



**Save the date – Christmas Concert – Thurs 21/12/23, 6.00 – 7.00**

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17<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

#### Up & coming dates

Book Festival Author Visits in School - 20/11/2023

Progress Evening for Year 11 – 30/11/2023

**School Closed – INSET Day – 01/12/2023**

SEND Forum - 07/12/2023 at 4pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November there will be a Progress Evening for Year 11. 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 annual **Festive Food Drive is now live** here at THS. Any family able to is asked to donate festive food items. These can be given in via form tutors each morning. These will be made up into hampers at the end of term, and given to our most needy families in our community, so that all can enjoy the festive season. A poster is attached which will be distributed to all classrooms. The appeal will close on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Please do consider making a donation to this very worthy cause if you can. Thank you in anticipation of your generous support. Melissa Wells

Don't forget our **2023 Christmas raffle** is now OPEN too! Tickets for this super prize are just 50p. Students can buy tickets from their form tutors. All the funds raised go to supporting our Festive food drive, which aims to provide help for local families at Christmas. Please, if you are able, do support this good cause. The draw takes place on 29<sup>th</sup> November! Good luck!

Active Cornholme & Portsmouth in partnership with **Park Play** are launching **Calderdale's FREE weekly family-fun activity sessions at Portsmouth Recreation Ground on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 11am.**

Please share this information and the attached flyer with your family, friends, contacts in the area.

The **Todmorden Hippodrome** are hosting a **Christmas Fair & Tree Festival** this weekend. Miss Wells and some of our students have entered a tree. Our theme is the school ARCH values with the message '*Be an ARCHangel this Christmas*'. Key co-creators have been Kendra-Lillie Goode, Jake Bentley and Rowan Lawson, with additional help from Eve Kennedy and Ellis Fitzgerald. Special thanks also go to Sam Dewsnip, our Technology teacher for her awesome cutting skills.




Our chosen charity is Music for the Many, led by the fabulous Daniel Bath. We have been working closely with them this term as we seek to enhance access to quality music education and experience for all our students.

Why not pop down and take a look at the Hippodrome this weekend, you'd be supporting more than one charity and some local small businesses.

Miss Cooper and Mrs Pitchforth will be hosting an **SEND Forum online** on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 4pm. This will be via an appointment system. More information will be available soon.

The latest copy of our **extra-curricular timetable** is here! If your child would like to join, encourage them to speak to the member of staff in charge.

Todmorden High School extra-curricular timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English Speaking Board Invitation only Mrs Kewin Room 90	KS3 Art Club Miss Webster Room 46	KS3 Crafts Club Miss Wells Room 48	Magic Club Mr Charles Room 13	Steel Pan Club All Years Miss Brockman Stage (school hall)
All clubs finish by 4pm unless stated otherwise	Design & Technology Club All Year groups welcome Mrs Hartley Room 25 & 26	M4M Fantasy Orchestra Miss Brockman School Hall	Girls' Netball Club All Years Netball Courts Miss Creighton	 <p><b>Other opportunities:</b> Home Learning Club in the Library Every night after school until 4.00pm *Y9/10/11 – Duke of Edinburgh Award. See Miss Mullarkey for details</p>
	Girls' and Boys' Football Clubs Boys Years 7 & 8, Girls All Years Mr Duerden/Mr Bramhall/ Mr Morton/Mrs Lambert	English Speaking Board Invitation only Mrs Kewin Room 90		
	KS4 Art/Photography Club Mr Freeman Room 45	Y11 EPR Drop In (Starts October) Mr Womack Room 47		
	Geography Film Club All years welcome Miss Kinlin Room 15	Year 7 & 8 Code Club Mr McDermott Room 21		
	Drama Club (All Years) Miss Daubney Drama Studio	Y7 & 8 Science Club Mrs Ashley/Miss Smith Room 38 limited places by invitation		
	Rock Band Miss Brockman Music Room	Year 9 & 10 Boys' Football Mr Duerden/Mr Smith Field		

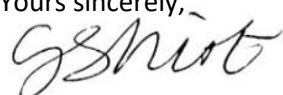
**Nasal Flu vaccinations** are taking place 05/12/2023 for the whole school. An announcement was sent on ClassCharts on Tuesday 24.10.23 with an attached letter and a link for parents to complete. The closing date is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please submit one form per child.

Planning ahead – On 13th Dec 23 please note that we will not be serving a roast dinner. We will however be serving an alternative main meal, complete with a veggie option as usual.

Please don't forget that school is closed to all on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December for an inset day.

As always if you have any concerns or wish to speak with a member of staff please get in touch with us via the website, by emailing reception at [admin@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:admin@todhigh.co.uk) or by calling school Monday-Friday between the hours of 8-4pm.

Yours sincerely,



Gill Shirt  
Headteacher

# Join ParkPlay

Make friends, have fun, get moving - FREE every Saturday morning.

#MeetMovePlay



Starts Saturday 25th November

## Cornholme-Portsmouth ParkPlay

Come and meet Kirsty & Lisa at Portsmouth Recreation Ground, every Saturday from 11:00am

ParkPlay welcomes everyone, so turn up for games, activities, fun and a community here for you.

Register at park-play.com



## Todmorden's Annual Christmas Tree Festival

Come and see 14 trees, decorated by local groups, schools and charities. Vote for your favourite and help raise money for charity.

*Gordon Rigg*  
GARDEN, HOME & LEISURE

A big thank you to Gordon Rigg for donating the Christmas Trees

### Indoor Christmas Fair

Over 20 local craft stalls for all your Christmas shopping needs

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See our  
GIANT  
knitted  
tree

£1 entry  
per adult  
All to  
charity

[www.todhip.org](http://www.todhip.org)

Hippodrome Theatre – Halifax Road – Todmorden – OL14 5BB

# Festive Food Drive

Please support the neediest families in our community by donating festive food items, if you can. Bring donations to your form room and hand them in to your tutor. The Student Leaders will collect from there. Festive food items might be:

- Boxes of biscuits
- Festive cakes
- Sweets or chocolates
- Sharing bags of crisps or snacks
- Mince pies

Once collected, these festive foods will be made up into hampers for our neediest families, so they can enjoy Christmas too. This care for others lies at the heart of our ARCH values. The deadline for donations is the morning of Monday 18th December 2023. Thank you for your support!

