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**Moving up to
High School
Student Guide
21/22**

Ambition, Respect, Care and Honesty



**Greetings from
Miss Crowther!**

Welcome to Todmorden High School! My name is Miss Crowther and I will be your Learning Manager from September 2021. Learning Managers (or Head of Year) take care of students' wellbeing and learning provision. I will be your key person to go to and will support you with any issues you might have, whether that's friendships or schoolwork; in other words, I will take care of you, as a whole, at all times.

High school might seem intimidating to some of you now, but I assure you that you have nothing to worry about. It will be a fantastic journey, full of new experiences and new friends. A huge part of my job is ensuring you follow our core THS values of Ambition, Respect, Care and Honesty. These ensure that everyone can access a safe environment where they can meet their unique potential & I hope you will join me in championing these throughout your time at THS.

We are going to have an amazing year and I can't wait to meet you all! Take care, stay safe and use the summer holidays to relax and make plans for September. See you soon Year 7!



Frequently asked questions

What do I do if other students are being hurtful or bullying me?

Report it straight away to your Learning Manager (Miss Crowther), any member of staff and/or your Parents/Carers. This will be dealt with as we don't tolerate any form of bullying in school.

What happens if I get lost?

Don't worry! There will be lots of help when you first start school

What if I am late for lessons?

Don't worry! During the first half term we make allowances for Year 7 students who are just getting to know their way around.

How do I make new friends?

You will meet lots of new people in form time and lessons and you'll soon make new friends. Another good idea is to join extra-curricular clubs where you can meet friends with similar interests.

What extra-curricular clubs can I join at Todmorden High School?

There are a variety of clubs you can join. For example we have Netball, Gymnastics, Football, Art, Drama and many more. If there is a club that you would be interested in starting up, you can always talk to a member of staff about it.

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Frequently asked questions

Are the dinner queues long?

We operate a “split lunch” system. This has reduced lunchtime queues significantly. You still have to queue for a short period but will get served in plenty of time to eat your lunch.

Can I ride my bike to school?

Yes you can, There is a bike shed to store your bike while you are in school, but you cannot ride your bike on school grounds for safety reasons.

Our school vision is to unlock your unique potential, and our core values, Ambition, Respect, Care and Honesty lend themselves perfectly to this. You will be rewarded for your engagement with these values on a day-to-day basis by receiving positive ARCH points and these will be recognised in your assemblies. Years 7-10 will take part in ARCH days six times a year. On these days you will participate in alternative lessons which will develop your understanding of the ARCH values and help you to become successful in the future.

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Our school values are:

AMBITION

High expectations for yourself, the community and wider world.

RESPECT

Respect for yourself, the community and the wider world.

CARE

Caring for yourself, the community and the wider world.

HONESTY

Be true to your unique self, the community and the wider world.

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Some key faces to know in school



Hello , I'm Miss Shirt and I will be your new Headteacher! I can't wait to meet you and welcome you to Todmorden High School. I am sure that you will settle in well and soon feel part of our family. Don't worry, we will look after you and you will soon make plenty of friends; you will also learn lots with our great teachers in truly enjoyable lessons.

Hi - Miss Cooper here!
Looking forward to you starting in September and getting to know you all throughout your time at Todmorden High School.
I'm sure you will enjoy your time with us and make lots of new friends. You might be nervous at the moment but please don't worry, there'll be lots of people to help you and you'll settle in before you know it.



Hi my name is Mrs Pitchforth and I am the Deputy SENCO.
I help a lot of pupils and support the work of all the Teaching Assistants in school. I am really looking forward to meeting you all .
I know you're going to have a wonderful time with us at Todmorden High School. We have heard lots of fabulous things about you from your teachers so we know you will fit in at Todmorden High School.
Take care, Mrs Pitchforth

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How many lessons will I do?

Lesson	Start	Finish
1	8.40	9.40
2	9.40	10.40
Break	10.40	10.50
3	10.50	11.50
Lunch: Y7,9,11 Focus: Y8,10	11.50	12.20
Lunch: Y8,10 Focus: Y7,9,11	12.20	12.50
4	12.50	13.50
5	13.50	14.50

- ⇒ You will have 5 lessons a day and Focus time (Form) in the middle of the day
- ⇒ Year 7 form rooms are in Whirlaw
- ⇒ There is a Year 7 assembly once a week
- ⇒ Home learning will follow a timetable and be set by each department. Your teachers will tell you what you have to do and you will be able to see your home learning on Class Charts.

*If you need **extra support** for Maths and English **don't worry** as this will be highlighted by your Year 6 Teacher and you may receive 1 or 2 sessions per week.

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What will my day look like?

This is an example of a Year 7 timetable:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BREAK—10 minutes					
1	Maths PAM Rm 13	English MSC Rm 93	ICT DMC Rm 21	PE SAL	Maths PAM Rm 13
2	Music AXB Rm 69	History CVO Rm 85	Science MAS Rm 41	Maths PAM Rm 13	English MSC Rm 91
BREAK—10 minutes					
3	English MSC Rm 91	Maths PAM Rm 13	Geography JOB Rm 87	Food Tech GMO Rm 48	Science MAD Rm 41
Lunch / Focus time—30 minutes					
4	History CVO Rm 85	Geography JOB Rm 84	English MSC Rm 93	Science MAS Rm 41	EPR JWO Rm 47
5	Spanish EBO Rm 81	Science MAS Rm 41	Art GAB Rm 45	Tech LEF Rm 46	Spanish EBO Rm 81

Lesson period

Subject

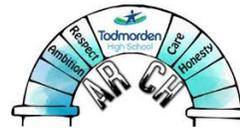
Staff code*

Room number

*Your timetable will include a list of your teachers' names and codes.

If this were your timetable, in what period on which day would you have food technology?

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SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Ms Wells – Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Pickles – Safeguarding Manager

BEHAVIOUR & PROGRESS



Mrs Rawlinson – Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Coates – Deputy Headteacher

OFFICE TEAM

STUDENT



Mrs Wrench



Miss Thornsbey



Mrs Coates

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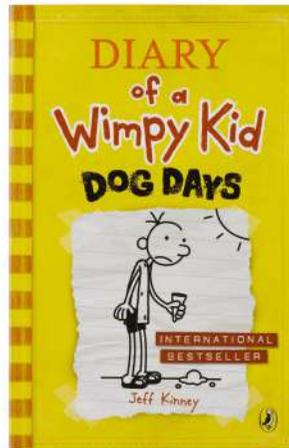
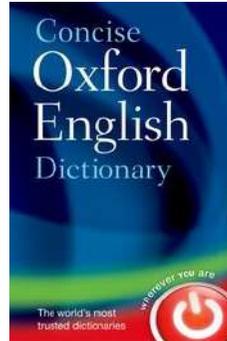


What equipment will I need?

Each day in Focus time you will have your school equipment checked to make sure you are ready to learn.

You will need:

- ⇒ 2 black pens (so you have a spare)
- ⇒ 2 green pens (so you have a spare)
- ⇒ 2 pencils/pencil sharpener
- ⇒ Ruler
- ⇒ English dictionary
- ⇒ Scientific calculator
- ⇒ Reading book
- ⇒ And a refillable drinks bottle.



Place your equipment on your desk in front of you. You need to start your Silent Start as soon as your other equipment is in the correct place on your desk.

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What uniform should I wear?



You should have your LANYARD with you at all times.

- ⇒ A white tailored shirt, with a proper shirt collar, which can be tucked into your waistband and has a top button you can fasten.
- ⇒ School tie (Royal blue striped tie) worn so that it reaches the waistband.
- ⇒ Black school blazer with the school logo on it.
- ⇒ Black V-neck jumper (optional) to wear under your blazer.
- ⇒ Plain tailored trousers, **full length**. No leggings, jeans, tracksuit bottoms **or jersey fabrics**.
- ⇒ Socks must be plain, not patterned, and either black, white or grey. They must also be either knee or ankle length.
- ⇒ Tights must be plain, black and opaque.
- ⇒ Plain black, leather or leather look (not canvas) flat shoes or ankle boots **with black laces**. No sandals, trainers, logos or branding. For example, any 'Kickers' tabs should be cut off.
- ⇒ A black kameez can be worn in addition to the rest of the uniform, where required. A hijab can also be worn.
- ⇒ Sturdy bag.
- ⇒ Outdoor coat for cold/wet weather. No cardigans, body warmers or non-uniform jumpers including sweatshirts or hoodies
- ⇒ Plain tailored knee length pleated or A-line style skirt. Knee length means the skirt should be touching the crease of the back of the knee and the knee cap at the front. The skirt should not be tight fitting or made from stretchy fabrics. If wearing a skirt, socks or tights must be worn (not both together).
- ⇒ Single ear studs are permitted but must be removed for PE. No other piercings allowed.
- ⇒ No excessive make-up, No nail varnish, gel nails or false eyelashes
- ⇒ Students who use henna in their cultural celebrations should avoid applying it to their nails as it looks like nail varnish and cannot be removed. Henna patterns on hands, which fade quite quickly, are acceptable.
- ⇒ Chewing gum is now allowed to be consumed or brought onto school premises.

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