

Up & coming dates

Y9 HPV 2 Imms: 15/2/22

Parent Governor Forum: 17/2/22 POSTPONED

Spring Half Term: 19/2/22

Return to school: 28/2/22

2nd Covid Imms: 3/3/22

Careers Week: 7/3/22

Y8 Parents' Evening: 10/3/22

Friday 11/2/2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge well done to our Year 11 students who have been sitting their Mock exams for the past fortnight and have demonstrated mature and commendable behaviour throughout. We are supporting our students with their studies as we move closer to the official exam period. To aid with our students' studies We are running the following revision sessions in school over February Half Term:

- Monday 21st February 9-3pm Spanish
- Tuesday 22nd February 12-3pm GCSE Music

A number of our Year 11 students have been selected for a once in a lifetime trip to Peru this summer with CAMPS International. As part of River's fundraising for this trip, he will be cutting off all of his hair and "going completely bald, with no hair at all". Not only will River be collecting donations to fund his trip to Peru, River will also be donating all usable hair to the Princess Foundation, a charity that makes wigs out of real hair, for children and young people under the age of 24, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other hair loss conditions. If you wish to make a donation to this worthy cause, please follow the below link:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/river-friend?utm_term=wDg64pQZa

This week we have been celebrating National Apprenticeship Week in school, with a number of different talks and activities throughout the week to celebrate all things Apprenticeship! Chris Mertens from Themis talked to all of our students from Year 7 to Year 11 about what an apprenticeship is, how students can apply for them, the different levels that are available, as well as dispelling any myths there are about apprenticeships. If you have any questions about apprenticeships, post-16 options or career pathways, please do not hesitate in contacting either Rob Stoakes (r.stoakes@todhigh.co.uk) or Emily Stansfield (e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk) You can also find information about our Careers Programme at <https://www.todhigh.co.uk/key-information/careers-programme/>.

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our second Parent Governor Forum that was scheduled to be held on Thursday 17th February from 6-7pm. This will now be held at the later date of Wednesday 23rd March 6-7pm. We are intending to hold the event on site, in our school hall. You will be able to attend via main reception. Tea and coffee will be provided. If the meeting has to be changed to a virtual format, I will ensure I notify you in advance. The Parent Governor Forum is an excellent opportunity to meet with Senior Leaders and members of our Governing Body to discuss school wide issues and ask any questions you might have. I look forward to seeing some of you there, we are really pleased to be able to host this event in person after a long time of meeting virtually. Apologies for any inconvenience that the change of date may cause.

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

To remind parents and carers, we have an invacuation and evacuation procedure in school that we use to protect and safeguard our students in the case there is an unlikely, but possible, security breach;

- someone comes on to school site threatening our students and staff e.g. carrying a weapon (invacuation);
- there is an issue inside the building that means students need to vacate the area (evacuation).

We will be running routine drills for these two procedures next week to ensure that students know what to do if an incident were to arise. Students have been briefed and prepared in their assemblies this week.

- Invacuation drill will take place Monday 14th February at 13:15pm.
- Evacuation drill will take place Friday 18th February at 14:45.

As such students will leave school 5 minutes early on Friday 18th February as part of the drill evacuation of the school building.

Our next Todmorden Together meeting is on 16/3/22. THS formed the Todmorden Together group in 2019, as a forum for interested stakeholders (including police officers, parents, members of our community and staff along with many others). 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 to be added to our mailing list. We intend to host this meeting on school site but will be in touch with more information closer to the time. Hope to see some of you there.

This week has been Children's Mental Health week, and we have been provided with a wealth of support materials from Open Minds in Halifax. Some of these are already available on our website and can be accessed here [Children's mental health week 2022 - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](https://www.todhigh.co.uk/childrens-mental-health-week-2022). We continue to support our students' mental health and wellbeing in every interaction with them and aspects of mental health and wellbeing are explored regularly in ARCH days, assemblies and Wellbeing Wednesday to name but a few. Should you feel you need support with your child's mental health and wellbeing please don't hesitate to get in touch with us, your child's Learning Manager would be your first port of call.

Our Art department are taking part in an Art competition/exhibition to celebrate 150 years since the Fielden Hall opened. The topic was set as the history of Todmorden and a small group of local artists will assess the entries from a range of schools across the Todmorden valley and issue a 'Certificate of Merit' to a small number of works that are particularly outstanding. The exhibition is up at the Fielden Centre, Ewood Lane, Todmorden on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th of March 10am to 4pm. Please do call in and take a look at the works created by the young people of Todmorden, including some of our very own budding artists. The poster advertising the event is at the rear of this letter.

A reminder that we break up for Half Term on Friday 18/2/22 at the normal time of 14.50pm. Students will return to school on Monday 28/2/22 for an 8.40am start as per their usual timetables.

As always, please do contact us if you need our support.

Yours Sincerely,



Gill Shirt
Headteacher

150 YEARS OF THE FIELDEN CENTRE

**An exhibition illustrating the
various periods in the life of this
iconic and historic local building**

**With a display of Artwork on Local
History by Todmorden Schools**

*Sarah Fielden's Centre Vale School
The Fielden School of Art
Education Annex to Dilapidation
Rescue to Community Hall*

*Come and see the fascinating
information and Works of Art!*

**THE FIELDEN CENTRE, EWOOD LANE,
TODMORDEN**

**SATURDAY 12TH AND SUNDAY 13TH OF
MARCH 10AM TO 4PM**

*Exhibition grant-aided by Todmorden Town
Council*