



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

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Up & coming dates

Half Term - Return Monday 06/11/2023

Uniform Forum - 09/11/2023 at 5pm

Revision Forum - 16.11.2023 at 5pm

Remembrance Parade - 12/11/2023

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

SEND Forum - 07/12/2023 at 4pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Half term begins today! We wish you a great week!

Please note, we return at the usual time on **Monday 6th November**. Halloween and Bonfire Night are exciting points in Autumn and we hope that you, your children and families will celebrate safely. There is information at the end of this newsletter to help keep you safe.

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. Please can you do this as soon as possible, Thank you!

We will be once again taking part in the **Remembrance Sunday Parade** on Sunday 12th November. If any student would like to join us, we will be meeting by the bowling greens at 10.45am; the student leaders will be there. There will also be a two-minute silence and the last post will be played at 11 am on Friday 10th November. We will also lay a wreath at the front of Whirlaw.



A reminder that **chewing gum** is not allowed in school. Please could you pass this reminder on to your child as chewing gum will be confiscated if it is brought into school. Thank you!

The weather is worsening as we head toward Winter. Please ensure that you send your child to school in a **waterproof, warm coat** and it would be advisable to put any paper documents (such as the essential knowledge book or exercise books) in a plastic bag inside your child's rucksack to avoid them becoming wet through. A reminder that students should not attend wearing **hoodies** as these are not part of our school uniform rules.

Parental consent form - use of
child's image



We love to celebrate our students' successes in school. It is important that we have consent to use photographs of students. It is vital that you complete this document in full, selecting either yes or no option. Please click on the link below or use the QR code (left).

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=V6IP4C5ZDkWYwW09OkgaWHmMfy7gLgdJr9Xam0EPjklUMDVDNUxHUIhNV1A4V1haNTQ4QjZERIM5US4u>

Arrangements and decisions are in process for both the **Skiing Trip** and the **Battlefields Trip**. We will let you know very soon if your child has been selected.

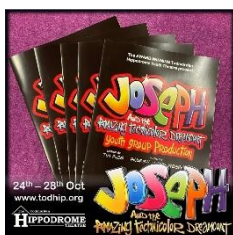
The Y9 and Y11 first **Data Check Reports** will be coming home soon. Below is the schedule for when to expect these reports for all year groups.

Year group	Data Check Reports home	Dates
Year 7	DC1 Home	w/c 29/01/2024
	DC2 home	w/c 15/07/2024
Year 8	DC1 home	w/c 29/01/2024
	DC2 home	w/c15/07/2024
Year 9	DC1 home	w/c 27/11/2023
	DC2 home	w/c 15/07/2024
Year 10	DC1 home	w/c 29/01/2024
	DC2 home	w/c 15/07/2024
Year 11	DC1 Home	w/c 20/11/2023
	DC2 home	w/c 18/03/2024

Ms Rawlinson will be hosting a **Uniform Forum** on Thursday 9th November at 5.00 pm. This is a chance to ask questions about and discuss our uniform To join, follow this link on the night <https://tinyurl.com/4x9jeedx>

Mr Nalborczyk will be hosting a **Revision Forum** on Thursday 16th November 2023 at 5.00 pm. This is a chance to find out more about how to support your child as they begin their revision journey for exams. To join, follow this link on the night <https://tinyurl.com/kwh4nett>

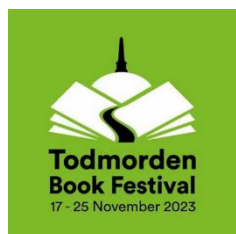
Miss Cooper and Mrs Pitchforth will be hosting an SEND Forum online on Thursday 7th December 2023 at 4pm. This will be via an appointment system. More information will be available soon.



Congratulations to all our students and staff that were involved in **Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat** at the Todmorden Hippodrome this week. It was a stunning show! There might still be tickets left for tonight or Saturday – if you're lucky!

Book at: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/todhip>

Music 4 The Many are hosting a fundraising concert at Fielden Hall tonight, featuring Yorkshire folksong superstar, Alice Jones. As well as Alice's beautiful renditions of traditional songs from Yorkshire and beyond, there'll be a chance for you to find out more about the *Colourchord* harmony singing project that they've been running here in school. Tickets can be booked here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alice-jones-in-aid-of-music-for-the-many-tickets-719407115047?aff=oddtcreator>



It's **Todmorden Book Festival** next month - there are several well-known and highly-renowned authors taking part in the festival, including Adele Parks, Mick Herron, Joelle Taylor and Linda Green. The programme also includes a visit to Todmorden High by authors Melvin Burgess and Pete Kalu, who will be speaking to year 9 about their work. You can check out the programme and book tickets at [2023 Programme - Todmorden Book Festival](#) or students can pick up a programme from Mrs Brown at the library if they

have not already been given one. We have been given a discount code for half-price Adele Parks tickets (use APDISC50 at checkout) and u18s go free - making it a great night out for all ages.

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



DON'T BE THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR DESTROYING A FAMILY, OR YOUR COMMUNITY

#BonfireSafe

Scan the QR code for West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service bonfire safety advice, or visit:
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Celebrate Safely: Follow The Firework Code

- Plan your firework display; making it safe and enjoyable, and make sure it finishes before 11 pm.
- Only buy fireworks that are CE-marked. Keep them, in a closed box, and use one at a time.
- Always read and follow the instructions on each firework. (Use a torch if you need to).
- Keep an arms-length distance with a taper and stand well back when lighting fireworks.
- Keep naked flames like cigarettes, away from fireworks.
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Do not put fireworks in your pocket, and never throw them.
- Fire any 'rocket' type fireworks well away from spectators.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Make sure that any bonfires are out and the surroundings are made safe before leaving it unattended.

For more information scan the QR code on the front of this flyer or visit:
westyorksfire.gov.uk/bonfire-night-safety

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or email: hello@anisalewis.com

September
14th, 12.30 pm

Confidence

October
12th, 12.30 pm

Behaviour

November
16th, 12.30 pm

Anxiety

December
7th, 12.30 pm

Emotions

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November

16th @ 12.30pm

Anxiety
(3 to 18-year-olds)

Does your child show signs of anxiety?

What exactly is anxiety?

How can I support my child with anxiety?

Anxiety can manifest in our children through constant worry, excessive avoidance, social fearfulness, perfectionism and irritability.

If this resonates with you and you are curious join Anisa (Parenting Coach) on the 16th November for her monthly Free Parenting Clinic, this talk is focused on Anxiety and what we can do to support ourselves and our young people.

Join us on zoom, for the 30-minute talk.

Book here:

<https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>

or

email: hello@anisalewis.com for the booking link