



Ewood Lane  
Todmorden  
West Yorkshire  
OL14 7DG  
Tel: 01706813558  
[www.todhigh.co.uk](http://www.todhigh.co.uk)

Headteacher: Miss G Shirt

#### Up & coming dates

Strike day SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL YEARS – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February  
Ski trip meeting – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 5.30-6.30pm  
World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
IAG phone calls (Y9 Options) – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 4.30-7pm  
Barmoor Trip – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Careers Week – W/C 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 8 Progress Evening – 9<sup>th</sup> March 4.30-7pm

February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder regarding the strike action and how it will affect our students. A letter was sent to parents via Class Charts on the 9<sup>th</sup> February with a follow up text message, it also went on our social media and website. School will be closed to all students on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February excluding those who have been specifically referred to on my letter. Please ensure that you have read this letter and, if you have any questions, do get in touch. I will continue to keep lines of communication open for parents/carers regarding any upcoming strike action.

You will hopefully notice that your child's pie chart on Class Charts has been reset. This has been undertaken so that students can see if they meet the criteria for the rewards events that were publicised before February half term in assemblies.

The thresholds students in Year 7 - Year 10 need to meet from now to the end of the year, to be invited to the end of year reward event are:

- 98% ARCH ratio
- 95% attendance
- fewer than 5 lates
- no suspensions

Please be assured that all data from this year has been retained by us so we can ensure badges are issued and rewards events are made available to students who have qualified up to this point.

We are delighted to be able to further support our students in their learning by offering a new home learning club in the library. The club runs until 4pm every afternoon. Students can use the computers and work independently or in groups, as well as being able to borrow stationary such as pens, pencils and flash cards. If you feel your child is struggling to complete their home learning for whatever reason, please do encourage them to come along after school. Snacks will be provided.



Enabling individuals to unlock their unique potential

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

In the interest of child safety, please do not come up Ewood Lane to pick your child up from school. It's very congested at the end of the day and could cause an accident. It's also double yellow lines so please do not obstruct the road by waiting for your child.

Because of the cost-of-living crisis, coupled with the aftermath of the pandemic, many of our families are struggling financially. For this reason, we are choosing to focus our charitable giving on those causes closest to us, in our own local community, this year. Through donations and the support of a local charity, we prepared 40 Christmas hampers, to provide luxury and festive goods to some of our families. In early February, we hosted a cost-of-living crisis event with advice on how to maximise fuel efficiency and minimise waste. This event also offered a warm space, a hot snack and the opportunity to acquire good quality winter coats for those who were without. In summer, as part of our 'Get Together' event, we will be offering a 'new-to-you' stall of a wide range of donated goods in order that our families can source much needed clothes or other goods for little to no money. Through these events we are putting our value of Care into action. In consequence we will not be holding non-uniform days for Red Nose Day/Children in Need etc.

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March we are delighted to be hosting a number of local businesses, colleges, universities and services at our careers fair. We will be providing the opportunity for every single one of our students to access these stalls for information and ideas to get them thinking about career choices and pathways. It would be great if parents/guardians could already be having these discussions at home; getting your child(ren) to start thinking about what they enjoy and what they might like to make a career out of. There is a lot of careers advice and information out there and the following are a couple of links to websites that might be useful to have a look at with your child(ren) to get these discussions started. We look forward to a very exciting and worthwhile day.

- [careermap.co.uk/careermag-parents-carers-guardians/](https://careermap.co.uk/careermag-parents-carers-guardians/)
- [nationalcareers.service.gov.uk](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk)
- [website.u-explore.com](https://www.website.u-explore.com)

The Year 8 and Year 10 Progress Evenings are fast approaching - with the Year 8 one taking place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March and Year 10 on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Invites will be coming out over the next couple of weeks so please look out for these. Progress Evenings allow you the opportunity to ask specific questions directly to each of your child's subject teachers in order to best support your child's learning and progress. Following on from previous years, Progress Evenings will be hosted on SchoolCloud, a website which hosts virtual Progress Evenings. You will be able to book a 5 minute slot with each of your child's teachers and speak to them about your child's next steps in each subject and get advice on strategies for revision and work required to be completed. If you need any help or support, please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Townend (Year 8 Learning Manager) on [a.townend@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:a.townend@todhigh.co.uk) or Mrs Stansfield (Year 10 Learning Manager) on [e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk).

To mark World Book Day next Thursday, our whole school community will be reading the same book - the Carnegie Medal-winning Lark by Anthony McGowan - over the course of the day. We'll also be launching our brilliant new book vending machine, which is taking pride of place in reception and which features a whole host of fabulous, challenging books for our superstar students to choose from.

In student news Scott Tillotson, Year 10, took part in the World Kickboxing Championships on the 18<sup>th</sup> February, competing against representatives from around the world. Scott walked away with a bronze medal. Scott and his family are absolutely thrilled, and we could not be prouder of him! Well done Scott!

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child please get in touch with us at any time on [admin@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:admin@todhigh.co.uk) or using the telephone number detailed above.

Yours sincerely,



Gill Shirt  
Headteacher

