

Up & coming dates

Year 7 Settling in Evening- 23/9/21
ARCH Day 1- 28/9/21
Year 11 Revision Evening- 29/9/21
Todmorden Together- 6/10/21
Year 6 Open Evening- 7/10/21
Year 11 Mocks- 18/10/21
Year 10 Parents' Evening- 21/10/21

Friday 17/9/2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy and productive first full week back at school for our students. It has been a pleasure to see all our students back in school. Students have been fantastic this week, engaging fully in their lessons and arriving on time in full school uniform. As a school, we are constantly trying to ensure high standards of education, appearance and health and safety. We would really appreciate the support of all parents in upholding these expectations. If you are struggling to get hold of a particular uniform item, you can access our on-site uniform shop. The uniform shop has a large array of second hand items in excellent condition that you can purchase to ensure that your child always has the correct uniform. If you have any questions regarding the uniform shop, or our policy on uniform, you can visit our website, ring the school or contact admin@todhigh.co.uk. Thank you to all our parents who support this.

Our soft launch on the new aspects of our behaviour policy ends today, with full rules coming into force on Monday. Just a reminder for those of you who may not be aware:

- Mobile phones are no longer allowed on school site at any time. If a student is seen with their mobile phone out, or using their mobile phone, their phone will be confiscated until the end of the school day. A negative ARCH 3 will be issued for use of a mobile phone on school premises, which will automatically incur a whole school detention (these take place on Thursday and Friday afternoons). If you have any questions regarding our behaviour policy, please contact Mrs Rawlinson on e.rawlinson@todhigh.co.uk.

In line with our ethos of unlocking our unique potential, Todmorden High endeavours to provide a holistic and wide variety of activities to broaden our students' horizons even further. The benefits of extra-curricular activities are well-publicised, and it is great to see our students gain confidence trying new things outside of their friendship and year groups. Giving pupils every opportunity to try, to explore, to push themselves is at the core of what we do. Many students select something out of their comfort zone knowing they are in a safe and trusted environment. Please encourage your child to look at our extra-curricular timetable attached to the rear of this letter and to attend any that appeal to them. If you have any questions regarding our extra-curricular offer, please get in touch with Mrs Lambert on s.lambert@todhigh.co.uk.

We also have all instrumental and vocal lessons starting up again this week. There are several benefits in learning to play an instrument, and we do encourage any students who have an interest in music to consider taking lessons in school. Please contact Miss Brockman if you would like more information a.brockman@todhigh.co.uk.



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We have four vacancies at present, on our Governing Body, for either parents or for local community members who have skills to share. Governors are so important in overseeing the direction of the school and providing challenge and support for school staff and leadership. It is a chance to get to know Todmorden High School better and to support the many children and staff that work so hard in a happy school. Do get in touch with our Clerk if you are interested e.ransom@todhigh.co.uk.

If your child rides a bike to school, or would like to ride a bike to school, we do have a bike store on the school premises that students are free to use. We ask that students do not ride their bike on to the school premises and instead push their bike on foot once they enter the site. We also please ask that you help us to support with adequate bike safety by ensuring that your child wears a helmet and adheres to safety rules. If you need any further information about bike safety, please take a look at the government website- www.think.gov.uk/cycle-safety/.

If you have a child in Year 11 currently, they may be feeling a little concerned or anxious about their pathway after school, and who are perhaps looking for some inspiration and advice about what to do next after finishing school, please do take a look at Craig's A-Z Careers Fair on October 13th. This event is a free virtual event and available for any students to attend, this is being run in partnership with local employers to showcase careers and jobs that represent every letter of the alphabet. The event will facilitate opportunities where attendees can speak to people who work in their profession of interest and employers can seek out new talent. Arranged to attend are a fantastic range of local employers and professionals, including some BIG names. To register for the event, click the link below:



<https://hopin.com/events/craig-s-a-z-careers-fair-2021>.

Our Open Evening is taking place on Thursday 7th October 2021, starting at 6pm. We are hoping to hold this event on school site, and more information regarding this event will be released very soon. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if we can help you with anything. Have a lovely weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'G. Shirt'.

Gill Shirt
Headteacher



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Thai Boxing and Fitness Club Mr McDermott Gym	KS3 Drama Club Mrs Patchett-Bryne Drama Studio	KS3 Dance Club Mrs Patchett-Bryne Drama Studio	Orchestra Miss Brockman Room 69
Rugby – open to all External coach – Halifax Panthers School Field	KS4 Art Club Miss Webster Room 46	Year 7 Music Miss Brockman Room 69	KS4 Performing Arts Mrs Patchett-Bryne Drama Studio
	KS3 Magic Club Mr Charles Room 80	Year 7 & 8 Code Club Mr McDermott Room 21	KS3 Netball Club Mrs Lambert School Yard
	KS3 Design Club Miss Dewship Room 25	Girls Football Mr Hussain School Field	Gardening Club Mr Womack Greenhouse
	KS3 STEM Club *See Mrs McCool to apply Room 38	Boys Football Mr Duerden/Mr Smith School Field	Reading Club Mrs Brown/Miss Nutall Library
	Rock Band Miss Brockman Room 69	KS4 Netball Club Mrs Lambert School Yard	
Other opportunities:			
*Y9/10/11 – Duke of Edinburgh Award.			
*Archery – if you are interested please see Mrs Lambert.			
*Calderdale sports fixtures – Mrs Lambert and Mr Duerden will be selecting teams.			
		KS3 Art Club Mr Freeman Room 45	
		EPR Drop In Mr Womack Room 47	