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Up & coming dates

KS3 GL assessments commencing 3rd July
 Strike day (school closed to students) – 5th July
 Nelson and Colne College trip – 6th July (Y10 only)
 Strike day (school closed to students) – 7th July
 Transition day – 7th July
 Sports Day – 11th July

Dear Parents and Carers,

School events and news

Treewood – Indoor garden - As I mentioned in my last letter our indoor garden was officially opened last Monday after lots of hard work and preparation put in by



our Ewood centre students and Mrs Timewell and Mrs

Stiff. I was proud to cut the ribbon to the indoor garden centre space while also celebrating 10 years of the Ewood centre being open and providing for our students as a safe space and nurture zone.



The hard work and determination of the students and staff to complete this area has been truly commendable. It has been transformed into a beautiful and calm space where students can partake in gardening and other educational activities while practising good mental health practices.

I have attached some images for your interest of the students and staff working together to prepare the space practising teamwork and resilience, the space when assembled as a calm and soothing environment for students to spend time in, and an image of the event opening to which students, staff and parents were invited to attend.



Huge thanks go out to everyone involved in the creation of Treewood which I know will continue to benefit our students in the future and in years to come. It was great to see so many of you at the opening, thank you for coming.



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Music for the Many Youth Orchestra - On Friday 16th June, Music for the Many held their first ever youth orchestra concert at Todmorden High School. Young musicians from Tod CofE, Ferney Lee and St. Joseph's primary school performed alongside Todmorden High school students, members from Todmorden Symphony Orchestra and the Music for the Many tutors. The students performed a great selection of classical pieces, showcasing their talents on traditional orchestral instruments. Special guests, students from Cornholme primary school, performed a wonderful experimental piece, orchestrated by Mr Williamson. The concert was well attended by parents, carers and supporters of Music for the Many. A special mention to Daniel Bath, artistic director of Music for the Many, for creating this wonderful opportunity for the young people in our town.



Todmorden Symphony Orchestra - Miss Brockman accompanied 8 students to the Todmorden Symphony Orchestra concert last Saturday at Todmorden Town Hall. Our students were treated to an exciting programme of orchestral music based on magic, mystery and the sea. Students enjoyed seeing the full-size symphony orchestra in the glorious setting of Todmorden town hall. We would like to thank Steph Booth, the president of the friends committee for funding the student tickets. If any students would like to attend future Todmorden Orchestra concerts, please email Miss Brockman a.brockman@todhigh.co.uk.



Calderdale Fantasy Youth Orchestra - Members of the Calderdale Fantasy Orchestra are running a youth orchestra summer school from 1st-5th August at Todmorden College. Students will receive 4 days of tuition and perform in a concert with the Fantasy Orchestra 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. Contact Miss Brockman if you would like some more details a.brockman@todhigh.co.uk

Sporting news

Athletics – Thanks and well done to our year 7 and 8 teams who went to the Calderdale Super 8s Athletics Competition at Spring Hall, Halifax. Results to follow.



Cricket follow up – as mentioned in a previous letter, several of our students were involved in the international cricket tournament with the Australian touring team, playing as Cricket Asylum Academy. Walsden CC lost by 20 runs, but was a very close game. I am informed that a great day out was had by all and the Australian parents said we were so lucky to live in such stunning surroundings. Families stayed for a BBQ and an impromptu game of football with our students and their families before continuing with their cricket tour of the UK.

A huge well done to all the players involved:

- Charlie Greenwood
- Ollie Davidson
- Kian Woodfin
- Lennie Halstead
- Miles Brandwood
- Will Greenwood
- Hayden Bailey
- Ollie Rushton
- Noah Davidson
- Theo Helliwell
- Issac Rushton

School information

Strike action - As previously mentioned, I am sorry to inform you that Todmorden High School will be closed to all students in Year 7-10 on the 5th and 7th of July due to strike action, barring some exceptions. The full letter is published in the letters home section of our school website and has been sent out on Class Charts.

Year 9 Learning Manager – A reminder that Miss James is now taking over the pastoral care of our Year 9 students who she will be taking forward into Year 10 and the beginning of their GCSE journey. Mrs Kontogiannopoulou will be focussing her efforts on our upcoming Year 6 students, who she will be looking after when they join us in September as the Year 7 Learning Manager. If your child is in Year 9 and you require pastoral support or would like to speak to a member of staff in school please contact Miss James on j.james@todhigh.co.uk.

Miss James said farewell to the year 11 students in our marvellous year 11 leavers' assembly on Tuesday evening. Thank you to all who attended. I am looking forward to attending prom this evening with our Year 11 students and will update you next week on the event. It is always truly lovely to see our young people dressed up and celebrating their achievements.

As always if you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us on the details at the head of this letter, via your child's Learning Manager or through our school website.

Yours sincerely,



Gill Shirt
Headteacher

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
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