

Todmorden High School

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Friday 8th February 2019



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Key Dates

Year 10 Parents' evening – Thursday 14th February 2019

Year 9 Options evening – Thursday 7th March 2019

Parent Governor Forum – Thursday 28th March 2019

Careers Week – 4th – 9th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a great week for our careers strategy! We hosted our first careers guest speaker of the year this week, ex-student Jamie Crampton hosted sessions introducing Yrs 7-9 to all aspects of engineering. Students were immersed in the different fields of engineering and took part in several challenges, designed to test their communication skills. This culminated in a competition to see who could design & fly a paper plane the furthest!

We are hosting National Careers Week from 4th - 8th March, there are reminders in student journals. We have several employers attending to discuss potential career pathways with students, along with local FE colleges attending all week. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to talk to year groups in school. If any other parents would like to take part, in any capacity, there is still space available, please email l.mcdermott@todhigh.co.uk

Our careers fair will be taking place on the 8th July we are dedicating an entire day to all things careers. We are hosting a range of employers, colleges and apprenticeship providers over the course of the day. Please direct any enquiries to l.mcdermott@todhigh.co.uk.

Some parents have been asking about detentions. Please be aware we've had a small change to the administration of the detentions system. Detentions will continue to be written in student journals and will provide 24hour notice; the text message service will serve as a reminder on the day. Administering in this manner affords us the opportunity to check the online system before sending a message out. We sent this notice out couple of weeks ago, sorry if you did not pick it up.

If you are a parent of a Year 9 child you should soon be getting an invitation to an Information, Advice and Guidance meeting.

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Free School meals: If you feel you are eligible for free school meals please contact Mrs Todd, our School Business Manager at d.todd@todhigh.co.uk. This is a sensitive/confidential service and you should apply, we have lots of students who have free school meals, as we use the cashless system children/adults don't know who is on a free/paid school meal. The process is very straight forward and applicable to families in receipt of benefits or families with an income below £16190.

If snow should fall, snowballing is not allowed on the school site/road. This is because snowballing is not always fun and can cause hazards and dangers. If it does snow we would appreciate your support for school with the no snowballing rule.

We have had a good response to the current recruitment campaign we are running and would like to share an overview of this with all parents and carers, as we continue to grow, so must our staff! We are looking for several new colleagues who may be fulltime, part time, or come to us with flexible requests. We endlessly support working families and champion work life balance, **Workload and Wellbeing** is at the forefront of all we do. Look at our recruitment page on our website www.todhigh.co.uk to find out more.

As ever, if I can support your child in anyway, don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Miss G Shirt
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Student Profile

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