



**Up & coming dates**

DfE Y10 Bronze Expedition – 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May

Todmorden Together – 18<sup>th</sup> May 5.30 – 6.30pm -

CANCELLED

Y8 HPV dose catch up vaccinations – 26<sup>th</sup> May

May half term – 2.50pm 26<sup>th</sup> May- 8.30am 5<sup>th</sup> June

Head’s virtual forum – 7<sup>th</sup> June

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May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that the GCSE examination period has begun and students in year 11 are now sitting exams in their subjects. Exams will be running throughout June until the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month. If you haven't already, please help to support our year 11 cohort by taking time to talk with your child about the importance of these exams for our Year 11 students and how they can personally contribute to supporting the older students in school, particularly by changing in silence for PE lessons and being quiet when moving past the hall and the gym. We ask that all students continue to embody the values of respect and care while year 11 go through the culmination of their work towards the value of ambition. 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. To support these conversations at home we have recently shared a PowerPoint with rules and expectations for the exam period.

Year 10 are also scheduled to sit their mock examinations in June. Staff are working hard to support year 10 with revision for these important mock examinations which will give them a flavour of the real experience of sitting an exam at GCSE level. Please do see the school website for further information to support with revision [Revision By Subject - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](http://www.todhigh.co.uk).

This week students engaged in our final ARCH day of the year covering a wide range of topics including interview mortgages, taxation, childbirth and local religions among much more. Additionally, a trained team of Y10 students delivered CPR training to the rest of the year group. We are thankful to all involved in preparing the day with special



thanks going to the EPR Prefect team who, for the first time, compiled the teaching resources. We offer three ARCH days across the year to allow students concentrated time to spend on PSHCE topics and to explore challenging themes. Huge thanks to Mr Womack for his hard work in planning and arranging these days for our students, they are always thoroughly enjoyed and valued by both teachers and students in school.

Our student leadership team had a meeting with Calderdale this week to conduct a survey around transport to and from school. Students represented a number of methods of travel including walking, bus and train, and provided valuable insight to the council to help continue to develop this important area for our student body. Thanks to our student leaders who attended for their contributions here.



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

The Todmorden Together meeting scheduled for next Thursday has been postponed to the Autumn term, please remove this from your diary if you were intending to attend.

Please ensure that you send your child to school with a water bottle as we do not sell drinks in school. Students need to have a water bottle with them at all times as part of their essential equipment and to ensure they are adequately hydrated throughout the school day. We have a number of drinking fountains in school from which students can access fresh drinking water in their break times.

Next week is National Mental Health Awareness week. Mr Starr has been working hard to put together some useful and informative sessions for our students to engage in across the week, as well as some wider mental health and wellbeing activities for students and staff to enjoy. To find out more about the week please visit the official website [Mental Health Awareness Week 2023 | Mental Health Foundation](#). Mr Starr is our Mental Health Lead and can be contacted on [g.starr@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:g.starr@todhigh.co.uk) should you need to speak to someone in school regarding mental health support for your child. Please follow our social media accounts by using the QR codes below:



Our Duke of Edinburgh Year 10 Bronze expedition goes out this Saturday departing at 8am from the Hare and Hounds car park. Students will orienteer a walking route carrying their camping equipment with them and then set up camp for the night before completing the expedition the following day. Students have been working hard to engage in all modules of the Duke of Edinburgh award, we hope the expedition goes well and will look forward to hearing about their adventures – looking at the forecast they certainly have fantastic weather for walking. Many thanks to Miss Mullarkey and the staff who are camping overnight to support our students in attending their bronze award.

Finally, a reminder of our school rules in terms of appearance and presentation:

- Single, plain ear studs are permitted but must be removed for PE. No other piercings allowed.
- No excessive make-up.
- No nail varnish, gel nails or false eyelashes.
- No rings, necklaces, bracelets or other jewellery except for one single, plain ear stud in each ear as specified above.
- Students who use henna in their cultural celebrations should avoid applying it to their nails as it looks like nail varnish and cannot be removed. Henna patterns on hands, which fade quite quickly, are acceptable.
- No hoodies or other non-uniform jumpers.

Please can we ask that parents continue to support us with this by ensuring your child does not leave home for school wearing any of the above items. Students who attend school wearing the above will be asked to remove these and appropriate sanctions issued if students refuse to do so.

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