

**Up & coming dates**

Results Day – Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Aug

Rewards trip – Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Sept

Return to school (staggered) – Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Sept

HT virtual forum – Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Sept

Photography trip – Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Sept

Y7 Progress Evening (1) – Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept (Tutors only)

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Results Day**

GCSE examination results can be collected from school on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 between 10.00am and 12.00pm. We are unable to provide results to anyone other than the student (not even a parent) unless we have signed written permission from the student as to who is to collect the results. Any results not collected will be kept in school and will be available to collect when autumn term starts on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022. In exceptional circumstances, we can email results if we receive an email from the student to [r.ogden@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:r.ogden@todhigh.co.uk) before the 25<sup>th</sup> August. Results will be emailed by the end of Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August. We are also giving Year 10 the opportunity to collect results in person on the same day between 11.30am and 12.30pm, a message will go out on Class Charts regarding the arrangements for Year 10, if unable to attend they will be available on Weds 7<sup>th</sup> September when back in school. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Exams Manager, Mrs Ogden, at school on [r.ogden@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:r.ogden@todhigh.co.uk).

Mindful that we are entering the long-awaited summer holiday, and that the weather has already been extremely warm, please do remind your children about staying safe. Make sure you know where they are and who they will be with, if you are not able to supervise them directly at any time over the holiday period. They should be checking in regularly with you so that you know they are safe and well. Please also remind them about the very real dangers of open water; all students recently attended an online water safety presentation in school and have been reminded about the particular dangers open water presents. In addition, the 'float to live' campaign, currently airing on television is a timely reminder. You can find out more at this useful link [Summer Water Safety | Royal Life Saving Society UK \( RLSS UK \)](#) and I also include at the rear of this letter some flyers that you might want to share with your loved ones to help protect them this summer.

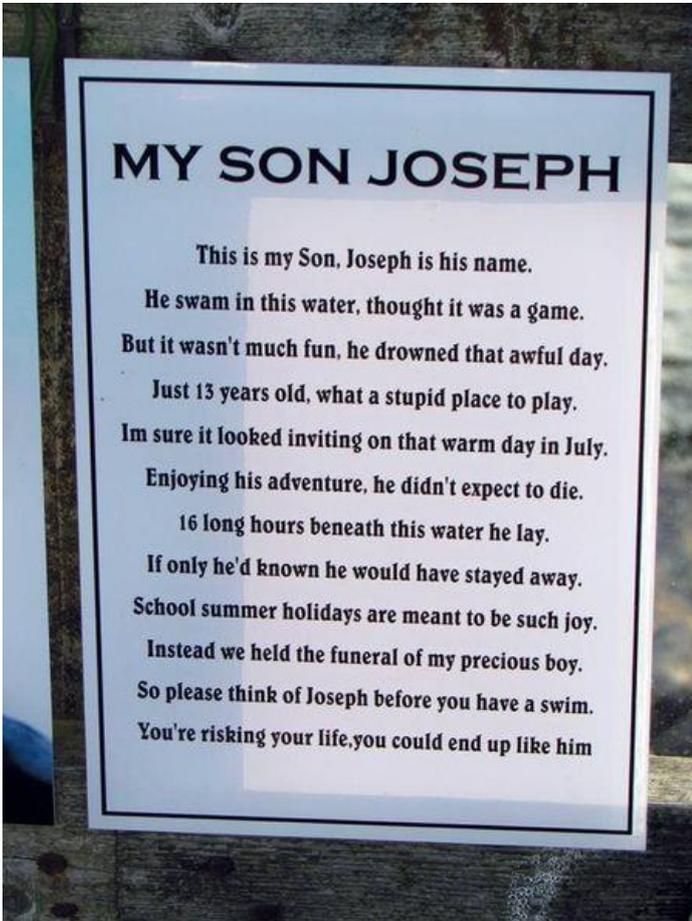
Drowning accidents are especially high in the summer months and over the last few years, we have heard of too many tragedies that could have been avoided, most recently in Southport where a young man tragically lost his life.



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THS has recently switched to using buff paper for printing services. Our paper is 100% recycled.

- Dylan Ramsay died in July 2011 at the end of Year 8. He was a strong swimmer but drowned in a quarry in Chorley. His mum has set up a campaign, [Home - Doing it for Dylan](#). This 10-minute YouTube video produced by his mum and friends might help to make the danger “real” for the students [Doing it for dylan water safety - YouTube](#) – and also for their parents.
- Paul Lawson, 16, drowned in June 2017 in a reservoir in Rochdale. Again, his mum and friends have produced a short YouTube video [Paul Lawson \(age 16\) - YouTube](#).
- I’m also attaching, for your notice, a copy of the poem that Joseph Thomas’s mum wrote following his death at Watergrove reservoir in Wardle.



If you have any concerns about the safety and wellbeing of any child, please ring the police immediately. We hope that, by looking out for each other, everyone has a safe and truly enjoyable summer break.

From September, there will be an increase to the price of lunches. As a school we have tried to prevent this for as long as possible, however, the recent increase in the price of the supplies and utilities is now too great for us to absorb and ensure that we are still able to provide your child with a quality meal. We regrettably have no choice other than to implement a slight increase. The price of meals will be increasing to £2.40. In addition to this we will no longer be selling drink cartons, this is to ensure we reduce our carbon footprint and reduce the amount of litter around site. There is water available at the water dispensers, please ensure your child brings a refillable water bottle each day.

The cost of living is increasing, as we are all well aware, and it can be very expensive to go out for a meal as a family. However, there are a number of companies offering a 'kids eat for free' scheme over the summer holidays. Information regarding these deals is attached here.

If you are looking for things to do in the holidays, Music for the Many are hosting a musical fun day for families in Todmorden on 7<sup>th</sup> August at Todmorden Unitarian Church. There will be the opportunity to engage in lots of musical activities and much more. Please see the attached flyer for more information on this event.

**KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022**

<b>MORRISONS</b> Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.	<b>IKEA</b> Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).
<b>ASDA CAFE</b> Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.	<b>BELLA ITALIA</b> Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.
<b>DUNELM</b> One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.	<b>DOBBIES</b> Kids eat free with an adult main meal.
<b>YO!</b> Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.	<b>TABLE TABLE</b> Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.
<b>BEEFEATER &amp; BREWERS FAYRE</b> Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.	<b>CAFE ROUGE</b> Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

Twelve of our students are in Eswatini, working with local NGO All Out Africa to decorate a pre-school and spend time with students from Enzulweni Community High. They've been having a great time checking out the local wildlife, learning about Eswatini's rich history & culture and competing in a sports tournament. We also have a trip out to Peru at the moment, and you can follow our students' progress on these fantastic trips by following our travel specific Twitter account @TodHighTravel.



Students return to school for the Autumn Term on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at staggered times to support with a smooth start to the term, please make a note of the following information regarding when your child will be expected to arrive in school on the first day back:

- **Year 7 – 8.35am on the Whirlaw Yard**
- **Year 11 – 9.35am on the MUGA**
- **Year 9 – 10.05am on the Year 9 yard**
- **Year 8 – 10.40am on the Year 8 yard**
- **Year 10 – 11.20am on the MUGA**

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Learning Manager. Please bear in mind that staff do not work during the holidays so responses to emails may be intermittent. Learning Managers for next year are as follows:

- **Year 7 – Mrs Thompson ([p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk));**
- **Year 8 – Miss Crowther ([r.crowther@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:r.crowther@todhigh.co.uk));**

- Year 9 – Mrs Kontogiannopoulou ([d.kontogiannopoulou@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:d.kontogiannopoulou@todhigh.co.uk));
- Year 10 – Mrs Stansfield ([e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:e.stansfield@todhigh.co.uk));
- Year 11 – Miss James ([j.james@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:j.james@todhigh.co.uk)).

A number of staff are leaving us for pastures new today, we wish them all the best for their future. These staff are:

- Mr McDermott
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- Miss Kerley
- Mrs Bramwell
- Miss Smith
- Miss Reece
- Mrs Kelly
- Miss Wilson
- Mr Payne

Joining our team in September we have:

- Mrs Bennett – Teacher of Science;
- Miss Pollock – Teacher of English;
- Mrs Parker – Teacher of Maths;
- Mr Gales – Teacher of Science;
- Miss Smith – Teacher of Geography;
- Mrs Whittaker – Learning Support Assistant;
- Mr Hoddy – ICT Network Apprentice;
- Mr Johnson – Estates Apprentice;
- Niamh Clark-Hutchinson – Student First Aid and Attendance Administrator.

We have some job vacancies out at the moment, if you would be interested in applying for a position at Todmorden High School please see our recruitment page of our website <https://www.todhigh.co.uk/recruitment/>.

If we can be of any assistance to you or your family, please don't hesitate to email [admin@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:admin@todhigh.co.uk) and we will endeavour to get back to you. Reception is not staffed during the holidays, but messages will be checked periodically. Once again thank you to all our families for your undaunting support. We are looking forward to welcoming your child back in September. Have a wonderful summer.

Yours Sincerely,



Gill Shirt  
Headteacher

# Music for the Many



# come and join in



**All children and their families welcome!**

**7<sup>th</sup> August, 2pm – 6pm  
at Todmorden Unitarian Church**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**try out instruments**

**musical fun and games**

**concert with....**

**THE FANTASY  
ORCHESTRA**

**Bring an  
instrument  
if you have  
one.**

**MUSIC  
for the  
MANY**

# Cold Water Kills



- Causes you to gasp for breath
- Stay calm, lean back extend arms and legs
- Float to live



If you see someone  
in difficulty in the water  
call 999 ask for FIRE

#BeWaterAware  
[westyorksfire.gov.uk](http://westyorksfire.gov.uk)

# Float to Live



- Lean back extend arms and legs
- Control your breathing
- Call for help or swim to safety



If you see someone  
in difficulty in the water  
call 999 ask for FIRE

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