



### Up & coming dates

Y8 HPV dose catch up vaccinations – 26<sup>th</sup> May  
May half term – 2.50pm 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 11 on study leave – 26<sup>th</sup> May onwards  
Outward Bound Trip - 5-9<sup>th</sup> June  
Head's virtual forum – 7<sup>th</sup> June

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Dear Parents and Carers,

From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June students will be permitted to wear **tailored** shorts as part of their standard uniform. This decision has been taken to allow students to stay cool and comfortable in any potential warm weather. The shorts must be black and tailored; they cannot be cargo shorts, sports shorts or made from jersey, denim or leather-look material. Shorts should be on the knee in length. The rest of the school uniform would be worn as normal. An example below:

### Acceptable



### Unacceptable



We love to celebrate our students' successes in school. As part of this process it is important that we have consent to use photographs of students, or not, in school communications. It is vital that you complete this document in full, selecting either yes or no option. This has been sent out as a whole school communication on Class Charts also.

Please click on the link below:

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

An important message from Healthy Futures Calderdale regarding electronic cigarettes below for parents' attention please:

*We have been made aware that young people locally have had serious reactions to the inhaling of vapours from vapes that have had fruit flavoured nicotine e-liquid substituted for fake "THC" or "cannabis oil" vapes which could contain a dangerous chemical, vitamin E acetate, which can produce toxic gas. The police are aware and are following up the dealing of such products. It's important that we find out exactly what these vapes contain, and also*



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*that we understand whether they are US-standard products, or UK-standard products that have been adulterated. We recognise that some young people do and will vape, but want them to be aware that harmful products are circulating and how to be vigilant to any serious health problems caused by vapes. Please share with students in your school the following message:*

***Potentially dangerous vapes are currently in circulation in Calderdale which do not meet UK quality and safety regulations. There is no way of knowing if a vape liquid contains incredibly harmful chemicals, so advice is to not use illegally sold vape liquid or pens, particularly those sold as "THC" or "cannabis oil". If you have used a THC vape pen or THC vape liquid, monitor yourself for symptoms including a cough, shortness of breath, chest pain and promptly seek medical attention if you have concerns about your health using 111 Online or dialling 999 in an emergency.***

More information for students can be found here: [Vapes | FRANK \(talktofrank.com\)](https://www.talktofrank.com).

Please share this information with your child to ensure that they are fully aware of the dangers presented by vaping and e-cigarettes.

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>, 25 year 10 students set off on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition. Thankfully the weather held out and (despite a few "directional" hiccups) the groups all navigated successfully to the campsite. After some ambitious meals, the group managed some football and soon retired to their tents ready for another day. Having woken up exceptionally early, the group packed up and set off in good time on Sunday - arriving back at Hare & Hounds in surprisingly high spirits. The groups were an absolute delight to have out, a credit to their parents and carers, and truly represented our ARCH values for the whole weekend. A huge thanks to all of the staff who volunteered and gave up their time - it wouldn't have been possible without their involvement.

We're excited to share the highlights of Mental Health Awareness Week as part of our You Matter campaign. The week featured impactful events, including drop-ins with Northpoint, part of Calderdale Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. Student assemblies focused on anxiety and resilience, a student quiz explored mental health, and an exam stress workshop was delivered to targeted year 11 students. These activities provided valuable support and resources for our students' well-being. We applaud everyone involved and look forward to further promoting mental health throughout the year.

We would love to hear from former students/alumni regarding their ambitious career pathways since leaving Todmorden High School. We are hoping to share successes with our students to demonstrate the value of ambition in action. If you are a former student who has gone on to achieve great things, please get in touch with Miss Cooper on [g.cooper@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:g.cooper@todhigh.co.uk).

We have a number of job vacancies available in school at the moment, in both our teaching and support staff teams. Please take a look at our recruitment page for more information [Recruitment - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](https://www.todhigh.co.uk). If you would like to come and have a look around the school or have a discussion regarding any of the roles please get in touch with Elaine Crossley on [e.crossley@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:e.crossley@todhigh.co.uk).

As always, if you have a query or concern, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely,



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