



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

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Up & coming dates

Year 9 GL baseline assessments – w/c 25th Sept
Student Leadership meeting 1 – 26th Sept
Year 7 parent forum (virtual) – 28th Sept 3.15-3.45pm
Todmorden Together 1 – 5/10 5-6pm
Headteacher's breakfast Year 9 – 11/10
Open Evening – 12/10 6-8pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good attendance at school is essential in ensuring your child achieves their potential. Our summer results showed our students with attendance above 95% made significantly greater progress than other students with similar starting points across the country. Although we do recognise there are occasions where a child may be unwell and not fit to attend school, we have an increasing number of students arriving in school and then presenting themselves to first aid feeling unwell. Please be aware we are encouraging children who may be slightly under the weather to remain in school where possible. If you believe your child is too unwell to attend school, please keep them at home and ring the student absence line. If we need to contact you about your child, it is your decision as to whether you collect them or they stay in school. If you choose to collect your child, the register will be marked in the same way as if you had called the absence line that day.

Please take a look at our extra-curricular offer at the rear of this letter. We hold a wide range of clubs for students to attend after school and enrich their educational experience. If your child does not currently attend a club please share this with them and encourage them to join one. All clubs begin at 3pm.

Parental consent form - use of child's image



The weather is worsening as we move firmly into the Autumn term. Please ensure that you send your child to school in a waterproof, warm coat and it would be advisable to put any paper documents (such as the essential knowledge book or exercise books) in a plastic bag inside your child's rucksack to avoid them becoming wet through. A reminder that students should not attend wearing hoodies as these are not part of our school uniform rules.

We love to celebrate our students' successes in school. It is important that we have consent to use photographs of students. It is vital that you complete this document in full, selecting either yes or no option. Please click on the link below or use the QR code (left).

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



Enabling individuals to unlock their unique potential

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

The Royal Air Force Careers team are holding a virtual event which is next Tuesday 26th September at 7.30pm. The RAF World Event is where students, parents, carers and alike can have first-hand experience of what the RAF currently does at home and overseas and the opportunity for employment. I would appreciate if you could forward it to any students who may be interested in a career with the Royal Air Force. I have included an information flyer at the rear of this letter. You can also book tickets at the following link [RAF World Tickets, Tue 26 Sep 2023 at 19:30 | Eventbrite](#).

Applications for Rochdale Sixth Form College have now opened. If your child is interested in attending, they can apply here [Apply Now - Rochdale Sixth Form College \(rochdalesfc.ac.uk\)](#).

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 support programme 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.

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

We are delighted to have appointed a new Head Chef/Catering Manager, Miss Dearden. Due to an increased uptake in school dinners we are moving to three lunch sittings from Tuesday 26th September to accommodate this. The additional lunch sitting will allow for shorter lunch queues and more available seating for the students.

There are two key changes. Firstly year 7 will have their lesson split in half with lunch in the middle. Secondly year 9 will eat their lunch in the hall rather than the canteen.

1 st sitting	11.20-11.50	Years 8&10	Lesson 11.50-12.50	Y8 in hall Y10 in canteen
NEW 2 nd sitting	11.50-12.20	Year 7	Split lesson 11.20-11.50 AND 12.20-12.50	Canteen
3 rd sitting	12.20-12.50	Years 9&11	Lesson 11.20-12.20	Y9 in hall Y11 in canteen

If you would like to see a copy of our menus please follow this link [Catering and Free School Meals - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](#). This link also explains who is eligible for free school meals and how you can claim them.



We have a vacancy within our Catering Team and details are on the website, social media and Indeed. Hours will be Monday to Friday, 8.30am – 2.30pm (with some flexibility – i.e. could be 8.45 – 2.45). Please do send us an application if you are interested: [Application-Pack-THS-2023-Catering-Assistant.pdf \(todhigh.co.uk\)](#).

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 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

Todmorden High School extra-curricular timetable

Monday

English Speaking Board
Invitation only
 Mrs Kewin
 Room 90

Tuesday

KS3 Art Club
 Miss Webster
 Room 46

KS3 Design & Technology Club
 Mrs Hartley
 Room 25 & 26

Girls' and Boys' Football Clubs

Boys Years 7 & 8, Girls All Years
 Mr Duerden/Mr Bramhall/
 Mr Morton/Mrs Lambert
 Field

KS4 Art/Photography Club
 Mr Freeman
 Room 45

Gardening Club
 Mr Womack
 Meet Room 47

KS3 Geography Film Club
 Miss Kinlin
 Room 15

Drama Club (All Years)
 Miss Daubney
 Drama Studio

Rock Band
 Miss Brockman
 Music Room

Wednesday

KS3 Crafts Club
 Ms Wells
 Room 48

M4M Fantasy Orchestra
 Miss Brockman
 School Hall

English Speaking Board

Mrs Kewin
 Room 90
Invitation only

Y11 EPR Drop In (Starts October)
 Mr Womack
 Room 47

Year 7 & 8 Code Club
 Mr McDermott
 Room 21

Y7 & 8 Science Club
 Mrs Ashley/Miss Smith
 Room 38

limited places by invitation

Year 9 & 10 Boys' Football
 Mr Duerden/Mr Smith
 Field

Thursday

Magic Club
 Mr Charles
 Room 13

Girls' Netball Club
All Years
 Miss Creighton
 Netball Courts

Friday

Steel Pan Club
All Years
 Miss Brockman
 Stage (school hall)



Other opportunities:
 Home Learning Club in the
 Library
 Every night after school until
 4.00pm
 *Y9/10/11 – Duke of Edinburgh Award.
 See Miss Mullarkey for details

All clubs finish by 4pm unless stated otherwise



**NO
ORDINARY
JOB**

RAF WORLD

**TUESDAY
26TH SEPTEMBER 2023
19:30-21:00**

RAF World is back, offering an exclusive look behind the scenes of the Royal Air Force Regulars and Reserves. Whether you're seeking a dynamic full-time career or part-time flexibility, make sure to tune in and discover the future possibilities with the RAF from the comfort of your home:

- ◉ Explore interactive 360° global operations, delving into the world of RAF support worldwide through informative videos and insights to help you find your ideal RAF career.
- ◉ Tune in to our Main Stage show to learn from Reservists who have worked together with their Regular colleagues to achieve the force mission.
- ◉ Connect with a friendly RAF recruiter directly online. Our experts will answer all your inquiries about career paths, RAF lifestyle, sports opportunities, benefits; and how to start on your RAF journey.

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET NOW!](#)