/1/23

November 11th, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well. I would like to give you advance warning that our annual Presentation Evening will be a face-to-face event here in school for this first time 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 annual 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. We would love to see as many of our young people and their families as possible. This event is one of the real highlights of our year and is always a lovely event, allowing us to reconnect with our wider THS family and catch up on how they are progressing in their post 16 programmes of study.

The Headteacher's virtual forum scheduled for 16th November is cancelled. The next Headteacher's virtual forum will take place on Wednesday 30th November at 3.15pm. A link will be sent out for this event closer to the time. Please do get in touch with your child's Learning Manager if you have anything you need to discuss relating to your child or wider school life.

We have recently recruited several new staff to our team. A very warm welcome to them all.

1. Cheryl O'Gorman – School Receptionist
2. Gareth Hartley – Print and Copy Assistant
3. Marianne Jennings – Administrative, Finance and Medical Assistant

We still have a vacancy available for the role of Clerk to Governors and a recent vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant, if you would like to apply for either role, please take a look at our recruitment page for the full application pack [Recruitment - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](http://www.todhigh.co.uk).

There are several upcoming festive events taking place in the community that you may wish to attend with your child/children. Locally we have the Kids' Fest free event including exciting crafts at Todmorden Town Hall Ballroom, Sat 3rd December 2022 12.30-3.30pm. Kids' Fest also includes a free children's film at the Unitarian Church from 4pm with hot chocolate for all who attend. You can find out more information about this event on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/todmordenkidsfest/>. On the same day is Burnley College's Winter Wonderland event, poster attached to the rear of this letter.



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

Our U12 and U15 girls' football teams played Calder on Tuesday after school. Both teams have been working hard and it finally paid off. The girls showed some great skill, effort and determination in both games. The U12s won 6-2 (Connie Halstead 3, Dessie Holland 1, Maisie Ives 1, OG 1) and the U15s won 10-2 (Ruby Maddern 5, Sameeha Naseer 4, Anya Webster-Parnell 1). Not only were the girls great on the pitch, they were a pleasure to spend the afternoon with.



We are reflecting on how we best support our students with their toileting needs, working, as we are, with the challenges presented by an older style building. We would like to invite any interested parents into school on Thursday 1st December 2022 from 4-5pm to discuss how we might adapt our facilities so that students are supported as well as possible. Please do come along as we value your thoughts and feedback.

We will not be allowing the opening game of the World Cup to be shown, in full or part, in school on the 21st November 2022.

You will have received a message via Class Charts this week regarding an upcoming Ofsted Research visit to the school on Monday 14th November. Ofsted are coming to visit us to conduct research about the quality of RE delivered in schools. We were selected for this research, and we will be proud to showcase the wonderful work that goes on in our EPR department and across the school regarding RE. Please do read through the guidance document sent on Class Charts if you need any further information about this voluntary visit.

The date of the King's Coronation has been published in the media recently and we will be closing on Monday May 8th 2023, to allow our students and their families the opportunity to celebrate on this additional Coronation Bank Holiday. Please make a note of this date in your diaries.



Today I laid a wreath for Armistice Day with some of our student representatives at our Memorial Garden. We held a minute's silence across the school at 11am to remember those who gave our lives for us in the war and who have fought for our country. On Sunday some of our staff and students will attend the wreath laying in Todmorden for Remembrance Sunday.

As always if you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's Learning Manager or the reception team on admin@todhigh.co.uk who will forward your query to the relevant person. Have a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

G. Shirt
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Headteacher

Winter Wonderland

BURNLEY COLLEGE'S WINTER WONDERLAND

**SATURDAY 10:00AM –
3 DECEMBER 4:00PM**

**OUR SEASONAL SNOW-CAPPED SPECTACULAR IS
BACK FOR ANOTHER FESTIVE FEAST OF FUN!**

NO NEED TO BOOK – JUST TURN UP!

DON'T MISS

- Our captivating Christmas Market – local traders and independent retailers with unique gifts and crafts
- Festive fairground rides
- Live entertainment all day including carol singing
- Stilt walkers
- A chance to meet Santa and his elves
- Inflatable fun in Fitness Evolution
- LIVE performances of Treasure Island® by Burnley College Performing Arts Students (must be pre-booked)
- And much more!

This is a FREE family event but there may be some small charges for some activities on the day

*written by Bradford & Webster

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TREASURE ISLAND**

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