

Up & coming dates

Y11 Mock Exams: w/c 31/1/22 (2 weeks)

Y7, 8 and 10 data report to parents: w/c 31/1/22

ARCH Day 3: 3/2/22

Todmorden Together: 9/2/22

Parent Governor Forum: 17/2/22

Spring Half Term: 19/2/22

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have several confirmed cases of COVID-19 across our year groups in school. It is likely, if your child has been in school, they may have encountered an infectious person. We are encouraging students to take daily lateral flows to best prevent the spread of the virus. Your child may continue to attend school throughout this period unless they have a positive test or develop symptoms. You can obtain LFD kits from pharmacies or online at www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flowtests. Alternatively, we have a supply in school you can make use of. If you have any questions, please speak to your Learning Manager. A reminder of your child's year Learning Manager is below:

- Year 7: Miss Crowther (r.crowther@todhigh.co.uk)
- Year 8: Mrs Kontogiannopoulou (d.kontogiannopoulou@todhigh.co.uk)
- Acting Year 9: Mrs Bardgett (a.bardgett@todhigh.co.uk)
- Year 10: Miss James (j.james@todhigh.co.uk)
- Year 11: Mrs Stansfield (e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk)

Following on from our recent Y11 student voice, we are delighted to announce that the venue for "The Prom" has now been booked for Friday 1st July 2021, therefore we can all relax and look forward to what promises to be a fabulous night to remember, enjoyed by staff and students alike. All Y11 students have been issued letters detailing more information about this amazing celebratory event and the uptake has already been phenomenal! Please can we remind all parents that to secure a place for your child to Prom, we do need to receive the £20 deposit by Friday 4th February. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Stansfield.

We deliver 'ARCH' days 6 times each year, students study a wide range of cross-curricular topics. It is within ARCH Days that much of the statutory content on Sex, Relationships and Health Education is delivered, and we also explore a range of other topics such as Personal Finance, British Values, Character Development, Careers Education and Drugs Education. Our 3rd ARCH Day will happen in school on Thursday 3rd February, and we look forward to our students exploring an exciting range of topics, as usual. Highlights this time include The Danger of Drugs (Y7), Ableism (Y8), Childbirth (Y9), The Science of Sex (Y10) and Addiction, Dependency and Rehabilitation (Y11). All students will also be exploring Holocaust Memorial Day, which happens at the end of January each year. To ensure no further squeeze is put on Y11 learning, their ARCH Day will become an 'ARCH Week in Form Time' and form tutors will lead the sessions instead of subject teachers. Should you have any further questions about our ARCH Days, or the Personal Development Programme in general, which is a real strength of the school, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either Jake Womack

(j.womack@todhigh.co.uk) or Melissa Wells (m.wells@todhigh.co.uk).

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As I mentioned in my letters before Christmas one of our students, Erica, won a competition to have her design for a Christmas light turned into reality and put on display outside Todmorden Town market. Erica won a voucher for the school Art department and the opportunity to take part in the Christmas lights switch on. Following Christmas, the council contacted us with this picture of Erica's light on display in the town centre and thanked her once again for her entry. I hope many of you saw this light on display, what a fantastic achievement by Erica, I think we can all agree that it looked wonderful. Well done, Erica.



Our next Parent Governor forum is on Thursday 17th February from 6-7pm. We are planning on holding the event on site, in our school hall, if restrictions allow. 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 and will update parents as we get closer to the date to confirm the location.

Next Wednesday 26/1/22 I will be hosting my fortnightly Virtual Parent Drop in on Microsoft Teams 3-4pm and would welcome any discussion there regarding covid-19 measures and any other school related issues. Please do drop in and speak with me on a one-to-one basis, virtually. The information will be circulated via ClassCharts and on social media on the day.

We are currently working on our school branding. As part of this process, we are keen to collate some parental quotations regarding your experience as a parent/carer of a student/students who attend Todmorden High School to use in our new prospectus. If you would be willing to share a quotation regarding your insight and positive experiences of your child's overall experience at Todmorden High School or a specific area of the school, please email Mrs Womack directly at e.womack@todhigh.co.uk.

If you are interested in joining our wonderful school team, we do have some vacancies available. The role of Cover Leader is up for advert which is a fantastic stepping stone into a career in teaching or pastoral care in education. Please take a look at our website or share with friends and family: [Recruitment - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](https://www.todhigh.co.uk/recruitment).

As always if you need any support from the school or have any questions regarding school related concerns, please do get in touch with us. Have a great weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'G Shirt'.

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Headteacher



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