

Up & coming dates

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 18/2/2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

In order to support student punctuality, we will be trialling a new system regarding students who are late to school or lesson without a compelling reason. Students will be issued an afterschool detention that will take place on a Friday if they have been late to school or lessons the previous week; the length of the detention will be correlated with the number of times they have been late. We appreciate your parental support and feel confident that this strategy will promote a punctual and positive start to the day for all. Please be reminded students are expected on school site at 8:35 so they arrive at their period one lesson on time at 8:40am. Parents and carers will be given prior notification ensuring the safety and wellbeing of every individual is considered. If you have any further enquiries, please contact me on c.dearden@todhigh.co.uk.

Over half term we are aware that some of our students may take this opportunity to have some beauty treatments. Please ensure that any false nails, nail varnish, or false lashes are removed before returning to school on Monday 28th February. We do not recommend students get any new piercings over such a short holiday as they will be required to remove these if they are outside the permitted single ear studs.

On Thursday 10/3/22 there will be a Parents' Evening for year 8. This will be a virtual event run through SchoolCloud. All details will be shared with the parents and carers of students in this year group next week.

All students should have received their first data check report. If you need an additional copy please get in touch with our Data and Exams Manager, Mrs Ogden at r.ogden@todhigh.co.uk.

I am aware there have been rumours circulating that students are unable to use the toilets within school as they have been closed. I would like to ensure you all that student welfare is of utmost importance to us and that this is not the case. We have had feedback from students and staff that some students are not using the toilets appropriately. To support this, school has put additional measures in place to ensure all students are able to use the toilets at various times during the day. Additional duties have been allocated to support with this. I have outlined below when and where toilets are available to students, so the message is consistent. This message was shared with students during focus time last week.

- At breaktime toilets are open on the PE corridor, science corridor and the pastoral corridor.
- At lunchtime toilets are open on the PE corridor and pastoral corridor.

If a student is desperate to go during a lesson, they should ask their class teacher. They will be allowed to go after the first 10 minutes of their lesson. We hope these changes will improve this important aspect of school for our students.

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We break up today for half term. Students will be leaving school site at 14.45pm due to the scheduled evacuation drill (as detailed in previous letters). Students will return to school on Monday 28/2/22 for an 8.40am start as per their usual timetables. Have a lovely and restful half term with your families. As always, please do contact us if you need our support. Reception is closed over half term, but messages are monitored.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Shirt', written in a cursive style.

Gill Shirt
Headteacher