

Up & coming dates

Eswatini Turing Trip departs 16/7/22

End of term 22/7/22 12.20pm

Rewards Trip 6/9/22

Students return to school 7/9/22 (staggered)

HT Virtual forum 14/9/22

July 15th, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to the significant majority of our students whose behaviour in the community upholds our school ARCH values. Unfortunately, a small minority have been causing disruption and damage in the local park recently, bringing the reputation of school into disrepute. As a result, we are asking Parents and Carers to please talk to your children about respecting the local community, especially over the summer holidays.



On Tuesday the year 10 child development group went to Eureka! The National Children's Museum in Halifax. The child development course involves learning about play and understanding how we can plan play activities to support different areas of development for children under 5 years. We had a fantastic afternoon dressing up, role playing and being children again, as well as watching and interacting with the real children play and observing their learning and interactions. It was great for the group to get a practical experience beyond the classroom and, hopefully, this will be a great platform for their next assignment.

Over the past few weeks, several of our year 10 and 11 students have completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. The determination and resilience shown by these students in ever-changing weather was fantastic. They demonstrated great strengths in navigation and team work to support each other through some challenging days. A huge well done to all who have completed their physical, volunteering, skill and/or expedition sections! We are incredibly proud of all you have achieved!



We will be launching the Duke of Edinburgh's award in September with 2 year groups: year 10 and year 9. If you would like to learn more about the Duke of Edinburgh's award prior to September, please have a look at their website <https://www.dofe.org/do/why/> or if you have any specific questions, please email Miss Mullarkey on k.mullarkey@todhigh.co.uk.



As summer draws in and people find themselves out and about walking more, please do consider us before getting rid of any out-grown outdoor clothing items.

We would welcome any donations of waterproof jackets, waterproof trousers, walking boots, sunhats, woolly hats, gloves, sleeping bags, sleeping mats, or any other outdoor equipment which may be useful. If you do have any that you would kindly donate to us, please drop at reception for the attention of Miss Mullarkey.



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

Last week we had an exhibition of work from our KS3 students in the Ewood Centre. The Year 7 students' project was around Empathy and was embedded by looking at and comparing their lives to the lives of children in 1800's working in the mills and local History - John Fielden - The 10 Hour Act. They took part in a community workshop with a local artist producing an emotive final piece in clay and a reflective poem. The Year 8 students' project was around understanding the influences that are shaping their identities so far. They produced amazing hanging panels to depict each part of the journey - memories, curiosity, dreams, discrimination, and knowledge. The Year 9 students produced wonderful batik cushions based on self-awareness and the next part of their personal and academic journeys. As an example representation of the 1:1 intervention some of our students receive, one of our Year 7 students allowed us to display a beautiful memory blanket she had created. You can see some pictures from this fantastic event at the rear of this letter.

Students have embarked on their trip to Peru. Why not follow our travel specific twitter @TodHigh Travel and receive updates on our students' adventures and outings? Eswatini departs this weekend, we can't wait to see their updates as they embark upon these trips of a lifetime!

Mr Dewsnip and I took a number of students, from Year 7 to 10, out to Nando's for lunch yesterday on



a rewards outing for fantastic achievement, contribution and improvement in school. It was an absolute pleasure to spend some time socialising with the students and treating them to a lunch. I am so proud of our students and all they manage to achieve each year. Well done to all who were invited to attend. I am looking forward to the next opportunity I get to treat some of our outstanding young people.

A reminder that students will be finishing school at the earlier time of 12.20pm on Friday 22nd 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. **If your child catches the Bacup Bus**, and you would like them to be escorted to Todmorden Bus Station to catch the 12.22pm bus on Friday 22nd July, please fill out the Microsoft form (accessed via this link or QR code). This is so that we can keep a list of student names and ensure all get the bus safely, it is really important that we get this information by Wednesday 20th July at 3pm. If your child isn't getting the bus home, then there is no need to fill in this form.



<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=V6IP4C5ZDkWYwW09OkgaWAjvJe8Zv2JAiQRp0bA1ABtUMVJNSTg0WVg2RFZRQlpYVU9LSlhCRIYyNy4u>

Students return to school for the Autumn Term on Wednesday 7th September at staggered times to support with a smooth start to the term, please make a note of the following information regarding when your child will be expected to arrive in school on the first day back:

- **Year 7 – 8.35am on the Whirlaw Yard**
- **Year 11 – 9.35am on the MUGA**
- **Year 9 – 10.05am on the Year 9 yard**
- **Year 8 – 10.40am on the Year 8 yard**
- **Year 10 – 11.20am on the MUGA**

The school calendar for next year has now been updated on our website, so that you can keep an eye on events taking place in school and make notes in your own diaries. Please do take a look at [Calendar - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](http://todhigh.co.uk). Additionally our new school prospectus is now available to view on our school website, and we are really proud of how it presents the school. You can view this at [School Prospectus - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](http://todhigh.co.uk). Unfortunately, there was an administrative error in last week's newsletter, just to confirm the Year 10 Parents' Evening next year is scheduled for Thursday 23rd March 2023 4.30-7pm, not Thursday 24th. Thank you.

This week we conducted our school production of 'The Wizard of Oz'. It was absolutely brilliant; I attended the event twice. The students put their hearts and souls into the performance and there was a good turnout of spectators. Thanks so much to all who came and supported this event, and huge thanks to Miss Brockman and Mrs Patchett-Byrne for all their work on this. a special mention to Nina Hatfield from Tod Hippodrome, Alice Leadbitter from Todmorden C of E primary school and Katrina Heath for the loan of costumes and props. This coming academic year we will be having a Christmas Pantomime as opposed to a Summer Production, auditions for this will be early in the Autumn Term.



Early next week a weather warning is in place due to expected exceptionally high temperatures. As such please can we remind parents that students are able to wear a short sleeved white school shirts without a tie and with their top button undone. In addition, they are not expected to wear a blazer. They are also able to wear a school skirt or a tailored pair of black shorts. This uniform adjustment will be, we feel, the coolest and most comfortable option. Please can we request all students bring their water bottle to school; there are many opportunities to refill this within the school day and they will be encouraged to do so. Lunch and Break will run as normal; there are many places out of the sun students can relax. If you have any specific concerns, please do contact your child's Learning Manager; we will work together to address these.

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

