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Up & coming dates

Food practical exam – 14th – 16th March
Strike days – 15th and 16th March
Year 10 Progress Evening – 23rd March
Ski trip departs – 31st March
Easter holidays – 31st March
Students return to school – 17th April
Year 7 Progress Evening – 20th April 4.30-7pm

March 10th, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're working very hard to educate our students about positive strategies they can use to protect their mental health. A lot of the work we undertake involves talking about phone usage. Our advice would be that no child has a phone in their bedroom overnight. In addition, if children use instant messaging within a games console, advice is that this is also removed overnight and this can be done simply by removing a power lead at an appropriate time. Children need a break from the addictive stimulation phones provide through games and social media and a break from constant communication. We understand many students use their phone as an alarm; we would recommend buying a cheap alarm clock to replace the phone.



A reminder regarding the strike action and how it will affect our students. A letter was sent to parents via Class Charts on 8th March with a follow up text message and it also went on our social media and website. School will be closed to all students on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March, excluding those who have been specifically referred to in my letter. Please ensure that you have read this letter and, if you have any questions, do get in touch. I will continue to keep lines of communication open for parents/carers regarding any upcoming strike action.

Please do not pick up your child from Ewood Lane, please wait on the Hare and Hounds car park instead. We have received several emails from residents regarding this issue, residents need to be able to access their houses so please show consideration regarding this. It causes congestion when parents wait to collect their children on Ewood Lane. Thank you for your support with this.

Although there is absolutely no expectation for students to dress up for their Prom, we know that many students like to, and we are keen to support as many of our students as possible. Therefore, we are asking for donations to our "Prom Shop" so we can help students who may need it. We would be very grateful for donations of dresses, accessories (handbags, shoes) and shirts, ties or suits. Please contact j.james@todhigh.co.uk if you are able to help.



Enabling individuals to unlock their unique potential

THS has recently switched to using buff paper for printing services. Our paper is 100% recycled.

Details of how to order a Leaver's hoody for Year 11 students has been sent out via Class Charts. Please note that the ordering process is wholly online this year. The deadline for ordering is 31st March. If you have any queries, please contact Miss James.

Calderdale MBC has been working in partnership with Canal & River Trust to explore potential alterations to Kilnhurst Weir. They would be grateful for any feedback on their Your Voice Page <https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/kilnhurstweir>. Ideally, they want feedback how people use the canal towpath and specifically the weir.



Hopwood Hall are running their Animal Academy for students aged 13-16 over the Easter Holidays. Delivered by Hopwood Hall's in-house team of zoologists and expert tutors, these immersive programmes are set to give young people 24 hours of highly sought-after practical experience - perfect foundations for a career in working with animals. Animal Academy students will learn all about the unique lives of our endangered animals at Hopwood Hall College, we have over 500 animals here, including meerkats, flamingos, wallabies and alpacas to name but a few so this promises to be an amazing experience. **Courses will be held on the following weeks 9am until 3pm: Monday 3rd April until Thursday 6th April and Tuesday 11th April until Friday 14th April.** You can book a place following this link: [Hopwood Hall College Store](#)

There are lots of events coming up for students over the Easter break. Calderdale are running their Healthy Holidays Spring programme; I have attached a flyer to the rear of this letter for your notice.

Our History department are running their Easter competition which is open to all students in all year groups. To take part, students need to decorate a hard-boiled egg to look like a historical character. We hope to get lots of entries, please take a look at the poster at the rear of this letter for more information.

Last week THS had our annual EPR study weekend at Barmoor in Hutton-Le-Hole. Students participated in 3 sessions on religion and the environment, as well as completing a Jericho style prayer walk, visiting Whitby Abbey and attending a service at the historic church of St Mary's Lastingham. Naturally there was also time for fun and recreation with groups being split into 4 competing teams named after the scholars we studied. As part of the weekend, students experienced communal living whereby they were responsible for dish washing, vacuuming their rooms and serving others. The feedback from the places we visited was extraordinary, and we fully agree. We have some fantastic students at THS and in the EPR dept. As we now move into the exam season, the students are not only equipped with more knowledge and understanding but are also able to carry fond memories of our time into the future. Well done Y11.

One of our Year 8 students Luke triumphed on the European gold tour at Hesketh Golf Club during the half term holidays and earned himself a place on the Champion of Champions in Ireland next year. During the competition Luke shot a 73 gross – spectacular! Well done Luke!



Yesterday the school hosted 17 external providers at our Careers Fair in the school Gym ranging from 6th form colleges, RAF, Navy, and our Emergency Services, to university providers and Environmental Agencies.

Throughout the day every student was given the opportunity to attend to enable them to ask questions and start thinking about their



future career pathways and some of the options open to them. There was a fantastic atmosphere in the Gym. All the stall holders were very complimentary and extremely impressed with the politeness, maturity and how prepared our students were, as demonstrated by their engagement with them. Thank you for any preparation and discussion you had at home in the lead up to this event to get your child thinking about their career options. We are delighted with such a successful and worthwhile day - please keep having these discussions at home. Thank you to Mrs Parker for organising the event, Mrs Parker is our new careers lead in school. You can find out more about how we support students with their future prospects on our website [Careers programme information - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](https://www.todhigh.co.uk).

On Thursday 23/03/2023 there will be a Progress Evening for Year 10. 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.

As always, if you have a query or concern, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely,

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

Gill Shirt
Headteacher

JOIN THE FUN THIS SPRING AND ENJOY A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE SPRING PROGRAMME

This Spring, during the April school holidays, children and young people aged 5-16 eligible for benefits-related free school meals are invited to take part in a range of exciting and fun activities through the Healthy Holidays Calderdale Programme.

The scheme provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe and fun environment.



To book scan the QR code or visit healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/

You will need to register your child on the booking system before booking your place directly through the provider. There may also be sessions available for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

For more information on the programme and support in booking a place on the spring programme please contact:

Facebook: @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale

Twitter: @HAFCalderdale

Website: www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays

Email: healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk





HARD-BOILED HISTORY

HISTORY EASTER EGG COMPETITION

The history department are running their Easter Egg Competition, which is open to all students at Todmorden High School.

To take part, you need to decorate a hard boiled egg to look like a famous **person from history**.

There will be prizes for **best individual egg** and **the best scene** (which can include multiple eggs) across all year groups.

The history department will judge all the entries and determine the winners, who will receive prizes and ARCH points.

Bring your egg to your history teacher, or email a photograph. The deadline is **Wednesday 29th March**, with the winners announced on Friday.

We're excited for your eggcellent designs!

