

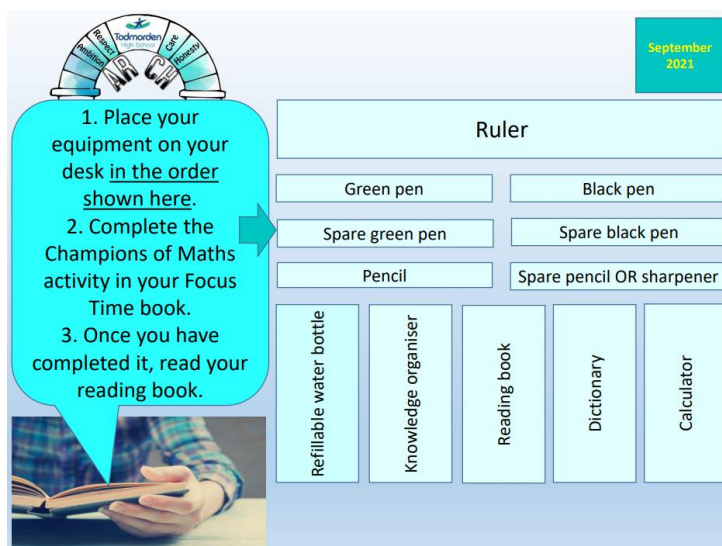
Up & coming dates

ARCH Day 11/5/22
Antibullying performances 12/5/22
Summer Exam season starts 12/5/22
Todmorden Together 18/5/22
Summer Half Term 27/5/22 14:50pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great start to the summer term here, we are finally able to meet together in person for assemblies, which is an absolute delight. Assemblies have been focussed on refreshing the ARCH values with our students and delivering key messages. As of this week we have asked students not to wear their coats in classrooms. We had put this in place temporarily due to ventilation and colder climates in covid-19, but with warmer weather this is no longer necessary. A reminder on jewellery that students should only wear one plain stud in each ear and a wristwatch, no other jewellery is allowed. Students will be asked to remove other pieces of jewellery if they are seen wearing it, including facial piercings.

Thank you so much for supporting our students in bringing their daily equipment. As you will know, this allows them to access their learning with ease. As we have a few students currently missing elements of their essential equipment in school, please do remind yourself of the items required by consulting the poster attached. By bringing all their equipment, and wearing their uniform correctly, students are rewarded with 5 Class Chart points every day, and these can go a long way to securing prizes and rewards within our student body. If you are having difficulties acquiring the correct equipment, or need support, please do get in touch. We are here to help.



Thanks to all those who attended our recent after school parental discussion regarding recent anti-social behaviour incidents in Todmorden. The outcomes and discussions at this meeting were as follows:

- We welcomed parents who attended.
- We made parents aware of some anti-social behaviour in the town that has been brought to our attention by members of the public and the police.
- We recognised that the anti-social behaviour does not relate to all our students but rather a minority. The areas where there has been an impact have included the town centre around the bus station, the train station, on the park and in the areas known as 'Tip side'.
- We passed on the information in relation to alcohol and illegal substance use. We made clear that individually these students are not engaging in anti-social behaviour but when in a group their ability to make appropriate decisions is being negatively influenced. In making poor decision and engaging in anti-social behaviour we outlined our concerns for students' safety and vulnerability.



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- We gave parents some information about 'County Lines' and the exploitation of young people. The link below highlights this information: [County Lines - National Crime Agency](#).
- We offered parents some general advice if they thought their child might be involved or vulnerable to becoming involved. We advised strict boundaries around mobile phone use and the times students are allowed out to socialise. We advised parents to discuss the impacts of anti-social behaviour at home and to be visible out and about in town if their child was socialising.

If you become aware of, or have any concerns about, anti-social behaviour of our students or young people in the community please do get in touch with us and keep us informed. We are working with the police and other stakeholders in the community around these issues. Additionally, you can attend our Todmorden Together meeting on 18/5/22 to become involved in community discussion or come to my virtual drop in which I hold fortnightly on TEAMS. The next drop in is on 18/5/22 3-4pm, the TEAMS link will be distributed via Class Charts and social media closer to the time.



One of our year 11 students, Evie, has been fundraising for her trip to Peru where she will be volunteering in local projects and completing a trek to Macchu Picchu. Over the bank holiday weekend Evie walked the Yorkshire 3 Peaks, she completed the challenging 39km walk in 9 hours, a real achievement. I'm sure this will serve as excellent preparation for her high-altitude trek. Fundraising is an important element

of the Peru trip, where students are requested to raise as much of the trip costs as they can. If you would like to contribute Evie has setup a just giving page, <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/evie-hawkesworth>. All the students are looking forward to this opportunity to volunteer and make a difference and will be sharing their experiences when they return.

Next week is our 5th ARCH Day of the year. On these days, students can develop wider learning in a whole host of fields such as citizenship, diversity, peer on peer abuse, health and wellbeing, relationships, finance and careers, much of which is statutory content. All the sessions are designed to offer students the chance to properly discuss and debate the issues raised and to develop their understanding of these challenging real-life issues. The ARCH Days are a real strength of the school, our final ARCH Day of the year will take place on the 30th June.

Next Thursday we have a band visiting school 'Here at Last', to deliver performances to our students from year 7-10 on the theme of cyberbullying and mental health. Year groups will gather in the hall with their classroom teachers to watch the performance and learn more about these key issues. This forms part of our Personal Development at Todmorden High School to allow students to explore and discuss topics outside of the classroom curriculum. I am sure the event will be fully enjoyed by all; I will update you in next week's letter about the event.

As always if you need to discuss anything with us, please do get in touch and we will assist you. Have a great weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

Gill Shirt
Headteacher