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Up & coming dates

ARCH Day 3 – 10th May

DfE Y10 Bronze Expedition – 13th and 14th May

Todmorden Together – 18th May 5.30-6.30pm

Y8 HPV dose catch up vaccinations – 26th May

May half term – 2.50pm 26th May- 8.30am 5th June

Head's virtual forum – 7th June

May 5th, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to start by issuing a huge thanks to parents for your support over the arrangements for strike days, student uniform and ARCH values and for working with us to ensure that students at Todmorden High School have a great school experience. I run my virtual forum at regular intervals throughout the year so feel free to drop in and I will happily listen to feedback and queries around school life. You are also welcome to contact us by email on admin@todhigh.co.uk or speak to your child's Learning Manager.

Thank you so much for supporting our students in bringing their daily equipment. As you will know, this allows them to access their learning with ease. As we have a few students currently missing elements of their essential equipment in school, please do remind yourself of the items required by consulting the poster attached. By bringing all their equipment, and wearing their uniform correctly, students are rewarded with five Class Chart points every day, and these can go a long way to securing prizes and rewards within our student body. If you are having difficulties acquiring the correct equipment, or need support, please do get in touch. We are here to help.

Last night we had a fantastic Raising Aspirations Revision Event for our Year 10 students. We had good attendance and those who attended got to visit revision specific sessions with our teaching staff where they learned techniques and skills to help them revise as they move towards Year 11. Students were also able to visit a number of careers stalls in our canteen area and speak to careers advisors and college providers about pathways for the future. Thanks to all who attended, I hope you found the event useful.

Next week is our final ARCH Day of the year. On these days, students can develop wider learning in a whole host of fields such as citizenship, diversity, child on child abuse, health and wellbeing, relationships, finance and careers, much of which is statutory content. All the sessions are designed to offer students the chance to properly discuss and debate the issues raised and to develop their understanding of these challenging real-life issues.

The GCSE examination period begins in earnest on Tuesday 9th May and finishes on Wednesday 21st June (with a contingency day planned on 28th June). I'm sure you will not need reminding but please take time to talk with your child about the importance of these exams for our Year 11 students and how they can contribute to supporting the older students in school, particularly by changing in silence for PE lessons and being quiet when moving past the hall



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and the gym. Even though they have been working extremely hard, our Year 11 students are likely to be anxious about their exams and I'm sure they would value the support of the whole school community. Good luck in your exams to those students in Year 11, we know your hard work will be worth it.

In addition to the GCSE examinations, Year 10 will have a series of exams, some of which do count towards their final grade, and some of which are mock exams. Students in Years 7 to 9 will continue to have assessments that will inform us how much progress they have made. Please do encourage your child to show ambition to unlock their unique potential by preparing thoroughly for these assessments. Completing homework and revision is very important to prepare effectively, materials will be provided by your child's class teacher through Class Charts. Please do see the school website for further information to support with revision, that all students can use to prepare for end of year assessments, [student and parent guide to revision \(todhigh.co.uk\)](http://todhigh.co.uk).

As we move towards the second summer half term we would love to take any donations of used uniform for our school uniform shop. Please bring any shirts, skirts, trousers, blazers or ties into reception and we will gladly take these. We use our uniform shop to provide uniform for students who have lost an item, who need to change their uniform or who have failed to come in the correct uniform to school. Any donations are very welcome.

A reminder that we will be hosting a 'Good as New' stall as part of our summer celebration after school on Friday 23rd June 2023. One person's rubbish is someone else's treasure; therefore we would like to ask for donations of any unwanted possessions (such as clothing, baby gear, toys, or anything other donatable items) from all our staff and members of our community. All objects donated should be in good condition, so that they will be useful to their new owners, and we are unable to accept used underwear, of course. You can drop off any donations at our school reception on Wednesdays and Fridays between 3-4pm. Please contact Mrs Kontogiannopoulou on demik@todhigh.co.uk for any queries. As the event gets nearer, we will give more information as to the stall itself, and other elements to be enjoyed. Thankyou in anticipation of your generous support.

I hope you have a nice bank holiday weekend with your friends and family. We will look forward to welcoming our students into school next Tuesday at the usual time.

Yours sincerely,



Gill Shirt
Headteacher



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Come to the carers marketplace on

**Monday 15th May
Maurice Jagger Centre
Lister St, Halifax HX1 1UZ
10am - 1pm**

It's your chance during Dementia Action Week to access information from wellbeing and support organisations across Calderdale.

Memory Lane Café

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