



**Save the date – Open Evening Thurs 12/9 6-8pm**

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September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Up & coming dates**  
 Y8 baseline assessments – W/C Mon 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Photography trip – Tue 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Year 7 Form Tutor evening – Thur 21<sup>st</sup> 4.30-7pm  
 Year 9 GL baseline assessments – w/c 25<sup>th</sup> Sept  
 Student Leadership meeting 1 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sept  
 Year 7 parent forum (virtual) – 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 3.15-3.45pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will already be aware our school day has changed. Please can I remind you that students should not arrive at school prior to 8.15am, please encourage students to arrive post 8.15am. The latest students should arrive is 8.30am.

**The school day**

Students arrive on site at 8:30am.

Session	Session Length	Time	Year Group
Arrive on site	10 min	8:30 - 8:40	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Focus	25 min	8:40 - 9:05	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Lesson 1	1 hr	9:05 - 10:05	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Break	15 min	10:05 - 10:20	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Lesson 2	1 hr	10:20 - 11:20	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11

Our day then splits into two sessions running alongside each other =

Session	Session Length	Time	Year Group	Session	Session Length	Time	Year Group
Lunch	30 min	11:20 - 11:50	8 and 10	Lesson 3	1 hr	11:20 - 12:20	7, 9 and 11
Lesson 3	1 hr	11:50 - 12:50	8 and 10	Lunch	30 min	12:20 - 12:50	7, 9 and 11

After lunch and lesson 3, all students fall back in sync for the afternoon.

Session	Session Length	Time	Year Group
Lesson 4	1 hr	12:50 - 13:50	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Break	10 min	13:50 - 14:00	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Lesson 5	1 hr	14:00 - 15:00	7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
Total hours open per week:			32.5hpw



School children of parents or carers who receive support payments may be eligible for free school meals.

Enabling individuals to unlock their unique potential

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

Children can get free school meals, if their parents or guardians get:

- Universal Credit - your net earned income must be less than £7,400.
- Income Support.
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income based).
- Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit. (With an annual income of less than £16,190. As assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.)
- Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit.
- Support payments under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Working Tax Credit Run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

To apply online, use the link here [Apply for Free School Meals | Calderdale Council \(custhelp.com\)](https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/custhelp/apply-for-free-school-meals)

I am sure most of you will have read or watched news reports about RAAC in schools in the United Kingdom. We have been in contact with the Local Authority and I would like to share a statement with you from them regarding RAAC – “As an authority, in 2019 we followed industry guidance to inspect any school building that was either constructed or extended between the 1960-80s and had a flat roof. In terms of Tod High, no RAAC was discovered. However, please note that we are reviewing the latest revised guidance to check whether any further inspections are required”.

There are a number of open evenings coming up at local colleges. If your child is in Year 10 or 11, you may find these beneficial to attend. Please find a list of dates below and an abundance of careers information on our website [www.todhigh.co.uk](http://www.todhigh.co.uk).

### **September 2023**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 5.30pm – 8.30pm Burnley College

### **October 2023**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 5.30pm – 8.30pm Burnley College

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 10am-2pm Hopwood Hall

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 10am-12.30pm Myerscough College

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm-7.30pm Nelson and Colne College

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm-8.30pm Burnley College

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 10am-2pm Rochdale Sixth Form College

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 4.45pm-7pm Trinity Sixth Form Academy

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 4.30pm-7pm Hopwood Hall

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 4.30pm-7pm Calderdale College

### **November 2023**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 10am-12.30pm Crossley Heath Sixth Form

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 6pm-8pm Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School Sixth Form

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 5.30pm-7.30pm Nelson and Colne College

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 10am-12.30pm Myerscough College

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 4.30pm-7pm Calderdale College

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 4pm-7pm Rochdale Sixth Form College

### January 2024

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 4.30pm-7pm Calderdale College

### February 2024

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 10am-12.30pm Myerscough College

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 5.30pm-7.30pm Nelson and Colne College

### March 2024

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 4.30pm-7pm Calderdale College

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10am-12.30pm Myerscough College

**Rochdale**  
sixth form  
college

# OPEN EVENTS

<b>OPEN DAY</b> Saturday 14 Oct 10am-2pm Last entry: 1.30pm	<b>OPEN EVENING</b> Thursday 23 Nov 4pm-7pm Last entry: 6.30pm
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**TRINITY**  
SIXTH FORM ACADEMY

# OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER

4.45PM - 7.45PM  
NORTHGATE HOUSE  
HALIFAX  
HX1 1UN

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Outstanding  
Provider

Brunswick Centre Youth Project are setting up a new LGBTQ+ group in Hebden Bridge and have asked us to share this with our students aged 13-19 who would benefit from the support and opportunity to attend. They also offer 1 to 1 support and counselling service for LGBTQ+ young people aged between 11 and 21 in Calderdale. Please find the poster attached to the rear of my mail if you feel your child would benefit from this.

Studio 59 in Halifax are holding a master class taught by Adam Scown, choreographer to the stars, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September. This is a great opportunity is for anyone who has a passion for the creative arts especially students who are wanting to pursue it in further training and potentially a career. Adam has worked with Dua Lipa, choreographed for stage shows such as Flashdance and Dirty Dancing and has links with Universal Studios. The master class will run from 3.30-5pm for any students aged 14 and above. Students should have some prior knowledge of dance and be at intermediate or advanced level in order to participate fully. If you would like to book your child a place on the class you can use Studio 59's instabook or through their website. I have included the links here for your convenience

- [https://instabook.io/s2/studio59?fbclid=PAAaZmWjB7skrYyueLeZAw0IUtkDQDCHIjB-IRKttRK9aYai\\_4DCulh--j3k4](https://instabook.io/s2/studio59?fbclid=PAAaZmWjB7skrYyueLeZAw0IUtkDQDCHIjB-IRKttRK9aYai_4DCulh--j3k4)
- <https://studio59.co.uk/academy>

A reminder that we are holding our Open Evening on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 6-8pm. This is an open event for all prospective students (September 2024) and their families to attend and get a flavour of what school life is like at Todmorden High School. All departments will be running individual activities within their areas of school and I will be holding scheduled presentations in our hall with an overview of what our values and ethos are and how we can enable your child to unlock their unique potential.

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](mailto:admin@todhigh.co.uk) or by calling school Monday-Friday between the hours of 8-4pm.

Yours sincerely,

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

Gill Shirt  
Headteacher



LGBTQ+ YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES  
AT THE BRUNSWICK CENTRE

## Lesbian? Gay? Bisexual? Trans? Unsure?

**We offer a safe and confidential service for  
13-19 year olds in Calderdale**

- Regular informal group drop-in sessions
- Meet new people, make new friends who understand what you are going through
- Additional support, advice, and guidance



To make a referral/refer yourself use this QR code




**Call us on 01422 341 764 or Kate (LGBTQ+ Youth Worker) on 07534 075 388**

Email: [info@thebrunswickcentre.org.uk](mailto:info@thebrunswickcentre.org.uk)

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 The Brunswick Centre - Kirklees Calderdale

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