



15th December 2023

Only 1 more week of school to go before we break up and finish this term. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very festive holiday and a Happy New Year!

As always, any concerns or if you 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



Wednesday 20th December - Christmas dinner day! Christmas jumper's welcome!!

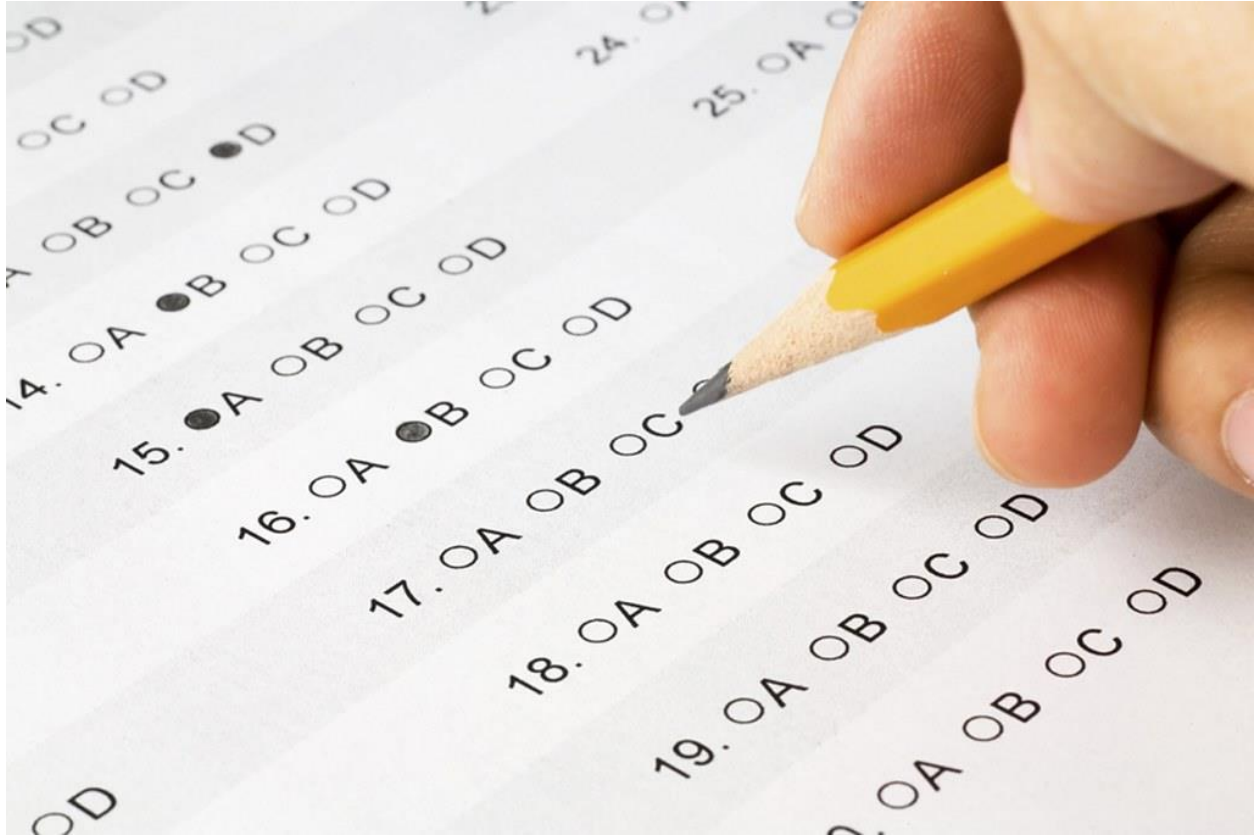
Christmas Concert – Thurs 21/12/23, 6.00 – 7.00pm

School closes for Christmas break on Friday 22nd December Noon!

Back to school Tuesday 9th January.

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

Year 11 Mock Exams



After the Christmas break, Year 11 will begin a full series of mock examinations. These will run from the 15th - 26th January. Mock examination timetables will be given to students in due course. Please encourage your child to complete revision for these examinations. They are an important part of preparation for the summer exam series and help teachers to predict grades for college applications.

Students all have access to GCSE Pod, Carousel, SPARX and the revision area of the school website which can be found here <https://www.todhigh.co.uk/learning-and-teaching/revision-by-subject/> as well as work set by their teachers to help guide them through the revision process.

Can I also please take a moment to place emphasis on the importance of following the examination rules during these mock exams. Students need to ensure they have the correct equipment and no electronic of mobile devices on them during the exam. These should be switched off and in bags. Again, this is in preparation for the full exam series and important in building good habits. We wish all students the best of luck in these examinations.



Targeted academic sessions for KS4

At the start of this academic year we adjusted the way we select and support students for what we have previously called 'intervention' or 'revision' sessions after school. Our targeted academic sessions means we are using the information from students' assessments and specifically planning a series of sessions that are intended to close a knowledge gap for the students selected or support them in practising a skill that is key to the examination specification.

These sessions are intended to support **our school vision of unlocking the unique potential of every student**. We are aware that some students see these sessions as a negative thing, however being invited to one of these groups will not necessarily mean that the student is not doing well in that subject, rather that we believe that they could, with a short, tailored period of intervention, do even better. The selections for the groups are made by our curriculum leaders based on assessment information. The sessions run in a period 6 slot that shows on the student's timetable. If your child is invited to one of these sessions you will receive a class charts notification and a letter explaining the subject and reason they have been selected. The letter will also ask you to confirm your child's attendance so we and you know where they are at these times.

There are some sessions where we have additional places beyond the students we are identifying. If you would like your child to attend these sessions we are now running an opt-in process. In the first instance please let the class teacher for the subject you would like to opt in to know that this is the case and they will follow our in school system for this.

We are also aware that getting home after the sessions is a barrier for some students. If this is the case please let us know as we may be able to help support your child getting home.

Should you have any questions about this please contact Mr Coates an.coates@todhigh.co.uk or your child's Learning Manager.

Presentation Evening Photos!



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!





Making headlines!



We are very proud of one of our students for raising awareness of epilepsy, which has made the local paper! Well done Pippa Meadowcroft!

[Bacup girl, 15, raises awareness of epilepsy after diagnosis | Lancashire Telegraph](#)

Christmas Dinner Day!



Christmas lunch for Todmorden High School students is on Wednesday 20th December. All are welcome to join for a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. If you have dietary requirements other than vegetarian and you would like a meal please let us (c.dearden@todhigh.co.uk) know by Monday 18th December so we can ensure you are fully catered for. Prices are the same as a regular school dinner £2.00 for a main meal and £2.60 for a meal deal, unless they are entitled to a free school meal.

In addition, on Wednesday 20th December we invite you to further join in the festivities by wearing a Christmas jumper alongside your regular uniform. The Christmas jumper will replace school jumper's.

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.

Other news



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.

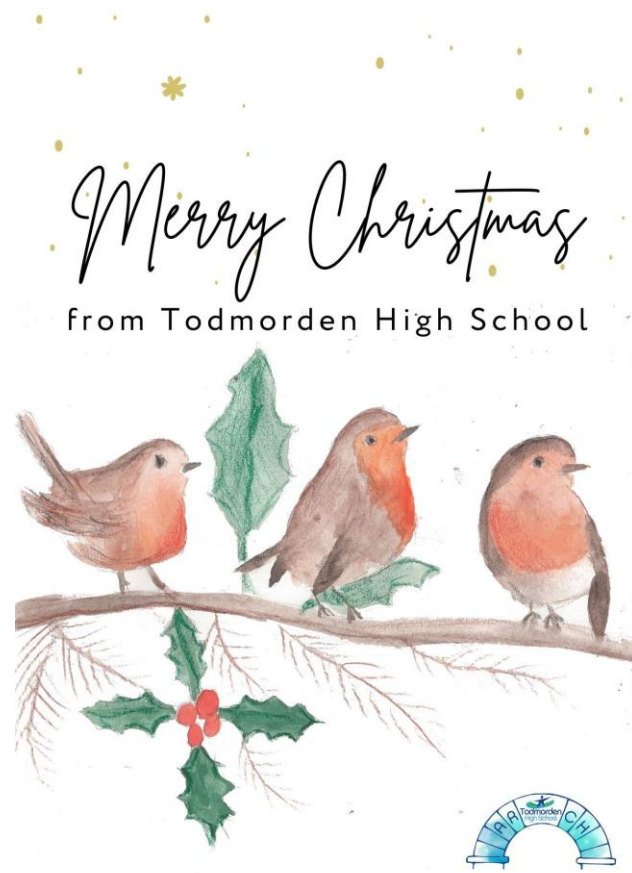
[TFF Youth Music Awards – Friday 19th January 2024 – Todmorden Folk Festival \(todfolkfest.co.uk\)](https://todfolkfest.co.uk)

Our Christmas Card Competition winner!



Well done to the students who entered this years Christmas Card competition! Entries were superb, and the students should be very proud of themselves!

The winner is.. Lucy Cook! Well done to Lucy for her entry!



The last day of term



On our last day, Friday 22nd December, we will be dismissing the children at noon.

Students that live in the Bacup area will be escorted down to Todmorden bus station to enable them to catch the 12.20pm bus.

Any children who are eligible for a free school meal are welcome to collect this from our canteen as they leave.

Students are back to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.