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Up & coming dates

Preventing Knife Crime presentations 9,10,11 – Monday 23/1/23

Todmorden Together – Thursday 26/1/23 5.30pm

Year 11 Mock exams – start Monday 30/1/23 (3 weeks)

ARCH Day 2 – Thursday 2/2/23

Cost of living crisis event – Thursday 2/2/23 3pm onwards

January 20th, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I mentioned in my last letter, during our ARCH Day 2-2-23, some children will study sessions on life skills relating to budgeting, saving energy and money and generally being wise with money. The sessions will be delivered by the Citizens' Advice Bureau and Calderdale Council (supervised by school staff). At 3pm there will be an open session for parents, carers, friends, relatives, staff – anyone who feels they would benefit. Topics covered will be bills, grants and debt management (more details to follow). There will also be a signpost to information on how to access the services should you need. School will provide a free light, warm meal for all attendees so it would be most helpful if you could let reception (01706813558, admin@todhigh.co.uk) know that you are coming before the event. Once again this event is open to all and you don't need to have a child at school to attend.

On the same topic, we are doing a coat collection in school. If you, or any friends or family members, have warm winter coats that you are disposing of please do consider donating them to our school. Please take a look at the poster at the rear of this letter for some further information.

We are also recruiting for private supply staff in our local area to join our supply team. Private supply are employed directly by the school and are booked on an ad hoc basis. This is a great opportunity for a teacher who has left the classroom and is looking to work fitting in with their own lifestyle and diary. We pay very attractive rates. Please contact William Strange if you are interested in signing up (w.strange@todhigh.co.uk).

Our next Todmorden Together meeting is next Thursday, 26th January from 5.30pm. On the agenda for this meeting we have the following items:

- Summer get together
- The Accessible Todmorden Forum
- School transport issues
- Community health and wellbeing team
- 150th anniversary of Todmorden Town Hall (2025)

If you would like to be involved in community discussions regarding these matters, please do come along and join us. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for this group to receive information on future meetings, please email e.womack@todhigh.co.uk.



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Please see below a letter from the Friends of Todmorden Town Hall regarding the 150th anniversary opening of the Town Hall in April 2025, which features on the agenda for Todmorden Together this time.

Dear Friend

Friends of Todmorden Town Hall are inviting local people and organisations to be part of an exciting project to mark the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Town Hall.

This will take place in April 2025, but we are starting the organising process early as we want to have enough time to bring ambitious plans to fruition. We do not yet have any fixed ideas about what we want to create for the celebration, so this is a fantastic opportunity to help us shape a project that will engage the whole town.

We are forming a 150th Anniversary Steering Group which we are hoping will have representatives from a wide cross section of Todmorden based organisations and interested individuals. It would be great if local primary schools were represented in this group although even if there was no one with time to be part of the group, we would look to work with schools further down the line. To give you an indication of what would be involved, it is anticipated that the group would be overseeing the project, rather than taking on the nuts and bolts of organising each part of the celebration (though there will be plenty of opportunity for that if someone is keen!). Initially we will be brainstorming ideas about what the celebration could include, creating a vision for what we would like, and then applying for funding to make it happen.

We are keen to have creative people, people who are good at funding applications and budgeting, people who are good at networking, people who have some knowledge of Todmorden History, but also people who are just enthusiastic about the possibilities of creating a really special event.

*The **first meeting will be held on Monday February 6th at 7pm at Todmorden Town Hall** (this meeting is in the evening to enable community participation. Future meetings can then be arranged to suit the Steering Group members.)*

Best wishes,

Catherine Bann

Todmorden Neighbourhood Coordinator

On behalf of

Friends of Todmorden Town Hall

Thanks to all who year 9 parents, carers and students who attended the Options Evening event last night. The event was a great success and offered our year 9 students a valuable opportunity to hear from members of staff about what options subjects entail and begin to make choices for their GCSEs. If you need any further support please see our website or speak to Mr Nalborczyk a.nalborczyk@todhigh.co.uk.

Our Learning Manager for Year 9, Mrs Kontogiannopoulou, is currently not in school. To cover in her absence, as of today, we have Mrs Bardgett in school who will be available to respond to parental queries and to support our students pastorally until Mrs Kontogiannopoulou returns (a.bardgett@todhigh.co.uk). Mrs Townend has now taken over the role of Learning Manager for Year 8 following Miss Crowther leaving us last week. If you have a child in year 8 and need to speak to a member of staff regarding your child's school life, please get in touch with Mrs Townend (a.townend@todhigh.co.uk).

Year 11 students begin a series of mock examinations on Monday 30th January to Wednesday 22nd February (these continue either side of our half term break). These will be taking place in the gym, hall, and classrooms. We would like to remind all students to show care and respect to enable our older pupils to show ambition, free from distractions, during this key time of their education. Please do encourage your child to revise at home in preparation for these mocks. They are an invaluable tool in preparing for the summer exam series.

As always if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, we are here to support you. Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Gill Shirt
Headteacher

Donations Wanted!



We all know that the cost of living crisis is having an impact on everyone, and that some families are really struggling. We also know that kids grow really fast! It may be that you have a warm winter coat, in really good condition, that is no longer needed by your child. If so, would you be prepared to donate it to Todmorden High School? We will make sure these pre-loved coats find new owners who otherwise wouldn't have a warm layer. Please send coat donations into school with your child, or bring them to reception during school hours, and we will make very good use of them in our wider school community.

Thank you so much for any donations you are able to make! It really is most appreciated!

