

Up & coming dates

Y11 Leavers' Assembly 1/7/22

Y11 Prom 1/7/22

Sports Day 5/7/22

ARCH Day (rescheduled) 7/7/22

Transition Evening 7/7/22

June 24th, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a special mention to two Year 7 boys - Adam Goddard and Laurie Williams, who have both been selected for the Rossendale U13 Cricket District following three weeks of trials. They will go ahead and play throughout the summer holidays across the region representing Rossendale. They'll be playing against the Rochdale U13 side, so that should make for interesting watching, following my news in last week's letter.

We remain very proud of the way the vast majority of our students wear our uniform; they really do exemplify our ARCH values. As we enter, hopefully, a period of more settled warm weather, we would like to remind you that students can opt to wear smart tailored black shorts instead of full-length trousers, if they wish. We will revert to the usual two uniform choices of tailored trousers or knee length skirt in September. We would also like to remind all students about our policy on jewellery and make up. Only a single pair of studs and a wristwatch are allowed. Other items of jewellery, if seen, will be challenged and persistent offenders might find themselves facing a sanction for this. Likewise, we do not allow excessive make up, false nails or nail varnish; students should expect to be challenged and may face sanctions if these are worn to school. Finally, students may well be given the option to remove blazers once they have arrived in classrooms, but the blazer must always be worn to arrive to class. The optional layer is the jumper; the blazer is an essential item, required every day in school. Many thanks for your continued support of our high expectations for your children.

On the topic of uniform, we would love to take any donations of used uniform for our school uniform shop. Please bring any shirts, skirts, trousers, blazers or ties into reception and we will gladly take these. We use our uniform shop to provide uniform for students who have lost an item, who need to change their uniform or who have failed to come in the correct uniform to school. Any donations very welcome.

Over the next few weeks, we are undoubtedly going to experience some warm weather. Whilst all students will be expected to arrive to school, and their lessons, in their blazers – we will be allowing and encouraging students to remove their blazers once in the classroom to allow them to manage in the heat. Please do keep sending your child into school wearing their full uniform including their blazer. It would also be advisable for students to ensure they bring a water bottle with them into school to keep hydrated, we have water fountains in the canteen that students can use during their break and lunch time.

Year 10 are currently undertaking a series of mock exams in preparation for Year 11. There will be an opportunity for any students who miss an exam to sit them at a later date in the term. Further details will be communicated to those students affected nearer the time. Any questions please contact Miss James on j.james@todhigh.co.uk.



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I have been informed by Miss Webster (Teacher of Art and Photography) that Eva Shaw, a Year 11, has entered the Kirklees College **Inter-Schools' Photography Competition 2022** and made it through to the next stage. Eva was selected as one of the shortlisted finalists from 96 entries, chosen by the college Art department.

In the next stage, places will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The college judges will crown the winner based on who they think best meets the brief "**Urban Environment**". Making the final shortlist is a very big accomplishment and Eva has really impressed the judges with her talent and skills. We wish her all the best as she moves forward with this competition. Congratulations Eva.

You may be aware that we are running a rewards trip to Alton Towers on September 6th, this is the second CPD day so students will not miss any lessons to attend the trip. Students have been selected using the following criteria: an ARCH ratio in excess of 98%, attendance above 95% and having had no suspensions. Our learning manager for community engagement has spent a significant amount of time looking at the data and has ensured all covid absences have not affected attendance figures. However, if you feel that a mistake has been made, please do contact your child's learning manager and the data will be reviewed. Congratulations to all the students who have shown such a wonderful attitude to school over the past year, their commitment is certainly worth celebrating. If your child is attending the trip they will have received a letter on Class Charts early this week with a link to ParentPay. If you have not received this letter on Class Charts this means that your child did not meet the criteria for attendance.

GCSE examinations for our year 11 cohort have come to an end this week, I'm sure all their hard work will pay off and they will achieve results they can all be truly proud of this summer. In the meantime, they can now relax and enjoy their extended summer break and we look forward to seeing them for their leavers assembly and prom next Friday. The examination period does continue for other year groups, with the mocks continuing for year 10 students, these are due to finish next week. Students in years 7 -9 also have GL assessments coming up in the final 3 weeks of term, where they will complete computer-based assessments that will provide us invaluable information on how their literacy skills are progressing. Behaviour during this examination season has been excellent and students have really tried their best and shown our core value of ambition, I'm sure this will continue until the end of the year.

We are very proud to be running three international trips in July and August, with students and staff travelling to Peru, Ecuador and Eswatini. We are going to try and share some of the experiences through a twitter account, all the groups will be updating a twitter feed when possible, for you to all stay updated of their adventures, please follow @TodHighTravel to receive these updates. I hope that we can continue to provide such wonderful opportunities to our students over the next few years. We also now have an 'Educational Visits' page running on our website, you can take a look at the itineraries for Ecuador, Eswatini and Peru here: [Educational Visits - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](https://www.todhigh.co.uk/educational-visits).

Finally, please see the below information from Hopwood Hall regarding their Animal Academy, a fantastic opportunity for any students seeking a career in animal care:



We are delighted to announce some very good news: After the hugely popular Animal Academy programmes and due to high demand, we have decided to run them again over the Summer Holidays.

This incredible 5-day adventure for young people aged 13-16 who aspire to develop a career working with animals. Delivered by our in-house team of zoologists and expert tutors, these immersive programmes are set to give young people 30 hours of highly sought-after practical experience - perfect foundations for a career in working with animals.

Animal Academy students will learn all about the unique lives of our endangered animals at Hopwood Hall College, we have over 700 animals here, including meerkats, flamingos, wallabies and alpacas to name but a few so this promises to be an amazing experience.

It's a great way to become familiar with the surroundings at Hopwood Hall College before you start your course with us in September.

Courses will be held on the following weeks 9am until 3pm and are charged at £150.00 per person per week:

- ***Monday 25th July until Friday 29th July***
- ***Monday 1st August until Friday 5th August***
- ***Monday 8th August until Friday 12th August***

You can book a place following the link below:

[*Hopwood Hall College Store*](#)

We can't wait to welcome you to our Animal Academy here at Hopwood Hall College and University Centre!

Have a fantastic weekend, and as always, do let us know if we can support you in any way.

Yours Sincerely,



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Headteacher