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#### Up & coming dates

Y9 DTP/Men vaccinations – 4<sup>th</sup> May and 11<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 10 Raising Aspiration Evening – 4<sup>th</sup> May 4.30pm start  
ARCH Day 3 – 10<sup>th</sup> May  
DfE Y10 Bronze Expedition – 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May  
Todmorden Together – 18<sup>th</sup> May 5.30-6.30pm  
Y8 HPV dose catch up vaccinations – 26<sup>th</sup> May

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support during the strike days. Staff have been working hard to ensure that Year 10 and 11 are fully supported throughout these days and it has worked well in school. Please do encourage your Year 11 child to attend as many catch up sessions as possible over the coming weeks in the lead up to them sitting their exams - a number of GCSE teachers across school hold regular sessions after school and at lunch times for students. If you need any further information, please contact Miss James in the first instance [j.james@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:j.james@todhigh.co.uk).

Please can I remind parents that false nails, eyelashes, nail polish and heavy makeup are not permitted in school. Please do not send your child to school with any of the above, as students will be asked to remove them and will be sanctioned if they refuse. If you need to get back up to speed with our uniform policy, please visit our website for full details [School uniforms - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](http://School%20uniforms%20-%20Todmorden%20High%20School%20(todhigh.co.uk)).

You may notice some of our detentions have changed. We're moving from individual detentions to a centralised system. Our SLT and extended SLT detentions will remain in place on Thursday and Friday's after school.

We'd like some feedback regarding a change to our school day. From Sept 2023 the times of our school day will change slightly; we will expect students on-site from 8:30am and the day will finish at 3:00pm. This move will allow us to increase social time for students and will ensure we are compliant with the expectation of a 32.5-hour week. We're currently in consultation with the bus companies to ensure travel to and from school is not impacted. Please feel free to use the link below and provide some feedback:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=V6IP4C5ZDKWYwW09OkgAWA15Ak00EHBKhx\\_8UuJC5ThUM1Q2TTdaUTJRRIVVuzU1TzQwUFUyTzZSWS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=V6IP4C5ZDKWYwW09OkgAWA15Ak00EHBKhx_8UuJC5ThUM1Q2TTdaUTJRRIVVuzU1TzQwUFUyTzZSWS4u)

I have some community messages for you below:

1. **Active Calderdale** will soon be bringing [ParkPlay](#) to Portsmouth/Cornholme – fun, free activities for all ages every Saturday at your local park. Join Active Calderdale and ParkPlay on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, from midday to 1.30pm to learn more about ParkPlay and how you can play your part in supporting ParkPlay in the area. We



would love to chat with local people and representatives of local organisations and answer any questions

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you may have. The venue is likely to be the Old Library at Cornholme but this is to be confirmed. Any questions email [StayingWell@hebdenbridgetownhall.org.uk](mailto:StayingWell@hebdenbridgetownhall.org.uk).

2. **Girls Allowed** at Calder Holmes Park on Fridays from 28 April 2023. Girls only, from 5.30 pm, ages 11+. When women and girls feel unsafe, they are less likely to use, enjoy and benefit from parks, particularly when alone and after dark. Parks and play spaces should be designed and managed to be well-used, sociable places that offer activities and facilities that are welcoming to women and girls. Changes should support women and girls to feel safe throughout the day and all-year round. Changes to parks must be part of a holistic approach that tackles threats of violence against women and girls, to address root causes of risks to women and girls. Please see flyers at rear of this letter.

Our sessions with girls will explore why they feel unsafe in our park and in public places and will support them to develop strategies and behaviours that will help keep them safe. We will be working with our partners, Skate it Yourself, Branching Out and The Maggie Oliver Foundation to cover sexual harassment, risk assessment, the role of drugs and alcohol, sexual health, and child sexual exploitation. We will be providing a full programme of activities to support our aims.

We will also be working separately with boys who wish to support the safety of girls.

We will be in Calder Holmes Park from 5-30pm each week. You can just turn up and sign up then or you can call Liz Anstee on 0771 333 8698 [ project coordinator] to find out more info. Watch this space for more information about our project. Some sessions will have age restrictions.

3. **Basketball club** at Todmorden Community College. Mr Charles and Miss Ashley-Walsh are working with Todmorden Community College to deliver basketball sessions to 11–15-year-olds in the community. Please see the flyer below for more information If your child would like to attend these sessions. Consent forms can be found at student reception in school.

My next forum is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May and you can drop in from 3.15-4.15pm to have a discussion online with me if you have anything you need to raise. Appointments are hosted one to one so please be patient.

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3aacef7915e0a547409eb1c21d7bc24f8f%40thread.tacv2/1681995122098?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22e04fa957-592e-450e-98c1-6d3d3a481a58%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ef25ef08-bf19-4062-8904-69d1b035001b%22%7d>.

A reminder that school will be closed to Year 7-10 (excluding those who have been individually targeted to attend) and open for Year 11 on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for the strike action. Year 11 attendance is compulsory on Tuesday.

Have a lovely weekend and Bank Holiday with your friends and family, and we will look forward to seeing our students on Wednesday.

Yours sincerely,



Gill Shirt  
Headteacher



**BASKETBALL CLUB**

**FREE**

**for 11-15 Year olds**

**Reach High!**

**@Tod College**

**Every Tuesday**  
**from 18 April**  
**16:30 – 18:00**

Email: [reception@tlclub.org.uk](mailto:reception@tlclub.org.uk)



**Tracy Brabin Mayor**  
of West Yorkshire



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# GIRLS ALLOWED

Workshop & activities on Calder Holmes Park 5:30pm

Age 11 + Girls Only

Sign up to weekly sessions starting 28th April 2023 with the trained youth workers from CLOUD Youth Club & Skate it Yourself!

For more information please go to our website or contact Liz on 07713338698



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# GIRLS ALLOWED

Age 13 + Girls Only

DJ Taster Sessions at Machpelah Works, HX7 8AU

Learn some skills & spin some tunes with DJ\_K8

6-8pm on 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th May 2023

To sign up contact Liz on 07713338698



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# GIRLS ALLOWED

# SKATE PARK TAKE OVER

5-6PM EVERY FRIDAY

GIRLS ONLY SKATE SESSION WITH SKATE IT YOURSELF

Supervised by our qualified skateboarding youth workers  
Bring your own equipment or use ours!  
For more information contact Liz on 07713338698

Starting 28th April 2023 for 8 weeks

Calder Holme Park  
Hebden Bridge



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