



8th December 2023

Welcome to our new look newsletter.

Each week we will now be publishing this letter on ClassCharts and sharing this on our social media too. We hope this will help all of our community get the key messages from school and enable us to share and celebrate our successes with you all.

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 or by calling school Monday-Friday between the hours of 8-4pm.

Yours sincerely,

Gill Shirt

Headteacher

Up and Coming Dates



Thursday 14th December - Year 9 Progress evening

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas dinner day! Christmas jumpers welcome!!

Christmas Concert – Thurs 21/12/23, 6.00 – 7.00pm

[Please see our calendar for more dates!](#)

Home Learning



Home learning plays a crucial role in reinforcing and extending the learning that takes place in the classroom. It is a valuable tool that enhances your child's overall academic experience and contributes

significantly to their success. Home learning at Todmorden High School provides students with the opportunity to reinforce what they have learned in class. It serves as a practice session, helping them consolidate their understanding of new concepts and skills. The knowledge based tasks set on GCSE Pod, Carousel, Isaac Physics, Educake and SPARX are specifically designed to enhance complex thinking within the classroom.

These online learning platforms have the added benefit of instant feedback and support videos. Educational research shows that home learning increases student progress by five months on average. It provides a structured way to complete revision for upcoming assessments and builds good habits for success in the GCSE examinations. Finally, home learning provides teachers with insights into each student's understanding of the material that has been taught. This feedback loop enables teachers to identify areas where additional support may be needed, ensuring that students receive the help they require to succeed.

Should your child require any support with completion of home learning, they are more than welcome to attend home learning club after school in the library.

If you are taking a holiday during term time, please do not assume home learning is waived. Any questions, please contact your child's form teacher. Many thanks.

Parking at the beginning and end of the day.



At the beginning and end of the day, we have 950 students coming onto and leaving our site. We need to keep them safe at these times. There are always staff out keeping them safe from moving cars, operating the crossing so they cross Burnley Road safely and getting them to the pavement on Ewood Lane safely. In addition to this we want to work with our neighbours around school to minimise the impact on them. We have recently had more cars parking on Ewood Lane to drop off and pick up students and we know the residents of this narrow road find the traffic at these times frustrating. The Hare and Hounds car park has been in use by TV crews recently and this has put additional pressure on also.

We would like to remind all parents and carers that the safety of our students is paramount and ask all of you who drive to your children to school park respectfully and in line with the parking restrictions around school. We strongly advise you to avoid driving up Ewood Lane as it is narrow and easily congested. If frustration with others occurs please show respect for each other, our staff and the legal restrictions and road markings in the area.

Announcing our Christmas Showcase 2023!



THS Christmas Showcase 2023

Thursday 21st December at 6pm

**JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE
EVENING OF MUSIC AND DRAMA**

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL CANTEEN
AT

★ MORNING BREAK FROM 4-12-23

ADULTS £4
CHILDREN AND CONCESSIONS £2.50



Our Christmas concert will be held in the last week of school, Thursday 21st December at 6pm. Tickets are now on sale in the dining room at break time.

Presentation Evening



We had our Presentation Evening this week - What a fantastic celebration of academic and personal achievement in our school.

It was wonderful to see our latest set of alumni back and celebrate with them. We were also honored by the attendance of our local town Mayor! Pictures to follow in next week's edition!

Extra ARCH Day!



We are having an extra ARCH day on Tuesday 12th December. The focus of the day is to give our students enriching experiences outside of their normal classroom learning.

Other news

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Todmorden Folk Festival - Youth Awards For any students wishing to apply for the youth folk awards next year. Please complete the application below by following the link. The deadline for applications is 5th January 2024. Open to 11-18yr olds, individuals or groups. Please see Miss Brockman for any support with the application, or if you have any questions.

If your application is successful, the showcase concert will be held on 19th January 2024 at Fielden Hall, Todmorden. The winner will be given the opportunity to open the Todmorden Folk Festival main concert later in the year, and have a track recorded with an experienced sound engineer.

[TFF Youth Music Awards – Friday 19th January 2024 – Todmorden Folk Festival \(todfolkfest.co.uk\)](http://todfolkfest.co.uk)

Extra curricular clubs and groups

Todmorden High School extra-curricular timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	K53 Art Club Miss Webster Room 46	K53 Crafts Club Miss Hovis Room 48	Music Club Mr Charles Room 13	Steel Pan Club All Years Miss Brockman Stage (school hall)
	Design & Technology Club All Year groups welcome Mrs Hartley Room 25 & 26	English Speaking Board Invitation only Mrs Kewin Room 90	K53 Cricket Club Mr Dunderden Gym	
	Coursework catch up Mrs Lambert	M5M Fantasy Orchestra Miss Brockman School Hall		
	K53 Basketball Mr Dunderden Gym	Y11 EPR Drop In Mr Wlomack Room 47		
	K54 Art/Photography Club Mr Freeman Room 45	Year 7 & 8 Code Club Mr McDermott Room 21		
	Geography Film Club All years welcome Miss Enlin Room 15	K53 Science Club Miss Smith Room 41		
	Drama Club (All Years) Miss Dunderden Drama Studio	Year 7&8 Girls Football Mrs Lambert		
	Rock Band Miss Brockman Music Room	Girls' Netball Club All Years Miss Congdon		

All clubs finish by 4pm unless stated otherwise

Other opportunities:
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.

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