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**Up & coming dates**

May half term – 2.50pm 26<sup>th</sup> May  
 Return to school – 5<sup>th</sup> June  
 Year 11 on study leave – 26<sup>th</sup> May onwards  
 Outward Bound Trip - 5-9<sup>th</sup> June  
 Head’s virtual forum – 14<sup>th</sup> June

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Student information**

Exam season is now well underway, with students in year 11 departing for study leave as of this Friday. Please can we ask for your support in ensuring that our year 11 students attend their exams or optional study sessions in full, correct school uniform for their exams and revision sessions after half-term, and also in ensuring they bring their correct equipment.

A reminder for year 11 that we have a number of revision sessions running in the half term. Please see the information attached below.

**May Half-term Holiday Revision Sessions (students will need to meet staff at the entrance to the building)**

	Morning session <b>9:30-11:30</b>	Afternoon session <b>12:30-14:30</b>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Geography</b> Paper 2 and Paper 3 Room 87 <b>10.00-11.30</b>	<b>Design Technology</b> Room 26
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Biology</b> Separate Sciences and Combined Sciences (FT and HT) Room 38-39	<b>Chemistry</b> Separate Sciences and Combined Sciences (FT and HT) Room 38-39
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Maths</b> HT and FT sessions available Room 14	<b>Physics</b> Separate Sciences and Combined Sciences (FT and HT) Room 38-39
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>English Language</b> Rooms 90-91	<b>History</b> Room 83



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## **Open water swimming**

Mindful that we are entering the long-awaited summer, and that the weather is improving and becoming warm, please do remind your children about staying safe. Make sure you know where they are and who they will be with, if you are not able to supervise them directly at any time. They should be checking in regularly with you so that you know they are safe and well. Please also remind them about the very real dangers of open water. You can find out more at this useful link [Summer Water Safety | Royal Life Saving Society UK \( RLSS UK \)](#). Drowning accidents are especially high in the summer months and over the last few years, we have heard of too many tragedies that could have been avoided. If you have any concerns about the safety and wellbeing of any child, please ring the police immediately. We hope that, by looking out for each other, everyone has a safe and truly enjoyable summer break.

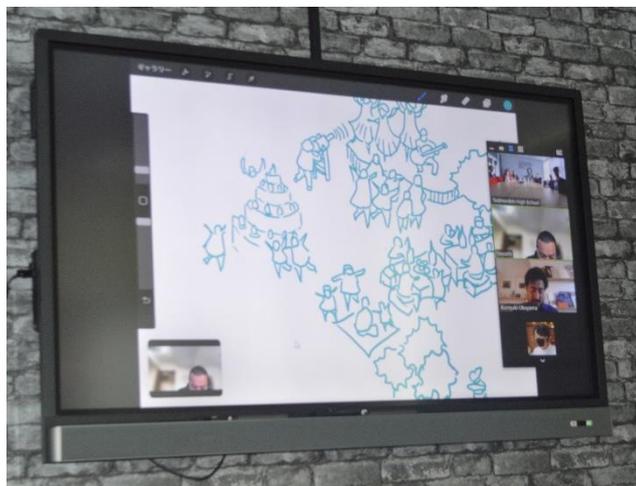
## **Congratulations**

**EPR goes gold** – our EPR department have achieved the Religious Education Quality Mark (REQM) **Gold**, we can now proudly display the REQM Gold quality mark on our letterhead (see the front page of my newsletter). They received the news yesterday and are thrilled. To gain this the department had to undergo scrutiny, projects and meetings. We are now one of very few secondary schools with a non-religious character to have an in-date award in England. I am so proud of our EPR department's achievements. Well done Mr Womack and Ms Wells.

## **Extra-curricular and student activities**

### **Gardening Club**

The gardening team have been working hard to get the school garden up and running again. They have planted tomatoes and basil to be used for summer school dinners, as well as cucumbers and pumpkins! The students have loved being outside and the mental and physical benefits of gardening can hardly be made clearer than the set of beaming smiles they are all currently sporting. Keep up the great work.



### **Links with Japan**

This week, an exciting meeting took place between our school community and representatives from Japan (9am UK time and 5pm Japan time), focused on the art of soup making, under the project 'Saikyo Soup'. With a shared passion for sustainable practices, our Student Representatives and Ms Wells, discussed the importance of using locally grown produce to create unique culinary delights. As the discussion unfolded, we were delighted to have an artist, Hayashi, from Japan capturing the essence of our conversation in real time



through their drawings. Our students eagerly described the vibrant details of our upcoming summer transition event, highlighting the vibrant atmosphere, engaging activities, and the spirit of unity that would permeate the occasion while Hayashi translated this on to paper. At the summer event, put on for our new year 7 cohort joining us in September, we will be making our own soup and sending the footage through to Kuni, Hayashi and his colleagues at the international project. Through this inspiring exchange, we fostered

cultural connections, celebrated the beauty of culinary art, and showcased the creativity and voices of our student council and the representatives in Japan.

### Community events

#### **Todmorden Orchestra tickets**

We are delighted to offer 5 free tickets for students to attend the next Todmorden Symphony Orchestra concert on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm. The theme for the summer concert is magic, mystery and the sea, showcasing pieces such as the sound of music suite, Jesus Christ Superstar, Frozen and Pirates of the Caribbean. Friends of Todmorden Orchestra have once again given generously and provided free tickets for our students. Please email Miss Brockman if your child is interested in attending this event. [a.brockman@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:a.brockman@todhigh.co.uk)

#### **Calderdale Fantasy Youth Orchestra**

Members of the Calderdale Fantasy Orchestra are running a youth orchestra summer school from 1st-5<sup>th</sup> August at Todmorden College. Students will receive 4 days of tuition and perform in a concert on the last day. See the poster at the rear of this letter for details and contact information. The summer school is open to all students within the local area and musicians of all abilities welcome.

#### **Story Magic – Theatre School**

Story Magic are running a seaside themed theatre school during the summer holidays this year. Please see the poster below for more information.

The poster features a beach scene with a sandcastle, a yellow bucket, and a blue shovel. The text is arranged as follows:

- Story Magic THEATRE SCHOOL** (top center, with a star logo)
- BY THE SEASIDE** (large yellow letters)
- THEATRE WEEK** (red letters)
- 29th August - 2nd September** (red letters)
- DRAMA** (with a mask icon)
- SPECIALIST WORKSHOP** (with a cartoon character icon)
- CRAFT ACTIVITIES** (with a paint palette icon)
- DANCING** (with a colorful stick figure icon)
- SINGING** (with a musical note icon)
- To book or any questions contact Katrina**
- katrina@storymagictheatre.com**
- E-mail!** (on a yellow sticky note)
- show on last day 3.30pm** (on a blue sign with red curtains)
- 10am-4pm**
- Todmorden Social Club, Todmorden**
- £110 per child (siblings £90 each)**
- 07973 444875** (with a yellow telephone icon)
- Find us on: facebook** (with the Facebook logo)

## **K9 Party in the Park**

A fundraising event that is taking place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July at Manor Heath Park in Halifax. All money raised will go to help animals in RSPCA care. If you have any questions, please email [fundraising@rspcahalifaxhuddersfieldbradford.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@rspcahalifaxhuddersfieldbradford.org.uk) or telephone 07908 478 956. See the poster attached at the rear of this letter for more information.

We break up for half term today and return on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June from 8.30am for an 8.40am start. As always, if you have a query or concern, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely,

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

Gill Shirt  
Headteacher

The RSPCA Halifax, Huddersfield, Bradford  
& District Branch PRESENTS



# K9 PARTY IN THE PARK

**SUNDAY 2ND JULY**

**FUN DOG SHOW 11AM - 5PM**

(Registration from 11am - Classes from 11.30am)

**HAVE A GO AGILITY  
DEMONSTRATIONS & PARADES  
LOTS OF STALLS, GAMES, INFO &  
ADVICE FOR YOU & YOUR DOG!**



Manor Heath Park, Halifax HX3 0EB



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Bradford and District  
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**Free Entry** (donations welcome!)

For more info visit **Facebook:**

**K9 Party in the Park 2023**

or visit our website:

[www.rspcahalifaxhuddersfieldbradford.org.uk](http://www.rspcahalifaxhuddersfieldbradford.org.uk)

# CALDERDALE FANTASY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

## Summer School

1st-5th August

Todmorden Community College

Five days of music workshops and performances, hosted by the Music Makes You co-operative and the Calderdale Fantasy Orchestra. Welcoming applications from secondary schools with limited place for primary ages.

For singers, guitars, keys, brass, strings, woodwind, drums & percussion...

Four days of workshops and a gig on day 5.  
Cost - £140 for 5 days  
Concessions are available.

[admin@musicmakesyou.org](mailto:admin@musicmakesyou.org)

