



Key Dates

Post 16 Marketplace- Thursday 12th October 2017 – 6-7.30pm
Parent/Governor Forum- Thursday 12th October 2017 – 6-8pm
Student Council Meeting 1- Thursday 12th October 2017
Get organised event (Year 11) - Monday 16th October 2017
Erasmus Visit- Wednesday 25th October 2017

Friday 6th October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our stars of the week featured in the profile this week are;

- Owen, for being very helpful and making a positive start in Science.
- Grace, for being very helpful during form time, form monitor and being excellent in class.
- Jamie-Leigh, for showing persistence and resilience in the face of a difficult challenge in class, making great progress and succeeding.

These students received an early, free lunch the week that they were selected. Well done to all of them. If you would like to be picked to be a Star of the Week, make sure that you do your best and give 110% in all of your subject classes.

Each month Mrs Davies, our Learning Manager for Community Engagement, awards prizes for excellent attendance. In September the following form groups were awarded a certificate and a box of chocolates for their excellent attendance; 7EBO, 8JWO, 9GMO, 10IMO and 11CAS/KMC. Well done to these form groups for maintaining a fantastic attendance record in September, and keep up the good work. If you want your form to win these prizes, make sure that you attend school regularly and notify us of any appointments that you may need to attend by contacting our attendance team.

We had a great Year 7 Parents' Evening on Thursday evening 5-7pm, with an excellent turnout. Many thanks to all who attended, I trust that it was informative and useful for staff, students and parents alike. If you were unable to attend please do not hesitate to contact the school in order to have a discussion with staff regarding your child's performance. Our next Parents' Evening is for Year 11 on the 1st December, more information to follow. If you need any support or have any further queries following Year 7 Parents' Evening please e-mail p.thompson@todhigh.co.uk.

This year we are re-launching student leadership roles at Todmorden High School, with the opportunity for a boy and girl from each year group to be selected as their year Head Boy and Head Girl, and form part of our Leadership team. Additionally there is a number of opportunities for forms to select student voice representatives who will act as the spokespeople for their year groups at student voice meetings. In order to be elected as Head Boy and Head Girl, students have been asked to present an election speech to their year group during assembly. Students will then be elected by their peers based upon their speech that they deliver. Elections will take place in the week commencing the 16th October 2017. I would like to encourage our students to apply for these positions, and wish them the best of luck with their applications. For more information on this process, please visit <http://www.todhigh.co.uk/student-leadership/>.

On Thursday the 12th of October, we will be holding a Parent/Governor Forum. We held a forum last year, and those who attended found it a useful event, giving parents an opportunity to discuss any school issues or direct any queries around their child's education and educational establishment towards our Chair of Governors and members of our Leadership team. I would like to encourage as many of you to come as possible and look forward to welcoming and sharing with you our current position and plans for the future. This event will take place in the Year 7 common room, 6-8pm. Official invites and letters have come home with students this week, if you have any further queries please email clerktogovernors@todhigh.co.uk.

The Post 16 Marketplace event (for Year 11 students) is also coming up on Thursday the 12th October, 6-7.30pm at Todmorden High School in the hall. This is a great opportunity for parents and students to gather information on further education, and destinations/colleges/opportunities for when they leave school. We hope to see you and Year 11. Additionally the 'Get Organised' event for Year 11's across Calderdale is taking place at The Shay Stadium in Halifax on Monday 16th October 2017 between 3.30-7.30pm. I would like to encourage our Year 11 students to attend this event. It is a great opportunity to speak with school Sixth forms, colleges and further/higher education providers, apprenticeship and training providers from across the region. Visit www.ckcareersonline.org.uk for more information, and don't forget that you can always contact Mr Stoakes (Careers Advisor) if you need any further advice on what to do after you finish school.

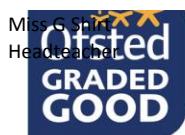
We have now rolled out ParentPay, a more convenient way to pay for school meals, trips, after school clubs and much more online. ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available. Todmorden High School will be going cashless as of October half term and we hope you will support us in becoming a cashless school. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously. Letters detailing how to use this system and containing further detail about ParentPay have been sent home. If you have any questions regarding this system, please email admin@todhigh.co.uk.

Finally as you will be aware last week we held a Macmillan bake sale at brunch in the hall. Our students and staff 'baked and faked' their way to a fantastic total of £270.53. All proceeds will go to Macmillan to support their fight against cancer, a huge well done to all who were involved in the event.

Before closing can I remind parents that students can wear a coat to school (not a hoody!) as the colder weather rolls in we want to encourage children to wear a proper coat.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns that you wish to discuss with us regarding our students and their behaviour in school or in the community, please contact the school on the telephone number listed above.

Kind Regards,



Student Profile

Friday 6th October 2017



Grace, 7ELA

What hobbies and interests do you have outside of school?
I am interested in football and I also play cricket!

Have you had any tasty school dinners yet? If so, what have you had?
I have had pizza and curry, and they were both yummy!

How are you finding Year 7?
It is different than I expected, I really like it.



Owen, 7JNU

Who is your favourite teacher, if you have one?
Mr Wardman is my favourite teacher.

Have you joined any extra-curricular clubs?
I was picked for the football team, so I will be attending this club after school.

What do you think of Todmorden High School?
I like it, it's so much better than primary school!



Jamie-Leigh, 7BRI

What does Aspirational, Inspirational, Remarkable mean to you?
I think it means be what you want to be, and do what inspires you.

How are you finding life at Todmorden High School?
It is really fun and I have made some really good friends.

What do you think of your lessons so far?
The teachers are really good, I like PE and EPR best of all!