

**Up & coming dates**

Peru Trip departs 12/7/22

Eureka! Trip 12/7/22

Wizard of Oz 12/7/22-14/7/22

Eswatini Turing Trip departs 16/7/22

End of term 22/7/22 12.20pm

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday this week we welcomed 22 different local and national businesses, employers and education providers into our school hall for our 2022 Todmorden High School Careers Fair. Students from Years 7 through to Year 10 made their way around the event which showcased a wide range of careers and career pathways, to get a clear insight into the world of work, as well as discovering the opportunities that are out there for them in the future. There was a fantastic atmosphere, and it was lovely to see so many students actively getting involved, asking lots of thoughtful and relevant questions. We are looking forward to many more face-to-face careers events taking place in the new academic year.

With the end of the school year looming, Mrs Stansfield will now be taking over from Mrs Thompson in being the Learning Manager for our current Year 9 cohort. Mrs Thompson has thoroughly enjoyed looking after the cohort from Year 7 through to Year 9, and is excited for the new Year 7 cohort to arrive in September. If any current Year 9 parents have any questions for Mrs Stansfield, please email them through on [e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk) or phone on 01706 813558.

We're aware of the very real impact that COVID is once again having on Calderdale schools. I just wanted to remind you of the **national guidance** currently in place (which remains unchanged from April). This guidance has come directly from the Local Authority Public Health department:

- COVID-19 testing (either routine or symptomatic) is no longer indicated except in very particular situations (hospitals etc). There is no access to free testing for most people.
- Anyone who does test positive with a lateral flow test-should stay at home for 5 days (adults) or 3 days (children).
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can return to the setting when they no longer have a high temperature and they feel well enough.
- 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.

Full guidance is available here:

- [Guidance: Health protection in education and childcare settings](#). There have been updates today to Ch2 ([Infection prevention and control](#)), Ch3 ([public health management of specific infectious diseases](#)), Ch4 ([action in the event of an outbreak or incident](#)), and to the [Exclusion table](#).



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

After a 3-year delay due to Covid we hosted our school Sports day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July for Y7 – Y10 students. In total 350 students entered a wide range of athletic events in an inter form competition format. The event was held on our playing fields which buzzed with excitement as records were broken and personal bests were achieved in a packed day of track and field events.

It was fantastic to see so many amazing athletes. Spirits were not dampened despite a wet start to the day and our students showed grit and determination under changeable conditions, getting much encouragement from their lively and enthusiastic teammates.

### Year 7 sports day results

Form results	New THS records
1 <sup>st</sup> place – 7PEM 2 <sup>nd</sup> place – 7ZKE 3 <sup>rd</sup> place – 7LMC/ZHA 4 <sup>th</sup> place – 7JNU 5 <sup>th</sup> place – 7LBR 6 <sup>th</sup> place – 7MSC/CAS 7 <sup>th</sup> place – 7PJD	Girls' high jump – Georgia Watt 1.23cm Boys' high jump – Ashley Smith 1.12cm

### Year 8 sports day results

Form results	New THS records
1 <sup>st</sup> place – 8DCH 2 <sup>nd</sup> place – 8CRO 3 <sup>rd</sup> place – 8KSM 4 <sup>th</sup> place – 8MMO 5 <sup>th</sup> place – 8DRY 6 <sup>th</sup> place – 8DMC 7 <sup>th</sup> place – 8PAS	Girls' high jump – Liza Pidluzhna 1.20cm Boys' high jump – Javid Hussain 1.32cm Girls' 400m – Rosie Dowson 1m 14secs Boys 400m – Robert Ratcliffe 1m 6secs

### Year 9 sports day results

Form results	New THS records
1 <sup>st</sup> place – 9SDE/MCH 2 <sup>nd</sup> place – 9JSC 3 <sup>rd</sup> place – 9LEM 4 <sup>th</sup> place – 9MHA 5 <sup>th</sup> place – 9THA 6 <sup>th</sup> place – 9LCU 7 <sup>th</sup> place – 9TKI	Girls' high jump – Megan Shaw 1.15cm Boys' high jump – Joshua Fielden 1.25cm Boys' 800m – Thomas Lownds 2m 38secs Boys 1500m – Lennie Halstead 5m 18secs

### Year 10 sports day results

Form results	New THS records
1 <sup>st</sup> place – 10ALB 2 <sup>nd</sup> place – 10AXB 3 <sup>rd</sup> place – 10RBR 4 <sup>th</sup> place – 10MAS 5 <sup>th</sup> place – 10SGE/KMC 6 <sup>th</sup> place – 10SLD/PWS 7 <sup>th</sup> place – 10BRI	Girls' 800m – Sophie Smith 3m 5secs Girls' 1500m – Sophie Smith 6m 38secs Boys 200m – Bailey Sutton 25.90secs

Well done to everyone who took part and a special thanks goes out to the student and staff helpers on the day.

Our violin tutor, Jenny Trott, has recently launched Todmorden Youth Orchestra. Meeting every Wednesday, 7:15-8:15pm at Todmorden community college (ages 10-18). This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to perform music together and experience ensemble playing. Please get in touch with Jenny via email if you are interested ([jtrottviolin@gmail.com](mailto:jtrottviolin@gmail.com)) or alternatively you can speak to her on the telephone 07759869162.

A reminder that my last virtual parent forum of the year is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 3pm, a link for TEAMS will be circulated closer to the time. This will be your last opportunity to meet with me to discuss any school related concerns or queries before the September term starts. More information will follow on Class Charts and social media.

It was our final ARCH day of the academic year yesterday. Students attended and engaged in sessions on several topics including dental care, domestic abuse, homophobia and transphobia, careers and resilience amongst many more. A small number of Year 10 students were trained in resuscitation techniques this week and then peer trained their fellow students during their P5 session. All sessions were greatly received. Thanks to Mr Womack and Ms Wells for their hard work in planning these days this year. Next year our number of ARCH days will reduce to 3, with an ARCH curriculum being delivered on rotation across year groups to ensure our students get a healthy diet of PSHCE based topics.

This Thursday we hosted our Transition Evening for our cohort of students who will be joining us in September. Students and their parents attended talks with Mrs Rawlinson and I, met their form tutors and were given an induction, in miniature, into school life. Today was Transition Day, and the students spent the day in school with us taking lessons and socialising with their new peers. It was so lovely to meet some of our new students and we are so excited to welcome them all in September.

A reminder that students will be finishing school at the earlier time of 12.20pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 be supporting the Bacup bus students in getting their transport home safely. Students return to school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, the format of this return will be detailed to parents shortly.

Have a great weekend, and as always don't hesitate to get in touch if we can support with anything.

Yours Sincerely,



Gill Shirt  
Headteacher