

Up & coming dates

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

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

ARCH Day 3: 3/2/22

Todmorden Together: 9/2/22 **postponed to 16/3/22**

Parent Governor Forum: 17/2/22

Spring Half Term: 19/2/22

Dear Parents and Carers,

With changes to national guidance taking effect from Thursday 27th January, Calderdale have written to you, our parents and carers, to update you on what this means for COVID measures and your children. I have attached the letter here for you to read: <https://www.todhigh.co.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/Calderdale-Letter-to-Parents-260122.pdf>. **From Monday 31st of January the wearing of face masks will be optional for students and staff. We will support any student who chooses to continue to wear a mask as we are aware that this change may be concerning or make students apprehensive.**

Are you interested in joining a fast-paced environment, enabling young people to unlock their unique potential? If so, we have a vacancy available for a Cover Leader. The role of the Cover Leader is an excellent way into education and possible experience for a future role in teaching. Todmorden High School is a fantastic place to work with a great team of colleagues, polite and friendly students, and a family atmosphere. Please do look and share with friends and family if they may be interesting in coming to work with us. If you have any questions about the role, please do get in touch with Mrs Womack e.womack@todhigh.co.uk. You can access the full job description here: [Cover Leader, Calderdale - Tes Jobs](#).

C&K Careers have organised a face-to-face Calderdale Apprenticeship Event for young people and their parents and carers on Thursday 24th March 2022 at The Shay Stadium in Halifax. This is an amazing opportunity to check out apprenticeship vacancies, talk to employers and training providers, chat to apprentices and to get additional careers advice and guidance. For safety reasons, these are ticketed events. Students will need to book a ticket via Eventbrite to one of the time slots throughout the events and will only be permitted to attend during that timeslot. They will only be able to attend with one other person (parent/carer/friend etc) due to limits on the numbers for the event. I have attached the flyer at the rear of this letter.

For the list of exhibitors and other information – please click on the links to our website below:

<https://ck.mydirections.co.uk/events/calderdale-apprenticeship-event-2022>

If you have any queries, please get in touch at events@ckcareers.org.uk

Two of our Year 10 students have been clearing Todmorden of bags and bags of litter. With their trusty litter pickers and notable determination, they have caught the attention of several locals who have been in touch to offer their praise. In addition to those who got in touch, several posts have been added to Facebook honouring the pair and the pictures of the clearing work have been readily applauded by the Keep Tod Tidy page. I met with these students last week to give them a prize each and some positive praise, they are quickly becoming local celebrities for all the right reasons. Well done, you are inspirations.

**Enabling individuals to unlock their unique potential**

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

We had an overwhelming response to our appeal for quotations for the new school prospectus. A huge thanks to all parents who responded and sent Mrs Womack their positive quotations, these were gratefully received. We will be sharing our new prospectus with parents in the coming months. I will keep you informed.

A reminder of our uniform expectations. Students are permitted to wear a single plain stud in each ear, no other piercings are allowed. In addition, students are not permitted to wear black trainers to school, including the popular Nike Air Force 1, all students must wear black school shoes in line with the uniform guidance on the website. If your child's school shoes break mid-week, they will be offered a pair of our clean shoes to wear for the day. If this is unacceptable to you, please have a spare pair of shoes available at home. Please do not send your child into school wearing a cardigan, body warmer, sweatshirt or hoodie as they are not part of the uniform.

Thanks to all who attended my virtual parent drop in this week. It was a pleasure to speak to some of our parents and to answer queries or concerns that have popped up throughout the first term. I use the parent drop in as a forum to gather valuable feedback and then act upon this feedback to make wider school improvements. I am hosting my next virtual drop in on the Wednesday 9th February, 3pm.

Our first Parent Governor Forum of the year is on Thursday 17th February from 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. If the meeting has to be changed to a virtual format I will ensure I notify you in advance. 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.

As many of you will be aware we have an invacuation and evacuation procedure in school that we use to protect and safeguard our students in the case that;

- someone comes on to school site threatening our students and staff e.g. carrying a weapon (invacuation);
- there is an issue inside the building that means students need to vacate the area (evacuation).

We will be running routine drills for these two procedures in the coming weeks to ensure that students know what to do if an incident were to arise.

- Invacuation drill will take place Monday 14th February at 13:15pm.
- Evacuation drill will take place Friday 18th February at 14:45.

As such students will leave school 5 minutes early on Friday 18th February as part of the drill evacuation of the school building. Students will be informed and prepared in their assemblies before the date.

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,



Gill Shirt
Headteacher



CALDERDALE APPRENTICESHIP EVENT

for young people and their parents/carers

Thursday 24 March 2022

4.00 - 8.00pm

at The Shay Stadium, Shaw Hill, Halifax, HX1 2YT



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Drop in and:

- + check out apprenticeship vacancies
- + talk to employers and training providers
- + chat to apprentices
- + get careers advice and guidance

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