

Up & coming dates

Sports Day 5/7/22

ARCH Day (rescheduled) 7/7/22

Transition Evening 7/7/22

Transition Day 8/7/22

Wizard of Oz 12/7-14/7

July 1st, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday, we enjoyed a new event at the High School. The Great THS Get Together, inspired by the Jo Cox Foundation. We invited many of our current Year 7 students and our new students in Year 6, plus many teachers, governors and local community members, into the High School grounds for a social event. There was a real community spirit with a wide range of food on offer and plenty of games and activities, including sumo wrestling, bowls and a Year 6 football tournament. In addition, our steel pan group made their debut performance, our rock band raised the roof and our cast of the upcoming production, The Wizard of Oz performed excerpts from the show at various points and to a delighted audience. Thankfully the weather was more or less on our side and we were able to enjoy the event without the need for wellies. It was a wonderfully enjoyable experience for all and one which we will, no doubt, repeat.

Our fantastic production of The Wizard of Oz is on for 3 nights from Tuesday 12th July 2022. We are so excited to be hosting a full school production again, we would love to see you there. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 4th July 2022 at our student office (cash only please), £2 child/concession and £5 adult. There are a limited amount of tickets for sale each night, so ensure you buy them soon to avoid disappointment.

On Wednesday 6th July - we are hosting our annual 'Todmorden High School Careers Fair' in the hall. Every year we invite a number of different local and national businesses, employers and education providers into school for our students to meet and speak to. Each year group will be given an hour to circulate the Careers Fair throughout the day to find out about all of the different routes, pathways and careers that are out there. This year we are opening the hall up at 2.50pm for an hour for any parents/carers who would also like to explore the careers fair with their children. If you do have any questions at all, please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Stansfield on e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk. There is a Science and Technology event on at Burnley College in the holidays, flyer attached at the rear of this letter.

Virtual Parent forum is sadly postponed next week due to unforeseen circumstances, but the next (and final) forum of the year will run on Wednesday 20th July from 3-4pm. More information will be circulated closer to the date, thanks to all who have attended forum this year to discuss school issues, share good news and help with school improvement. I will continue to run my forum next year.

Please can I draw your attention to this important mental health related document that we have published on our school website, you will find information about support with transition, peer support, summer groups and more within: [June-2022-EHWB-Key-Updates.pdf \(todhigh.co.uk\)](#).



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In some positive student news, congratulations to Charlotte Wigley 9SDE/MCH who has recently passed her grade 2 trumpet exam. We are so pleased for her. She has worked hard to prepare for this exam. Well done, Charlotte.

Additionally, Raqib (Year 8) recently delivered a 40 min presentation in a Year 7 EPR lesson on the topic of Islam, with practical demonstrations, recitation and superbly led question and answering. Mr Womack told me that Raqib had the Year 7 class engaged for the whole lesson, and that it was undoubtedly one of the best student presentations he had ever seen. It would appear that we have a budding young teacher in the making, well done Raqib, what a fantastic example of the ARCH values in action.



Due to the great success of virtual parents' evenings this year, we have made the decision to continue running all our parents' evenings on School Cloud next academic year. We have had excellent feedback from parents and staff on this format.

Parents' Evening dates for your diary for next year:

- Year 7 (1) – Thursday 22nd September 2022, 4.30-7pm
- Year 11 – Thursday 24th November 2022, 4.30-7pm
- Year 9 – Thursday 8th December 2022, 4.30-7pm
- Year 8 – Thursday 9th March 2023, 4.30-7pm
- Year 10 – Thursday 24th March 2023, 4.30-7pm
- Year 7 (2) – Thursday 20th April 2023, 4.30-7pm

The school calendar has now been completed and we are in the process of uploading this to the school website for your attention. Once uploaded you will be able to check dates for events, I will keep you posted.

In addition, in September students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will no longer be taught in their form group for every lesson. Students will spend focus time each day with their form groups but will be in different mixed prior attainment classes for the rest of their lessons. This approach is more reflective of the system further up the school in Years 10 and 11.

We hosted our Year 11 Leavers' Assembly in school this morning, it was heart warming to see all our Year 11 students gathered together celebrating their time at the school. The students have been a credit to themselves, the school and their parents/carers throughout the duration of the exam season after what has been a very challenging two years studying for these exams. I am so proud of our students and can't wait to celebrate together with them tonight at their prom.

I am sure that you will be wondering about arrangements for end of term, I can confirm that students will be finishing school at the earlier time of 12.20pm on Friday 22nd July. Students will attend focus session after their P3 lesson and then be dismissed in an orderly fashion after their focus session. Staff will be on hand at the front of school to support students in leaving happily and safely for their summer holidays. We are in touch with the bus companies and will continue to be in touch regarding the end of term over the next few weeks.

Have a fantastic weekend, and as always, do let us know if we can support you in any way.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Shirt', written in a cursive style.

Gill Shirt

Headteacher



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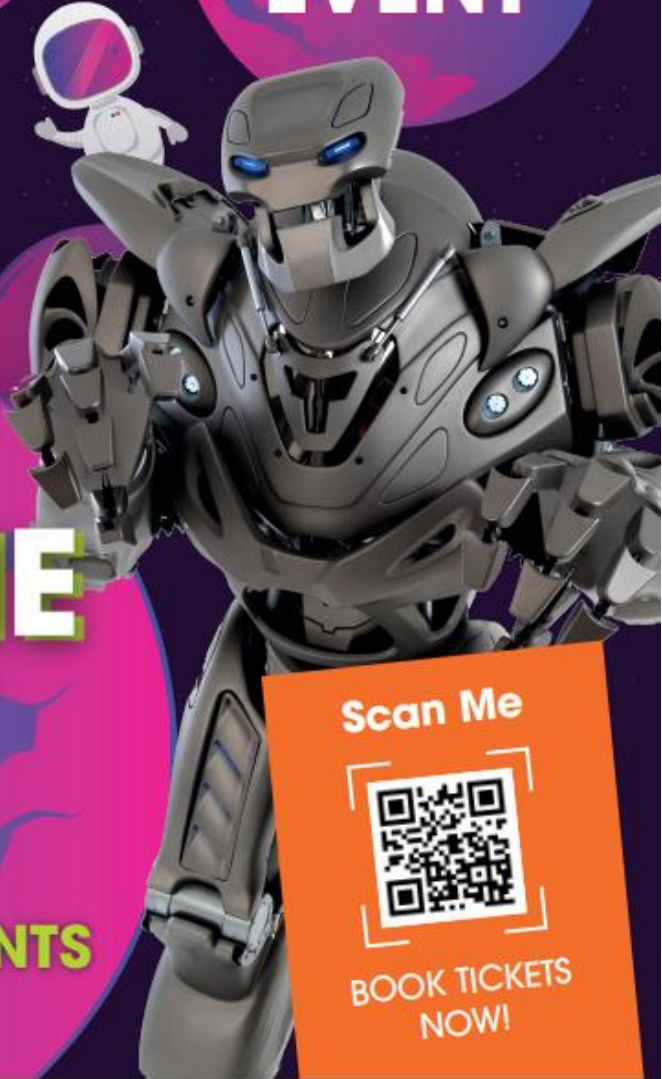
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