

9th February 2024

What a beautiful, yet cold end to this part of term! I do hope all our students have a wonderful half term break.

As always, if you have any 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 <u>admin@todhigh.co.uk</u> or by calling school Monday-Friday between the hours of 8-4pm.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

Up and Coming Dates



We close Friday 9th February for our half term. School re-opens on Monday 19th February at normal time.

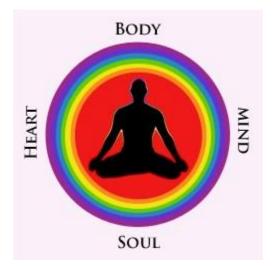
Year 8 Progress Evening - Thursday 22nd February - 4:30 - 7pm. This will be an online event. Details below.

Academisation



You may remember me writing to you in October with the possibility of us joining The Pennine Alliance Learning Trust (PALT). It is my duty to inform you that we are now looking into other options and won't be pursuing joining PALT at this time. If you would like to discuss this please email me in school on g.shirt@todhigh.co.uk

Student Health (Physical and mental health, and wellbeing)



KS4 – Exam Stress

Our year 11 students are now in their final few weeks before the start of their GCSEs. We understand that this can be a very daunting time for our students, so this week, we will share some tips for success which includes taking care of yourself!

- Revise little and often-find a balance. Make a revision timetable to plan your revision. Do this little and often and make sure that you build in time to rest and do things you enjoy as well.
- Ask for help if you are feeling overwhelmed in a particular subject, or you feel your revision is not effective, speak with your teacher, form tutor or head of year for help and support.
- Meditate it is proven to be very beneficial for mental health and wellbeing. Daily meditation will be incredibly effective!
- If you are feeling stressed, follow this guide from young minds https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/exam-stress/



Year 8 progress evening

On Thursday 22nd February 2024 there will be a Progress Evening for Year 8. This will be a virtual event run through SchoolCloud. Parents and carers of students in Year 8 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, Mrs. Thompson on p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk



Y8 HPV vaccinations are due to take place on 12/3/24. If you have multiple children, you will need to complete a form for each child. The consent form needs to be completed and submitted by 21/02/2024. Please refer to Classcharts for the link and consent.

Hot Water Bottles



A number of students have started to bring hot water bottles in. Please note, for health and safety, we do not allow hot water bottles in school.

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 Year 8 - Mrs. Thompson Year 9 - Mrs. Townend Year 10 - Miss. James
- Year 11 Mrs. Stansfield

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Our extra-curricular timetable is below!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Latin Club Invite only Mc Pollock	Design & Technology Club All Year groups welcome Mrs Hartley Room 25 & 26	English Speaking Board Invitation only Mrs Kawin Room 90	KS3 Cricket Club Mr Duerden Gym		
All clubs finish by 4pm unless stated otherwise January 2024	K33 Basketball Mr Duerden Gym	M4M Fantasy Orchestra Mrs. Leicester School Hall	Magic Club Mr Charles Room 13		
	Math Club Mr Smith Invite only	Y11 EPR Drop In Mr Wanack Room 47		(I)	
	KS4 Art/Photography Club Mr Freeman Room 45	Year 7 & 8 Code Club Mr McDermott Room 21	Platinetar C		
	KS3 Art Club Miss Webster Room 46	KS3 Science Club Miss Smith Room 41		Conter opportunities: Home Learning Club in the Library Every right after school until 4.00pm *19/10/11 - Dake of Edinburgh Award. See Miss Multarkey for details	
	Drama Club (All Years) Miss Daubnoy Drama Studio	Girls' Netball Club All Years Miss Creighton			
	Coursework catch up Mrs Lambert	Year 7&8 Girls Football Mrs Lambert			