

Up & coming dates

Parent Governor Forum 23/3/22 Y8 HPV immunisations 24/3/22 Y10 Parents' Evening 24/3/22 Riot Act (TIE- Y7) 30/3/22 Virtual Parent drop in 6/4/22 Easter holidays Friday 8/4/22 2.50pm Return to school Monday 25/4/22 8.40am Ewood Lane Todmorden West Yorkshire OL14 7DG

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Friday 18/3/2022

## Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday 24/3/22 there will be a Parents' Evening for year 10. This will be a virtual event run through SchoolCloud. Parents and carers of students in year 10 should now have received a letter about this with all the information. If you have not received this letter or are having issues logging on, please contact your child's Learning Manager Miss James <u>i.james@todhigh.co.uk</u>.

I would like to congratulate our students who were involved in the brilliant work at the Fielden centre exhibit last weekend. Staff informed me that the artwork was fantastic, and the volunteers were really complimentary of our students and their work, especially the very talented art department. Well done to Mr Freeman and Miss Webster who support our students with their artistic endeavours in school.

Staff and students alike have enjoyed ARCH Day 4 this week. On these days, we have the opportunity to develop wider learning in a whole host of fields such as Health and Wellbeing, Relationships, Finance and Careers, much of which is statutory content. This time, students were able to explore Bullying, Equality and Protected Characteristics, Respectful Speech, Positive Mental Health, and Peer-on-Peer Abuse. All of the sessions were designed to offer students the chance to properly discuss and debate the issues raised, in order to develop their understanding of these challenging real-life issues. Feedback on the sessions has been really positive and we would like to publicly thank our dedicated teachers for delivering these complex learning opportunities so well to our students. The ARCH days are a real strength of the school, and staff new to THS comment on their quality each year. Our final two ARCH Days will take place in the summer term.

If your child has borrowed a piece of uniform from school, please can we kindly ask that you return these to our stores. We use our uniform cupboard in school to enable students to access uniform if theirs becomes damaged during a school day, if they are missing a piece of school uniform or for any other reason that a student may not have a piece of uniform. These items can be returned to main reception. Many thanks for your support with this.

A group of our students are doing a 2-mile sponsored swim to raise money for the Ukraine. They have been collecting money so far using donation forms but have now branched out and started up a JustGiving page. The students are Ava, Phoebe, Kate, Amelia, Sophie, Chloe, Jess and Mazie. Please do donate, if you can, and help these students raise money for the Ukraine. The link for this is below:





https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ths-

<u>2mileswim?utm\_source=whatsapp&utm\_medium=fundraising&utm\_content=ths-</u> <u>2mileswim&utm\_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm\_term=12679a15f8ba492e839e2bdf5b06c368</u>

Steel pan club has started this term, if they are interested, please encourage your child to come along on Friday 3-4pm. Speak to Miss Brockman for more details. A special mention to Calderdale Music Trust for the loan of the steel pans. We have made great use of them so far.

In more musical news, we are absolutely thrilled to inform you that we are intending to run our summer production this year. Miss Brockman and Mrs Patchett-Byrne will be running auditions for 'The Wizard of Oz' on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 from 3-5pm in the drama studio. The poster for this is attached to the rear of this letter.

We are so excited to be able to hold this event this year, after it being cancelled due to the pandemic last year. Please do encourage your child to get involved, it's going to be absolutely wonderful.



Thanks to all who attended the Todmorden Together meeting this week. We had some very fruitful discussions around the Todmorden Town Deal, County Lines and sporting facilities in Todmorden. The next Todmorden Together meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 5.30-6.30pm.

Our second Parent Governor Forum of the year will be held next week on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. 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. I will not be holding my fortnightly virtual parent drop in on Wednesday next week due to this meeting taking place on the same evening, I will have my next virtual drop in on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Have a great weekend, and as always if you have any concerns or worries do get in touch with us and we will do our best to help.

Yours Sincerely,

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