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Up & coming dates

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

Students return to school – Weds 4/1/23

November 25th, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school community continues to support the wider local community through these difficult days and whilst the cost of living is soaring. To this end, over the next few weeks and, if you can afford to, we would be delighted to accept donations into school of Christmassy goods (biscuits, cakes, chocolates etc.) so that we can make up our usual Christmas treat bags for our most vulnerable families. Please see the poster attached to the rear of this letter for more details. We are, of course, acutely aware that more people may be feeling financial strain this year and so, please, only donate if you can. Should you be experiencing particular difficulty, do reach out to us - we can point those experiencing hardship in the direction of all kinds of local support. Don't suffer in silence. We are here to help and we are all one family. This local support via festive hampers is the focus of our charitable giving, as a school, at this time. In the New Year we will be considering which particular charities we want to direct our support to for the rest of the year. The closing date for donations to the food drive is Monday 12th December 2022.

Over the next two weeks we will be holding some emergency practice for our invacuation and evacuation procedures with the students in case of an emergency situation on school site.

- Our Invacuation practice will take place on Tuesday 6th December at 13:15pm (during lesson 4).
- Our Evacuation practice will take place on Friday 9th December at 14:45pm (students will leave school 5 minutes early on Friday 9th December).

Below you will find a snapshot of what each process looks like in miniature. Students have been spoken to at length and in detail in assemblies about what they need to do in the event of either an invacuation or an evacuation in school to ensure that they are well prepared for the drill, and in case we were ever to experience a real-life emergency. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these upcoming drills, please do get in touch with us.

Invacuation

- In the event of an intruder within the perimeter (fence line) of the school site, where it is deemed that a threat could be posed to any student or staff member, the blue invacuation alarm button will be pushed.
- The alarm will sound intermittently.
- Students and staff stay inside the room or go into the nearest room when they hear this alarm.
- All occupants remain out of sight, under windows and against walls until they receive the all clear.



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Evacuation

- In the event of a bomb threat, suspicious package, biohazard, chemical spill, gas leak, smoke from a nearby fire, a natural disaster, or any other serious incident, an evacuation of all staff and students from the school site may be required. The yellow evacuation button will be pushed to initiate a whole school evacuation.
- The evacuation alarm has the same sound as the fire alarm. Therefore, on the sound of this alarm, all buildings should be evacuated as per a fire drill. The whole site evacuation instruction is confirmed by flashing red strobe lights on the outside of buildings.
- Students will leave site and go directly home.

A reminder that our school Christmas showcase 'Rockin' Around The Toddy Tree' is taking place on Thursday 15th December 2022 from 6-7pm. Tickets for this show go on sale on Monday morning from our student office priced at £4 for an adult and £2 for a child or concession. We will be selling these on a cash only basis so please do send your child into school with some money to purchase these. Alternatively, you are welcome to call into reception and speak to one of our receptionists who will gladly sell these directly to you. It looks set to be a very festive musical and dramatic extravaganza along with some refreshments provided on the night. Please do come and join us, and get the date in your diary.

My next virtual parent drop in of the year is set for Wednesday 30th November 3-4pm on TEAMS. This is an opportunity to meet virtually with me to discuss anything school related. Meetings are held on a one-to-one basis, and you will be admitted to the meeting as another person leaves, so please be patient. More information, including the link to log in, will come out closer to the time. I look forward to seeing you there.

On Thursday 8th December there will be a Progress Evening for year 9. This will be a virtual event run through SchoolCloud. All details will be shared with the parents and carers of students in this year group next week.

Our student Christmas lunch is set to take place on Tuesday 13th December this year. If your child would like to join their peers in a festive school dinner please ensure that you have topped up their account on ParentPay prior to the day.

Our school Christmas card competition closed today and we have had some absolutely fantastic entries. The winner of this competition will have their card turned into the official Todmorden High School Christmas card for 2022, and I look forward to sharing the winners and runners up with you in next week's letter.

Our school term dates for 2023-2024 have now been published on our school website. Please take a look at these and add them to your calendars and diaries. [School opening hours and term dates - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](https://www.todhigh.co.uk).

Please remember that we break up at the slightly earlier time of 12.20pm at the end of this term. Bus companies have been notified and we will all be outside to wave goodbye to our students and see them safely off site as they go home to celebrate the festive period with their friends and families. Students return to school for a slightly shorter first week in the new year on Wednesday 4th January due to Monday being a bank holiday and Tuesday a training day for our staff.

Yours sincerely,



Gill Shirt
Headteacher



Festive Food Drive

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year, but for some families Christmas can be a difficult time, particularly Financially. This year we are running our Festive Food drive once again to ensure that all families in the local area have the most wonderful time this Christmas holiday.

Donations can be made during Focus time to your Form tutor and will then be collected from a central point. Suggestions for donations are as follows:

Follows:
Chocolates
Fruit cake
Crackers
Biscuits

Other Festive items

If you can think of a family who may benefit from a food parcel, or feel that your own family might benefit, please get in touch with us via admin@todhigh.co.uk.

Closing date for donations : 12th December 2022