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July 14th, 2023

Up & coming dates

York Trip EPR – 17th July (year 10 only)

Sports Day – 18th July

Salford Quays Trip Geog – 19th July (year 10 only)

Students break up from school – 21st July 12.20pm

GCSE results day – 24th August (info to follow)

Return to school – 6th September (staggered return)

Dear Parents and Carers,

School information

Catering – I regret to inform you that school has had to make an increase to catering costs. From September 2023 school dinner prices will be £2.60 for a main meal and dessert. This price rise is due to increased costs of food, although some of the increased costs have been absorbed by the school as we appreciate there is a cost of living crisis.

Free school meals - Applications for free school meals are now online, please contact the school if you need support. See details below on how to apply for your area.

Calderdale: <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals>

Lancashire County Council: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

Sports day postponed - Our sports day planned for this week has been postponed to next Tuesday 18th July due to thunderstorms forecast.

KS3 celebration evening – our KS3 celebration evening took place on Wednesday this week after school. Thanks to all who attended it was lovely to celebrate the success of our year 9 students following the end to their time in our KS3 year groups. They move on to their GCSEs next year and their journey towards post 16 education and their future careers. Well done year 9.

Summer show – the summer show took place last night and was absolutely fantastic. Thank you to all who came to watch our talented students showcasing their musical and dramatic skills. I was very proud of the students. Thank you to Miss Daubney and Miss Brockman for organising.

Leavers and starters – we have a number of staff leaving this summer and some new staff joining us in September. We wish all the colleagues leaving us all the best for their future and look forward to welcoming our new staff in the new term. A summary of changes to staffing is below. In other news, Miss Daubney is moving into our ICT and iMedia department and being replaced by Mrs Lupton in Drama.

Leaving us are - Miss Brown (LSA), Miss Wright (LSA), Mrs Wheeler (LSA), Miss Smith (LSA), Mrs Stretton (numeracy mentor), Mr Johnson (estates), Mr Lowe (science), Mr Smith (maths), Mr Ryan (ICT), Mrs Timewell (Ewood) and Mr Smith (science).

Joining us in September are – Mrs Lucas (LSA), Miss Page (LSA), Mrs Asad (LSA), Miss Green (LSA), Miss Smith (science), Miss Collins (science) and Mrs Gledhill (cover leader).



Enabling individuals to unlock their unique potential

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

School news

Reading rewards - Six students from Years 7 to 9 were this week rewarded for their enthusiastic approach to reading during this academic year. Austin Dyer, Eve Kennedy, Lucy Cook, Caleb Crisp, Iris Dalton and Ryan Smith were all rewarded with a certificate and a brand-new book from our school vending machine. Well done!



Student teacher - This week Raqib, who is in year 9, delivered a talk on Islam to year 7. He did a fantastic job and was able to answer lots of the class's questions. We think he would make a brilliant teacher. Well done.

Water safety – Members of the fire service have been in speaking to our students about water safety. They have delivered important messages about how to stay safe whilst swimming, and the essential message of 'floating to live' if you experience cold water shock. We encourage you to speak with your child/ren about these messages and ensuring they remain safe throughout the summer.

Time for tea - This week the gardening team began to process the dried melissa, mint and feverfew which has been drying. This will be added to envelopes and sent out as Tod High loose-leaf tea. It has an excellent fresh lemon taste with headache and stress reducing properties. Next week the gardening team will be harvesting soft fruit to make smoothies to celebrate the last session.

There will still be tomatoes, pumpkins, artichoke and a myriad of fruit to harvest post August. Well done to our brilliant team of dedicated gardeners. Special thanks go to Mr George for helping the gardening team out with all of their technical needs.

Saikyo soup - We have been linking up with Japan, taking part in an international soup making event and meeting together to share what we do in school. Please click below to watch our video about Saikyo Soup and our gardening team! <https://youtu.be/FNaNVfkHPaM>



Other events

Animal Academy – Hopwood Hall - This incredible 5-day adventure is for young people aged 13-16 who aspire to develop a career working with animals. Delivered by Hopwood Hall's in-house team of zoologists and expert tutors, these immersive programmes are set to give young people 30 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 the endangered animals at Hopwood Hall College, they have over 500 animals, 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 31st July until Friday 4th August**
- **Monday 14th August until Friday 18th August**

You can book a place following the link below:

[Animal Academy - Hopwood Hall College and University Centre](#)



Cloud youth club - Cloud run a weekly youth club for young people aged 11+ from their base at Machpelah Mill in Hebden Bridge. They are a safe, drop in space where young people can socialise, meet friends, take part in arts, crafts, sporting and musical activities, join a core group of young people influencing how the youth club is run, learn how to run a campaign and to support social justice across our area, nationally and internationally. CLOUD is run by trained and experienced youth workers. Young people attending can have a nutritious and healthy tea and there's a range of snacks and drinks available. There is no cost to attend. They are open every Wednesday 3.30pm - 7.00pm.

Please see the back of my letter for some leaflets regarding holiday activities and much more.

End of school year – As we usually do, school will close early on Friday 21st July for the summer holidays. Students will be dismissed from school site at 12.20pm. Please ensure you have planned to account for this. Students who live out of area will be supported with their journey home at the slightly earlier time of 11.15am.

Start of next school year – We will be writing home to parents within the next week with details of return to school arrangements for September as year groups will arrive at different times on a staggered start. We will also publish this information on our website. Don't forget that our school day has changed as of September and that students will be arriving from 8.30am and finishing at the slightly later time of 3pm. You can view our school day on the website [School opening hours and term dates - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](http://todhigh.co.uk).

Apprenticeship opportunity – Vision graphics are looking to employ an apprentice. I have included the spec at the rear of the letter.

As always if you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us on the details at the head of this letter, via your child's Learning Manager or through our school website.

Yours sincerely,

Gill Shirt
Headteacher

June 2023

CLOUD SUMMER UPDATE

July Activity Schedule

5th - Lego Tournament

12th - Branching Out Session

19th - End of School Summer Disco & Karaoke

Reopens Wednesday 6th September 2023

NEW Registrations welcome!

We've recruited 3 new team members
Watch this space to find out more about them!



Shine the Spotlight!

We want to say a huge THANK YOU to Grace Moore (Age 14), our new young person volunteer, who assists us every Wednesday and was part of our recruitment team for our new staff members. We are delighted to be developing new skills for Grace and supporting our aims of involving young people in everything we do!

Forest School Dates

Saturday 8th July

Monday 31st July

Friday 25th August

Friday 1st September



Call or text Nessa 07786 080806 to book your place!



Mayor's Safer




Communities Fund



Healthy Holidays @ Orange Box 2023

F R E E O P E N A C C E S S

A G E S 13 to 19 yrs old 24th July to 1st Sept

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
 AJ Dance 12:30pm - 1:30pm	 Rap with Rob 1:30pm - 3:30pm	 Boxercise with Junied 3pm - 4pm	 Art with Jake Attree 12pm - 4pm	 Indoor Cinema 12pm - 4pm

Skate it Yourself Open Skate Sessions
Mon - Fri 12pm - 4pm





Table Games & Activities in the Atrium
Pool, Air Hockey, Foosball, Karaoke & Arts and Crafts
Mon - Fri 12pm - 4pm





Indoor Games in the Box Below
Mon - Wed 12pm - 4pm



Bounce Workout
12:30pm to 1:30pm



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Bouldering Tunnel
Mon - Fri 2pm - 3pm




Free Hot Meal
Available Mon - Fri
12:30pm - 1:15pm





HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE
Project Challenge
Believes in Young People

IMAGINATION
GAMING



FREE
Family Fun
Activities



Littleborough Library

FREE

Family Drop In
Summer Reading
Activity

Thursday
31st August
12.00 - 4.00 pm



The Summer Reading Challenge is back and the theme for the challenge this year is 'Ready, Set, Read!'

Imagination Gaming are ready to help bring this challenge to life with lots of tabletop games and fun indoor activities.

Come and join us for oodles of fun... learning and playing some of the coolest, smartest, fast witted and amusing board games from across the world. Games that are easy to pick up but hard to put down! The cornerstone of our ""Learn to Play, Play to Learn"" motto.

With lots of new games hot off the press, robotics, coding and problem solving our mind-bending puzzles are guaranteed to make you smile!



ROCHDALE
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Apprenticeship opportunity

Graphic Designer

ABOUT US

Vision Graphics UK Ltd are a vinyl graphics and signage company based on Billington Road Industrial Estate in Burnley. We design, manufacture and fit all types of products, such as:

- Vehicle graphics & signwriting, ranging from full wraps to small decals
- Safety signage for small, medium and large businesses
- Furniture, wall and door wraps using a variety of materials and textures
- Vinyl printed wall art and designs

We do a lot of work with the NHS and various local councils and sports centres. Work is varied and can be very different from day-to-day. We mostly work with local companies, but can occasionally work away on select jobs for a few days to a week at a time. One day a week will be designated as a training day, working towards a qualification as a Level 3 Signage Technician.

ABOUT YOU

We are looking for a driven individual with a strong attention to detail and a willingness to learn. Experience in graphic design would be a positive but isn't a necessity for the right person. Good tech skills are a must, with a good understanding of computers and an interest in art being a big positive.

Our most used program for designing is Adobe Illustrator, with additional programs used to print on our large format printers and cut on our vinyl plotters. You would be responsible for providing mockups & proofs of vehicles/signs for us to manufacture, as well as turning these into print/cut ready files and working the machines. Training will be provided for all parts of this process. Working hours would be 8am to 4:30pm Monday to Thursday, with a 2pm finish on Fridays.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

PLEASE DIRECT ANY RESPONSES TO
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