

**Up & coming dates**

Careers Week: 7/3/22

Y8 Parents' Evening: 10/3/22

ARCH Day 4: 15/3/22

Todmorden Together: 16/3/22

Options/IAG phone calls: 17/3/22

Y11 Data home: 21/3/22

Parent Governor Forum: 23/3/22

Y8 HPV Immunisations: 24/3/22

Y10 Parents' Evening: 24/3/22

Friday 4/3/2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful half term break enjoying some time with your loved ones. It has been lovely to be back this week with our students and staff.

On Thursday 10/3/22 there will be a Parents' 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 Kontogiannopoulou [d.kontogiannopoulou@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:d.kontogiannopoulou@todhigh.co.uk).

A polite reminder to all students, parents, and carers that our uniform expectations are very clearly marked on our website [Uniform - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](http://www.todhigh.co.uk). In terms of jewellery the only allowance is a single stud in each ear which must be removed for PE and a wristwatch. No other piercings are allowed. We greatly appreciate your support in upholding this expectation and by planning any additional piercings within the longer summer break to allow for removal upon school return in September. Additionally, a water bottle is part of our equipment expectations, please ensure your child has one in school. We do not provide single use plastic cups for students who need a drink, so it is essential they have a bottle with them to use.

Next week marks the start of National Careers Week! Throughout the week we will be welcoming a number of guest speakers in to speak to all of our students from Year 7 to Year 11. We will be welcoming West Yorkshire Police, the RAF, the Army, Network Rail to name a few, alongside a number of local businesses and employers such as Creative Graphic Design and Jane Brearley Solicitor and Co. It is set to be an interesting week, with a number of careers and pathways to those careers being explored. We will also be accessing an online Careers Fair on <https://nationalcareersweek.com/> in school time - which can also be accessed at home in further detail. If you have any questions at all about Careers or Post-16 providers, please do not hesitate in contacting either Emily Stansfield on [e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk) or Rob Stoakes on [r.stoakes@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:r.stoakes@todhigh.co.uk).

Our summer exam timetable has now been published on our school website, you can view this and other guidelines and useful information on our website at [Examinations - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](http://www.todhigh.co.uk).

Our next Todmorden Together meeting is on 16/3/22 from 5.30-6.30pm. We are working together to ensure that our students have a safe and happy school and community to live in. If you are interested in becoming involved in this useful forum, please don't hesitate to contact us, we meet three times a year to discuss community issues. Get in touch with [e.womack@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:e.womack@todhigh.co.uk) to be added to our mailing list. We intend to host this meeting on school site but will be in touch with more information next week. Hope to see some of you there.

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Next Wednesday 9/3/22 I will be hosting my fortnightly Virtual Parent Drop in on Microsoft Teams 3-4pm and would welcome any school-related discussion there. I had some insightful conversations with parents at my last drop in, thanks to those who attended. Please do drop in and speak with me on a one-to-one basis, virtually. The information will be circulated via ClassCharts and on social media on the day.

As you will no doubt be aware the Covid guidelines have altered over the half term break. In school we request that any student who tests positive should remain at home and return to school after either after a negative lateral flow test on day 5 and 6 or following the full 10 days. We again thank you for your continued support as we respond to changing guidance it really is greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing our students on Monday morning.

Yours Sincerely,

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

Gill Shirt  
Headteacher