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Up & coming dates

Head's virtual forum – 14th June
Music for the Many concert – 16th June
Transition event – 23rd June
Y11 Leavers' Assembly – 27th June
Burnley College Trip (Y10) – 28th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

School information

Behaviour routines - We have been working with our students to establish ARCH values and routines in school to support with great behaviour. I am very proud of our students and our school, and these areas we have outlined to students for development will continue to keep our school great. In our assembly this week Mrs Rawlinson, Mrs Coates and I spoke to students about some new routines we are introducing and their alignment with our ARCH values including:

- Ambitions for the future and post 16 education.
- Respectful and caring interactions.
- Calm corridors.
- Respectful environments.
- Unlocking your unique potential.

Leavers' Assembly - The date of the Year 11 leavers' assembly has been moved to **4pm Tuesday 27th June**. This is a day earlier than originally planned (so those flying out on the Ecuador trip can attend). We look forward to seeing you all at this celebration event for the Year 11 students and their time at Todmorden High School.

Year 11 parents are welcome to attend, however, space will be limited in the hall, so we recommend you watch the event remotely. We will be streaming the event via Microsoft Teams; **a link will be shared on the day via the school website www.todhigh.co.uk and Class Charts**. If you do plan to attend, please be advised that due to limited space, the event is restricted to students and their parents/carers only. The assembly will also be recorded to allow you to watch it at a later date. Light refreshments will be provided. Students don't have to wear school uniform to attend, and they will have the opportunity to get their shirts signed by staff and fellow Year 11 students. Leavers' hoodies will also be distributed at this event. Students can arrive from 3.30pm and the assembly will start at 4pm. If you have any questions, please contact Miss James, j.james@todhigh.co.uk.

Permissions - We love to celebrate our students' successes in school. As part of this process, it is important that we have consent to use photographs of students, or not, in school communications. It is vital that you complete this document in full, selecting either the yes or no option. This has also been sent out as a whole school communication on Class Charts.

Please click on the link below:

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Enabling individuals to unlock their unique potential

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Uniform notices - We remain very proud of the way the vast majority of our students wear our uniform; they really do exemplify our ARCH values. As we enter, hopefully, a period of more settled warm weather, we would like to remind you that students can opt to wear smart tailored black shorts instead of full-length trousers if they wish. We will revert to the usual two uniform choices of tailored trousers or knee-length skirt in September. We would also like to remind all students about our policy on jewellery and make up. Only a single pair of studs and a wristwatch are allowed. Other items of jewellery, if seen, will be challenged and persistent offenders might find themselves facing a sanction for this. Likewise, we do not allow excessive make up, false nails, false eyelashes or nail varnish; students should expect to be challenged and may face sanctions if these are worn to school.

Finally, students may well be given the option to remove blazers once they have arrived in classrooms, but the blazer must always be worn to arrive to class. The optional layer is the jumper; the blazer is an essential item, required every day in school. Whilst all students will be expected to arrive to school, and their lessons, in their blazers – we will be allowing and encouraging students to remove their blazers once in the classroom to allow them to manage in the heat. Please do keep sending your child into school wearing their full uniform including their blazer. It would also be advisable for students to ensure they bring a water bottle with them into school to keep hydrated as we have water fountains in the canteen that students can use during their break and lunch time. Please remember we do not sell drinks in our canteen. Many thanks for your continued support of our high expectations for your children.

On the topic of uniform, 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 would be very welcome.

Virtual forum - My next Headteacher's virtual forum will be on the 14th June and is an opportunity for parents to log on and speak to me personally regarding school related concerns, compliments or suggestions. Parents are seen one at a time so do not be concerned if you are waiting a few moments in the lobby. I look forward to seeing some of you there.

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School events

Music for the Many - Fast approaching is the launch of the Music for the Many Youth Orchestra, developed to give the young people of Todmorden the opportunity to play classical music in a proper orchestra. This event will be on Friday 16th June at 6pm at Todmorden High School. Contact Music for the Many if you would like to attend and show Todmorden's young musicians some extra support.

Talent Show - Ava Spence has been working to organise a talent show which will take place on Friday 23rd June after school. We have had some wonderful entries but we are still looking for more talent! If your child has a talent they would like to entertain others with and showcase, please get in touch with Miss Brockman a.brockman@todhigh.co.uk and let us know. We would be delighted to have more entries.

Donations needed - 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. Thank you in anticipation of your generous support.

Community events and information

Music for the Many - Tonight at Fielden Hall, starting 7pm. Featuring The Greyhounds, a beautifully lyrical group performing traditional songs and original works, with an illustriously musical line-up of Rachel Gladwin (harp), Sarah Dale (cello), John Ellis (keyboards) and Sonya Moorhead (voice). They will be performing their recent critically acclaimed work, *Opal's Comet*. There will be musical support from the Choir of Ferney Lee School. Admission, as always, is by donation. You can book ahead on Eventbrite here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-greyhounds-in-aid-of-music-for-the-many-tickets-636241935757?aff=oddtcreator>

Have a fantastic weekend and we will look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday morning.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Shirt', written in a cursive style.

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Headteacher