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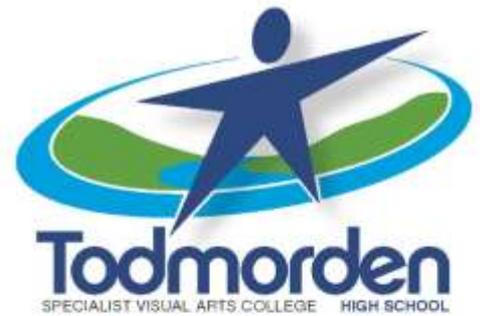
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Email: admin@todhigh.co.ukWeb: www.todhigh.co.uk**Key Dates-**Post 16 Prom- Friday 7th JulyYear 11 Leavers Assembly- Thursday 13th July, 9am-11amYear 11 Prom- Thursday 13th JulyFriday 16th June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

This weekend the Todmorden Agricultural Show will be held at Cliviger show field. Our students have been encouraged to put entries into the 'pets' or 'vegetable' categories- details have been given out to interested parties in school. I would like to encourage all families to attend this fantastic community event on Saturday 17th June 2017.

The profile this week features a Year 12 student, Beth, who has been working hard supporting Mr Womack with creating the Peace Garden on our school grounds. Following her incredible hard work on the development and creation of the garden area, Beth has now been nominated as Young Gardener of the Year and is one of sixteen finalists who will be attending the awards ceremony at RHS HQ in Surrey on the 1st July. The Peace Garden was created following the sad news of the death of Aisha Coggan, a former student at our school who died in April. The garden commemorates students that we have lost, and should be a place for students to reflect and remember. Beth is a fabulous role model for her peers, she puts her whole heart and soul into everything she does. We will be 'rooting' for her from the side-lines when she attends the RHS event in July and think that she deserves to be the winner of the title 'Young Gardener of the year'. I hope that you get a chance to visit the garden when you are on school site.

We are due to roll out our new Parentpay system on the 1st July. This system will allow you to pay for school lunches and trips 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. We hope you will support us in achieving our goal to become a cashless school and reduce the complications that cash and cheque payments bring. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously. Letters detailing how to use this system and containing further detail about ParentPay will be sent home to you soon.

In other local events, there is a daytime event taking place at the Golden Lion pub on Saturday 24th June from 11.30-8pm for French Day. This is a great opportunity to experience French language and culture differently with a lot of bilingual activities, talks, music, games for children and adults. All the activities will be run by French natives or English French speakers who are based here, in Yorkshire, and who are specialists in a domain which has a link with France. But mainly, the motivation behind this is a will to create bonds between English and French people. I would like to encourage any young linguists in our school community to attend, it looks set to be an interesting and informative event. Another event is the Ravenscliffe big weekend and Richfest taking place on the 17th and 18th of June at Dean Clough in Halifax and Ravenscliffe School, this is another exciting occasion, celebrating creativity and music. More details regarding this event are available here <http://www.todhigh.co.uk/school-news/the-ravenscliffe-big-weekend/>.

Our catering provision at Todmorden High School is second to none, and I would like to draw your attention to the newly revamped canteen page on our school website, www.todhigh.co.uk/canteen-2, please take some time to take a look at our menus and to see some examples of the delicious meals we have on offer at brunch and lunch in school. We are very proud of the healthy, nutritious meal options that we provide for our students- and to other schools in our local area. The catering team work extremely hard to ensure that we serve a diverse range of meals, and always offer a vegetarian option for those students and staff who choose not to eat meat. In other canteen news, the catering team are branching out into providing catering services for events such as weddings, christenings and any other parties on a large scale. More information regarding this service will appear on the canteen part of our website very soon, so please keep an eye out for updates.

In the past two weeks the building team have begun to lay the foundations for our new teaching block at the back of school. You may have seen the progress as you have passed by the school site, it is a very exciting time for both staff and students and I am really enjoying watching it come together. The building team are working particularly hard on the site, and I will keep you updated as work progresses. You can keep an eye on updates in the building redevelopment part of our website. Some of our students have visited the site, and I have been enquiring into opportunities with the contractors, to take some of our students either for work experience or as full time apprentices!

If you are a person who uses Twitter, please follow our twitter page @TodmordenHigh to see news and updates coming through the feed on there. We also have our exciting parent app, which we are going to roll out to all parents imminently, following a successful trial. Thankyou to those of you who volunteered to be part of the trial, and who provided feedback. You can find out a little more about the app by visiting the MyEd website at <https://www.myedschoolapp.com/>.

Finally, our Year 11 cohort left us for study leave on Friday 9th June 2017. Students who have not yet sat exams are expected to attend subject lessons until they have sat their exams, at which point they will no longer need to attend these classes. When on site, students are expected to be in full uniform and to conduct themselves in line with our behaviour policy, thankyou for your continued support and vigilance on this point. Students have been invited to attend a Leavers Assembly on Thursday the 13th July 9am-11am, and will then be attending their prom in the evening of the same day. I am very excited to be attending the prom myself and look forward to celebrating with our Year 11 students as they finish their time here at Todmorden High School.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gill Shirt'.

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Acting Headteacher





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Student Profile

16th June 2017

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