

**Up & coming dates**

Exams season 16/5/22

Todmorden Together 18/5/22

Summer Half Term 27/5/22 14:50pm

Return to School 6/6/22 8.40am

Y9 Boys Immunisations 6/6/22

Friday 20/5/2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was a particularly exciting one for Personal Development at Todmorden High School. On Monday, we welcomed an independent consultant into school to explore aspects of our practice. She was considering the messages given to students and asked them about the sources of support available to them in school. She was also interested in the various bespoke Personal Development schemes of work we use which our students follow in Form Time or ARCH Days and through our assembly and Wellbeing Wednesday programmes. On Wednesday, we enjoyed the 5<sup>th</sup> of our 6 ARCH days for this year. This time, themes ranged from how to sleep well, to hate crime, to Humanism.

Our Safeguarding link governor, Mary, was able to join us for the day and she thoroughly enjoyed visiting a range of classes and experiencing first-hand the excellent learning opportunities that ARCH days provide for our students. As if all that wasn't exciting enough, on Thursday we welcomed 'Here at Last', a 5-piece band, into school. They performed live songs to years 7-10 and delivered inspiring and timely messages about developing mental resilience and staying safe online. After being unable to host events like these because of the pandemic, this was a lovely experience for all.



This year Todmorden Carnival is scaled down, being held as a fundraiser for next year's carnival 2023 to make it bigger and better with plenty of free things for children to do and see. There will be no parade this year but next year will see the return of floats to the carnival. This year on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022 there will be a Car Boot & Funday 10am – 4pm, a Mini Sports Event, which will be FREE for everyone to enter, including an Egg & Spoon Race, Skipping Race, Sack Race, 3-Legged Race and Tug of war. You can read more information about the carnival in the letter attached at the rear of this one. If you are free, it sounds like it will be a great event for you and your families.



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On Friday 13th May, three of our year 7 students performed at Fielden Hall as part of a concert for Music for the Many. Finn Tweed, Kate Henricks-Tierney and Hattie Herbert performed Norwegian Wood by The Beatles. Finn also had the amazing opportunity to play alongside professional classical guitarist, Robin Hill. Continuing with The Beatles theme performing Day tripper as a duet. Robin Hill performed a guitar recital that evening supporting Music for the Many to raise vital funds for music tuition for students in Todmorden. Our students were able to watch the guitar recital and hear a selection of beautiful guitar pieces from around the world. Students from Ferney Lee primary school also performed, and it was a great opportunity for parents and supporters to see the impact of the music tuition and the enjoyment from all the students involved.



We are so proud to see our students excelling in music and taking opportunities to support the local community and arts culture. Special thanks go to guitar tutor Jack Hogg and artistic director of Music for the Many, Daniel Bath who work tirelessly to inspire the children of Todmorden to continue their love of learning music.

As Covid levels in our school community continue to drop and we continue to adapt to Covid being a normal part of life, we have made the decision to stop setting remote learning via email this weekend. This is in line with current government guidance. I'm sure you will agree that the provision provided for our students to support them working from home has been second to none and our hard-working teachers need to be thanked for their conscientious approach to ensuring students have not missed out on their education during the past two years. Having work set by email has also provided students with an experience of what life may be like in the future. The skills they have learned and resilience they have shown will provide them with great employability in their future careers. We will continue to monitor the situation and will maintain systems to ensure we are able to quickly and effectively set remote learning to support students in the event of an emergency.

I would like to offer a huge thank you to all students who have shown support to our year 11 students during the first week of the GCSE examinations this week. It has been lovely to see the high levels of care and respect towards our older students, especially when students are moving past exam spaces during the day. Many of our younger students will not have seen external exams happening at school before but have exemplified the school values. This exam season is longer than normal, and GCSEs will continue for four weeks after half-term, I know how hard our students and staff are working for these exams and want to thank you for your support at home. Please do see the school website for further information to support with revision, that all students can use to prepare for end of year assessments, [student and parent guide to revision \(todhigh.co.uk\)](https://www.todhigh.co.uk/revision).

As always if you need to discuss anything with us, please do get in touch and we will assist you. Have a great weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

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

Gill Shirt

Headteacher

# TODMORDEN CARNIVAL 2022

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Dear Sir/Madam

This year Todmorden Carnival is a scaled down carnival as we are holding it as a fundraiser for next year's carnival 2023 to make it bigger and better with plenty of free things for children to do and see. So there will be no parade but we will have events going on in the arena.

Next year we are bringing back floats to the carnival and we hope you as a school would like to participate.

This year on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022 we will be hosting a Car Boot & Funday 10am – 4pm  
Entry fee will £1 but this also doubles up as a free raffle ticket.

We are hosting a Mini Sports Event, which will be FREE for everyone to enter.  
We will be doing Egg & Spoon Race, Skipping Race, Sack Race, 3 Legged Race and Tug of war.  
Everyone will be given a certificate and prizes to be won.  
To enter they need to email their name & Tel No to: [todmordencarnival@live.co.uk](mailto:todmordencarnival@live.co.uk)

There is Punch & Judy, A magician, Balloon modelling which will be free to watch.  
PAWS will be hosting a Dog Show so people can enter their pets all monies from entering will go to PAWS.

The Free Raffle with your entry ticket:  
1st Prize being £100 and a few hampers & lots more goodies for the raffle.

We still have car boot and market pitches available and these can be book by going to  
[www.todmordencarnival@live.com](http://www.todmordencarnival@live.com)

We are still on the look out for raffle prizes if you know of anyone who can help with donations but all goods must be new and not second hand.

Tickets for this event can be purchased at Cryer's Newsagents & Abid's Hussain Brothers shop on Halifax Road.

If you could put this information out in your school via letter going home, in assembly, your web page or poster, we would be very grateful. I will attach a poster for you with this email.

Many Thanks  
Paula Marshall (Secretary)

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