

Up & coming dates

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 8/4/2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday 28/04/2022 there will be a Parents' Evening for year 7. This will be a virtual event run through SchoolCloud. Parents and carers of students in year 7 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 - Rosie Crowther, r.crowther@todhigh.co.uk.

The EPR department took another group of GCSE students on a residential last weekend. They all stayed at a fabulous Quaker house called Barmoor on the edge of the North Yorkshire Moors. The study theme was 'Revelation' and the group enjoyed study sessions based around this, along with games, a walk along the ancient pilgrimage route, the Cleveland Way, and time in Whitby. Staff and students all had a fabulous time in the glorious weather. The EPR department will be looking to run this lovely residential experience again in the Autumn.



This week we have had notification from Calderdale regarding the changes to covid-19 guidance. There has been lots of information in the media regarding these changes and you can read through the full government guidance at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>. In summary:

- COVID-19 testing (either routine or symptomatic) is no longer directed except in very particular situations (hospitals etc). There is no access to free testing for most people (if you think you might be eligible to order lateral flow tests you can find out online).
- It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.
- Anyone who does test positive with a lateral flow test-should try to stay at home for 5 days (adults) or 3 days (children), but this is no longer a legal requirement.

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- Children and young people with mild symptoms of respiratory infection, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.
- Close contacts are no longer legally required to isolate or take daily lateral flow tests.

As part of our ongoing commitment to helping every child unlock their unique potential, we have recently invested in the Accessit library management system. This means that students can search our online catalogue for books, look for suggested reads, submit reviews to help other students choose their books and lots more. You can find the portal by clicking <https://uk.accessit.online/tdm00/#!/dashboard> and students can log in with their Office 365 details to access their own area.



St Joseph's R.C. Primary School organised an event, which took place last Thursday 31/3/22, aimed to unite local schools in a moment of reflection and prayer for the events currently taking place in the Ukraine. The organisers asked for representatives from local schools to gather in Centre Vale Park, Todmorden at 11am for a 15-minute service where students were invited to reflect. A small number of students accompanied by Miss Cooper and Mr Dewsnip walked across to the park last week to attend this event. Many students and members of the local community joined together to pray for the Ukraine. Thanks to all those who attended.



This week I met with Mr Carrigan and Mr Jones from the local bowling club based at Centre Vale Park. We discussed future potential involvement between our school and the club and decided to look at starting an extra-curricular bowls' club for our students. I hope that this club will be a fantastic opportunity for our students to gain a new skill, and experience in a team sport thus generating young adults for teams and social bowling in future. The bowling green in Centre Vale Park is the only 4 square bowling green in the world, so a legacy worth working to maintain and promote with our young people. Etiquette and sportsmanship feature highly, adding to students' social skills profile. All done with laughter and fun, learning, feeling good; all in the best weather that Todmorden can offer during the early summer months.

While in discussion with the club, I was asked to draw parent awareness to the maintenance and care of the greens by avoiding using them as thoroughfare or for games other than bowls. Our students are very conscientious overall and do not often tread on the greens. Please do encourage them to continue to show this value of **care** over the summer months. The new extra-curricular club and increased visits to the greens by our students are likely to encourage greater sensitivity and insight, and it's in this pursuit that I would like to encourage our students to join up. I have included a flyer at the back of my letter about the Todmorden Bowls' Academy should any of you wish to get involved.



This week we held a science poster competition for science week on the theme of 'Growth'. We had many fabulous entries; you can see some pictures of the students with their entries and prizes here.

1st: Isabel (Year 7)

2nd: Francesca (Year 7)

3rd: Ava (Year 8)

4th: Laurie (Year 7)



5th: Phoebe (Year 7)



All our winners were awarded with a prize of an easter egg of varying sizes and the above entries will also be entered into the [Poster competition - British Science Week](#) external competition where there are bigger prizes up for grabs. Well done to everyone who entered and good luck to those entering the external competition. Thanks to Mrs McCool for organising this event.

A last reminder that 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.

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

We are closed for Easter from 2.50pm today and will reopen on Monday 25/4/22 at 8.40am, with all students on site for 8.35am. Have a lovely break with your family and friends. Happy Easter.

Yours Sincerely,

Gill Shirt
Headteacher



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