

**Up & coming dates**

Virtual Parent drop in 6/4/22

Easter holidays Friday 8/4/22 2.50pm

Return to school Monday 25/4/22 8.40am

Year 7 Parents' Evening 28/4/22

May Day Monday 2/5/22 School Closed

Virtual Parent drop in 4/5/22

Friday 1/4/2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday 28/4/22 there will be a Parents' Evening for year 7. This will be a virtual event run through SchoolCloud. All details will be shared with the parents and carers of students in this year group next week.

Some of our students will begin fasting this week as they observe Ramadan. I would like all students to show respect and care towards students observing this, having an awareness that some of their peers are fasting is the first step towards this. We are supporting our Muslim students during the month of Ramadan by providing a calm and quiet space for them in room 31 to use during lunchtimes.

We've been updating some of our webpages for you. At [Tutoring and Focus Time - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](http://www.todhigh.co.uk) you can now find a wealth of information about the activities undertaken in form time each day. It really is a packed agenda, full of all sorts of personal development work, specially designed to help your child unlock their unique potential. This page also supports you with ensuring your child picks up their 5 daily points for being in perfect uniform and with the right equipment. Please do have a look.

In addition, information here, [Personal Development - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](http://www.todhigh.co.uk), tells you all about the recent government focus on peer-on-peer abuse. A recent Ofsted review found that many students in schools and colleges across England and Wales were experiencing high levels of abuse from their peers. Here at THS, we are taking the time to educate all our students about what is and isn't acceptable, and how to seek support if it is needed. We have talked to everyone about this in the recent ARCH day, and we'll also be talking to smaller student panels about it in coming weeks to make sure we are supporting the young people in our community as effectively as possible. As ever, if you want to get in touch about any issues, please don't hesitate. We are here to help.

I mentioned last week that a group of our students in school have been completing a 2-mile swim in order to raise funds for Ukraine, some of them are pictured here. So far, our students have managed to raise £900, £200 of which they collected in school. The students have decided to look into other ways they can help and support the people of Ukraine during this crisis, and I will be detailing further information in my letter next week about the next steps they will be taking. **We are so proud of them all, true ambassadors of the ARCH values!**



**Enabling individuals to unlock their unique potential**

THS has recently switched to using buff paper for printing services. Our paper is 100% recycled.



We had a bake competition on Red Nose Day this year which was judged by Mrs Todd and I. Students then sold their entries to their peers during their focus time. The collection came to £229.77 in total and this money has been sent across to Comic Relief. We had some fantastic entries for the competition, you can see a few pictures of our first prize winner below! Well done to all our winners who received prizes during focus time this week, and to all who entered who have all received a Headteacher's letter home.



We are hosting several Easter revision sessions for our Year 11 students which we have detailed below. Please do encourage your child to attend these valuable sessions as they approach their imminent GCSE examinations. Don't forget we have a wealth of resources on our website that you can

access for study and we also make use of GCSE Pod and Carousel to support students learning. If you have any worries about your child's progress please do dial in to my Virtual Parent Forum (held once fortnightly 3-4pm on TEAMS, the next being on 6/4/22) or speak to Mrs Stansfield ([e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk)).

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	9am – 3pm Combined Science 10am – 2pm Separate Science - Biology
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	9am – 1pm - Spanish - Listening and Reading 9am – 3pm Separate Sciences - Physics
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	9am – 1pm - Spanish - Speaking and Writing 11am – 3pm – Performing Arts
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	9am - 11am Maths
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	10.30am - 12.30pm Geography
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	9am – 11am - EPR 9am – 3pm Sports Studies 9am – 3pm Health and Social 11am – 3pm – Performing Arts

We would like to invite you in to school for a parental discussion regarding recent anti-social behaviour incidents in Todmorden. If your children frequent Todmorden; especially the park, skate park and bus station during the evenings we would encourage you to attend this meeting next Thursday 5-5.30pm in the school hall.

Thanks to those who attended Parent Governor Forum last week. A third was scheduled to take place in May, but this has been cancelled, so please remove it from your diary if you had planned to attend.

Please don't forget that we break up for the Easter holiday on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 for two weeks. We break up at the usual time of 2.50pm. Students will return to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 from the usual time of 8.35am.

As always, if you have anything you wish to discuss with us please don't hesitate to get in touch by email, telephone or via my Virtual Forum.

Yours Sincerely,

Gill Shirt  
Headteacher