



26th April 2024

Dear all,

We have had another busy and exciting week here in school! Headteacher's breakfasts, Miss Shirt's Reading Club is going strong, and the school has been involved in a number of external community developments. Details are all below.

As always, if you have any other concerns or if you wish to speak with a member of staff please get in touch with us via the website, by emailing reception at admin@todhigh.co.uk or by calling school Monday-Friday between the hours of 8-4pm.

Yours sincerely,

Gill Shirt

Headteacher

Up and Coming Dates



2.5.24 - Raising ambition evening for Year 10.

2.5.24 - Free computing for parents course with Mr Chattell. Details below.

6.5.24 - School closed for Bank holiday.

8.5.24 - ARCH day 3.

Vaccination dates to note:

HPV catch up session 30.4.24.

13.5.24 - Y9 DTTP/ACWY

20.5.24 - Y9 DTTP/ACWY

Year 10 Essential Exam Preparation Evening.



On Thursday 2nd May, 4:30-7pm, we are holding our Year 10 Essential Exam Preparation Evening. Details have gone on Class Charts from Mr Nalborczyk with a letter for your reading. As we begin the final term of Year 10, your child will start to prepare themselves for their upcoming end of year exams. Please do come to this informative and very helpful evening.

School will open for the event at 4.15pm with a presentation in the school hall at 4.30pm to start the evening off. Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity to visit the different workshops available to support you and your child in preparing for the mock exams that are timetabled for June this year. Developing and using these strategies at home will improve their revision for the final GCSE exams next summer.

Exemplar materials will be provided to take away, use and develop as part of your child's revision.

The workshops will include:

Designing an effective revision timetable.

Making and using revision cards.

How to use past papers effectively.

Cornell note taking.

In addition to the workshops, our careers team, our SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) team, our mental health and well-being team along with experienced teachers and support staff will also be available if you have any further questions.

Trialling these strategies at this stage in Year 10 will allow students to identify what works most effectively for them and will improve their attainment in their final GCSE exams next summer.

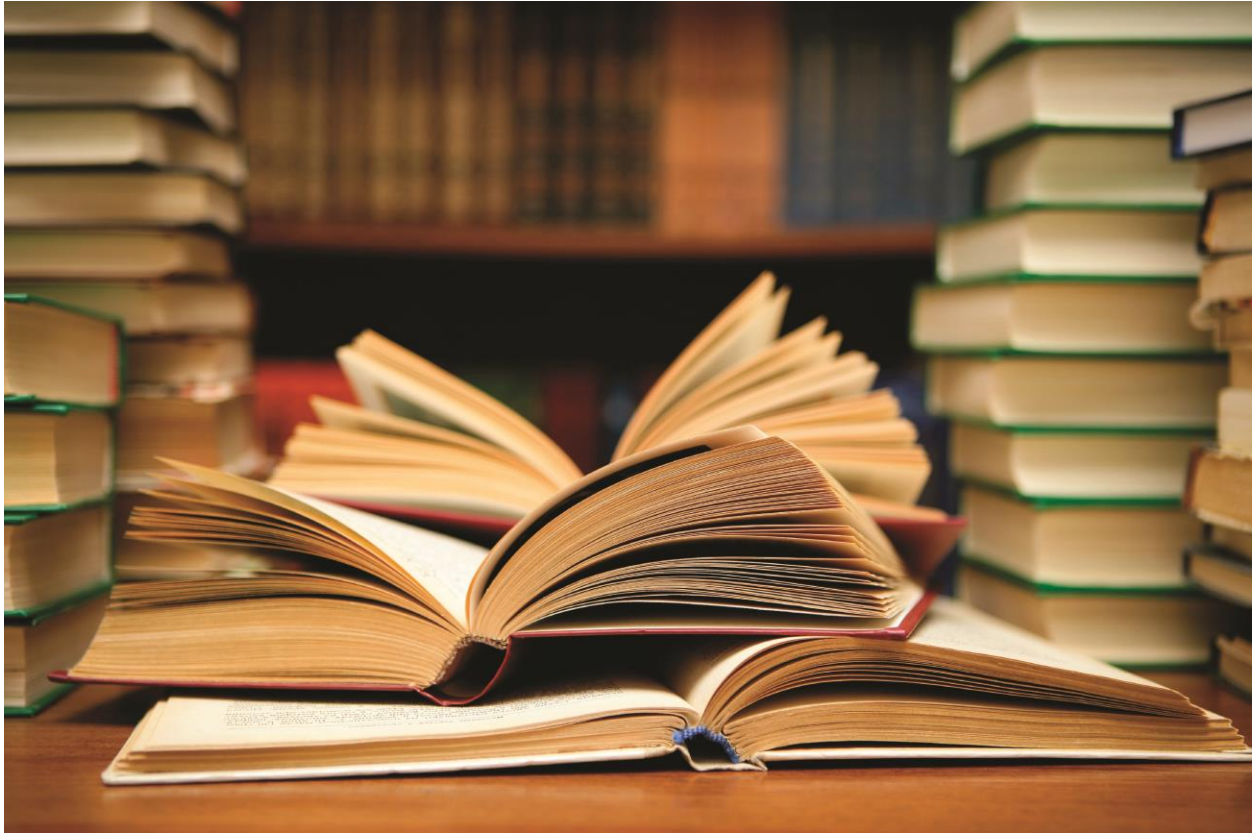
We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. If you have any questions about this evening, please contact myself or Miss James on j.james@todhigh.co.uk.

Headteacher's Breakfast Year 8

This week saw a group of Year 8 students have a Headteacher's Breakfast with Miss Shirt. At the Headteachers breakfast students get their say in what it's like to be a student at Todmorden High School. Miss Shirt then discusses points raised with the school governors and the leadership team. Remember, parents get the opportunity to feedback too. Watch out for the next parents forum or you can email school.



Miss Shirts Reading Club



Each week Miss Shirt has been meeting with a group of students, to encourage them to read and have discussions about the book and life in general. The club are currently reading "Safe". This enthralling book is certainly encouraging some vivid and imaginative thought and conversations. This club has been, and continues to be a successful gathering enjoyed by all.



Todmorden Together



Lots of work internally happening for the upcoming Todmorden Together meeting on Thursday 9th May at 5-6pm in our school library. Anyone interested in attending, please send school an email on admin@todhigh.co.uk

Have your say regarding developments in Central Park.



We have been asked by Todmorden Town Council to ask for your input and involvement of a survey regarding some developments for the younger people of Todmorden in the Central Park.

Here is the link for the survey to have your say.

Link: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/dmdgbq>

This survey closes at the end of May.

We are recruiting!



Join our super team here at Todmorden High School!

We have a number of vacancies within the exam invigilation team for the upcoming exams this summer.

If you, or anyone you know, who may be interested in the part time exam invigilators vacancies, please share the link below or direct them to our website to complete an application form.

[Recruitment - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](http://todhigh.co.uk)

Please keep an eye out on our social media pages and website for details of future opportunities.

Mental Health at school



You Matter Student Interventions: A Holistic Approach

As part of our ongoing commitment to mental health support, we have implemented You Matter Interventions tailored to the needs of our community. The Noah's Ark counselling service, available every Monday and Friday, has provided invaluable support to our students, with feedback indicating its effectiveness. Additionally, the support provided by Northpoint on Wednesdays complements our efforts to deliver comprehensive mental health care. Claire Tooth's MHST's targeted interventions further exemplify our dedication to providing practical and accessible support for mental wellbeing.

You Matter Surveys: Insights and Reflections

The You Matter surveys have proven invaluable in gauging the efficacy of our mental health support initiatives. Insights from recent surveys have shown us we need to improve communication with parents; a significant proportion are unaware of the support we provide in school. This will be an area of focus. Staff surveys have shed light on areas where our staff may require additional support, underscoring our dedication to their wellbeing. Encouragingly, students have expressed feeling increasingly supported in their mental health journey, signalling progress in our collective efforts.

Community Engagement



Last week Miss James was successful in gaining our community engagement role. She will now be very busy organising our Great Summer Get Together along with our student leaders.

Free Computing Course for parents!

Whether you are struggling from sending an email/ setting up your own email account to sorting out spreadsheets we can help. This one hour session will be tailored to your needs! Come along and advance your skills, we can show you how to put a CV together, how to create a spreadsheet to help manage your incomings and out- goings...whatever you like.

Let us know you are coming to this free session on **3.30-4.30 May 2nd** in Room 20, by emailing Mr Chattell on D.Chattell@todhigh.co.uk by Monday 29th April.

Vaccination News

An announcement has gone on Class Charts as we have had confirmation from the local authorities re Year 9 vaccinations.

DTP/ACWY 13/5/24 and 20/5/24.

There is a letter of consent for parent to complete below.

https://immunisation.cht.nhs.uk/vaccinations/men_acwy_dtp?code=107564

Our 2024 Prom



**Tod High Prom
2024**

If anyone has any old Prom/ball gown style dresses, suits, dress shoes, bags or accessories that they no longer need and would like to donate to our Prom Shop - please make contact with Emily Stansfield on 01706 813558 or by email on e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk

Thank you so much in advance for your help and support - this will allow us to ensure that every student is offered the Prom experience that they deserve.

Learning Managers



Just to remind you all of our 5 Learning Managers and their contact details, should you ever need to email them.

Year 7 - Mrs. Kontogiannopoulou

Email: demik@todhigh.co.uk

Year 8 - Mrs. Thompson

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Year 9 - Mrs. Townend

Email: a.townend@todhigh.co.uk

Year 10 - Miss. James

Email: j.james@todhigh.co.uk

Year 11 - Mrs. Stansfield

Email: e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk