

Up & coming dates

Ski trip departs – 31st March Easter holidays – 31st March Students return to school – 17th April Year 7 Progress Evening – 20th April 4.30-7pm Y9 DTP/Men Vaccinations – 4th May Year 10 Raising Aspiration Evening – 4th May Ewood Lane Todmorden West Yorkshire OL14 7DG

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Congratulations to our key stage 3 cricket team who won all of their league games to get to the final and then, unfortunately, got beat by North Halifax Grammar School by two runs in the final. All the boys played exceptionally well and behaved impeccably throughout. Mr Duerden informed me that they have been a pleasure to work with over the last few months. They should all be proud of their achievements.

A huge well done to Alex and Owen for all their hard work in entering the recent film competition from the Religious Education Council of England and Wales in partnership with Culham St

Gabriel's Trust. Their work centred around

using the recent National Census results to predict national and local trends for the future. Well done and good luck on your entry.

Thank you to all the students who entered our prestigious hard-boiled history competition. We had several fantastic and creative entries, showcasing a number of historical figures. It is clear from the quality



that a great deal of time and effort was put in to creating these. Congratulations to our winners, you can take a look at some of the entries at the end of my letter.

Last week, the year 11 Hospitality and Catering students carried out their final practical assessment for their qualification. They each had to produce two courses plus accompaniments in 3 hours. All students that took part, performed exceptionally well with some restaurant quality food being produced from several students. Well done year 11.





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On Saturday 25th March, Mr Day took some of our students to see Todmorden Orchestra perform at Todmorden town hall. The programme included some classical music by Brahms, Elgar and the Nielsen flute concerto. Our students were introduced to the orchestra's conductor, Nicholas Concannon, who made them feel very welcome and they thoroughly enjoyed watching the live orchestra perform.

Our students were able to attend due to the generosity of the 'Friends of

Todmorden Orchestra'

scheme and in particular to Bob Still and Leye Oladapo for creating this opportunity for our students. We thank you so much for the opportunity for our students to engage with live music.

Over the past month the Ethics, Philosophy and Religion department has been delivering transition lessons to primary students. The lessons have been a great success with students developing their philosophical reasoning skills, while exploring the topic of miracles. Each student also got a THS EPR branded pencil. There are a few more sessions due to be delivered so watch out, you could be next. Please see pictured their visit to Ferney Lee.



As part of our continuous efforts to support our wonderful Todmorden community through the Cost-of-Living Crisis, Todmorden High School is happy to announce that we will be hosting a 'good as new' stall as part of our summer celebration after school on Friday 23rd June 2023. We would like to ask for donations of any unwanted possessions (such as clothing, baby gear, toys, or anything else that others might appreciate) from all our staff and members of our community. All objects donated should be in good condition, so that they will be useful to their new owners, and we are unable to accept used underwear, of course. You can drop off any donations at our school reception on Wednesdays and Fridays between 3-4pm. Please contact Mrs Kontogiannopoulou on d.kontogiannopoulou@todhigh.co.uk for any queries. As the event gets nearer, we will give more information as to the stall itself, and other elements to be enjoyed. Thankyou in anticipation of your generous support.

There is an event on at Burnley College for all students from year 7 through to year 11 to find out about options for after high school. Please look at the flyer at the rear of my letter for more information.

A reminder that the deadline for ordering leaver's hoodies for Year 11 is today (31st March), hoodies need to be ordered via the online link sent out on Class Charts.

Thank you for all the donations made to our "prom shop", your generosity has been overwhelming. There is no expectation for students to dress up, we want students to wear whatever they feel comfortable in, but having access to some beautiful dresses and accessories will be a significant help to our students who want that experience.

If anyone else can donate we are still accepting donations of dresses, accessories (shoes, bags, jewellery) and suits, shirts and ties for our male students. Your support is very much appreciated. If you have any queries. please contact <u>j.james@todhigh.co.uk</u>.

We have been made aware of some young people engaging in anti-social behaviour at Todmorden Health Centre in the early evenings. Please can you ensure your child is not hanging around near here. The police are working with the staff at Todmorden Health Centre to ensure this facility remains safe for all members of the community to attend. We will support the police to identify any students involved so that they can act.

On Thursday 20th April there will be a progress evening for year 7. This will be a virtual event run through School Cloud. Parents and carers of students in year 7 should now have received a letter about this with all the information. If you have not received this letter or are having issues logging on, please contact your child's Learning Manager p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk.

We break up from school for the Easter holidays this Friday at the usual time of 2.50pm. School will reopen for students after the Easter break on Monday 17th April for an 8.35am start.

As always, if you have a query or concern, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

HARD-BOILED HISTORY COMPETITION

The entries to this year's Easter Egg competition have been brilliant and showcase the huge range of talent within the THS community. Choosing a winner was an incredibly difficult decision for our history department. Well done to everyone who took part!



Winner: Hollie (Year 7) The Wives of Henry VIII



Winner: Thomas (Year 7) The Murder of Thomas Becket



Winner: Cora (Year 7) Queen Elizabeth II and her corgis



Winner: Eve (Year 7) Frida Kahlo





Lucy (Year 7)

















Sian (Year 9)

Aleyna (Year 7)























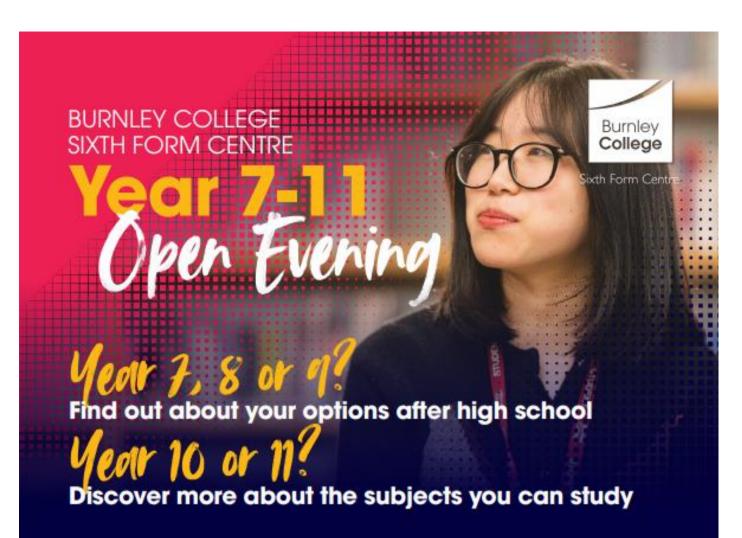
Ollie (Year 8)

Aiden, Robin and

Samuel (Year 8)







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