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Key Dates

Children in Need- Friday 17th November
Remembrance Sunday- Sunday 12th November
Austinn (band performance) Tuesday 21st November

Friday 10th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each week three Year 7 students are selected as our Year 7 Stars of the Week. These students are rewarded with an early, free lunch after meeting with the Headteacher to be congratulated on their successes. Students can be selected for a number of things including good behaviour, great classroom attitude, wonderful work or home learning tasks, making a valuable or significant contribution to wider school life or being recognised in the community as an excellent representative for our school. I thoroughly enjoy celebrating our student's achievements, and hope to see many more of you coming to see me on a Friday afternoon in future.

As you will be aware we recently held our Harvest Food Bank appeal. As a community school, we are always looking for ways to support our town, and we are delighted to be able to donate food to help others. We received the following communication from the drop in centre following the donations from our students and staff; "On behalf of all of us involved at Todmorden Food Drop-in I want to say a huge thank you to all of you at Todmorden High, students, families and staff, for the very generous donations of food you have made. Twenty large bags of food was really amazing. We appreciate every single donation and your work in promoting us within the school and pulling it all together. It was very generous and will make a real difference to local people who use the service. Please pass on our thanks to all concerned." Well done to everyone who was involved in this year's food donation, and a special thank you to Ms Wells, who did a fantastic job publicising the event, coordinating the collection and delivering the donations to the food bank.

With the winter weather drawing in, I would like to remind students to ensure that they come to school wearing adequate footwear and outerwear to protect from the wet and cold weather. I would also like to ask parents to be vigilant in reminding students to ensure they wear a waterproof, warm jacket, bring umbrellas and wear warm socks and shoes to keep them warm, dry and ready to learn. This will also help to protect students from bugs and viruses that often develop during the winter months. If you have any questions regarding the correct uniform to wear, please contact Ms Wells at m.wells@todhigh.co.uk.

Work is progressing well on our new teaching block, with electricity being connected to the building during half term and the internal walls starting to take shape. The re-roofing of the main building is well underway, and you will now start to notice that the scaffolding is starting to come down on the main building. We view this as another chapter in the development of our school and will keep parents informed at every stage. The new teaching block is scheduled to be completed in early 2018. We will keep you updated on the progress of the building via the weekly letter, our twitter feed and our website page: <http://www.todhigh.co.uk/portfolio-item/building-redevelopment/>.

Remembrance Sunday, which falls on 12 November 2017, is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. A number of our staff and students will be walking in the Remembrance Sunday parade in Todmorden this weekend, and Miss Brockman has been working with a group of our students who have formed a choir that will be performing on Sunday as part of the parade. We have red remembrance poppies for sale in our admin office and also a number of other items that students can buy to show their support for the Royal British Legion in memory of those who gave their lives for our country.

'Oliver!' hit the Todmorden Hippodrome stage this October, and featured a number of our extremely talented students. Probably one of the best-known musicals, Oliver follows the fortunes of the title character based upon the classic Dickens' novel. I went to watch the show and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, I was very proud of the students involved in the performance. Huge congratulations to everyone involved in this production. Todmorden High School will be putting on our own production next February 2018 of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Auditions have already taken place and the cast has been selected, so rehearsals are now well underway. More information regarding this event coming soon.

Please don't forget that Todmorden High School has gone cashless upon our return to school this week. This means that we will no longer accept cash or cheque payments for lunches, trips or clubs in school. As an alternative we now have ParentPay up and running, where you can make secure online payments to the school. Your support in using ParentPay (www.parentpay.com) will help the school enormously. Personalised letters detailing how to use this system and containing login details for ParentPay have been sent home. If you did not receive this letter or if you have any questions regarding the ParentPay system, please email admin@todhigh.co.uk. We also have a ParentPay section on our website where you can gain more information regarding this payment system <http://www.todhigh.co.uk/parentpay/>.

As part of their Archbishop of York qualification, our sixth form students have decided to host a fun filled week of activities in order to raise money for the Children in Need charity. Beginning on Tuesday 14th November there will be an opportunity to win a giant teddy, all students have to do is chose from a range of names at 50p each to be in with a chance of winning and the winner will be announced at dinner on Friday 17th November. On Thursday 16th November there will be a bake sale in the main hall during break, prices will range from 50p to £1.50. The main fundraising event will take place on Friday 17th November in the form of a teacher vs. student general knowledge quiz, where all incorrect answers will result in a cream pie to the face! Entrance will cost 50p and will take place in the hall at lunch. Finally, Friday will also be a non-uniform day where students are asked to wear spots if possible, giving a donation of £1.

Have a great weekend, and hopefully see some of you at the Remembrance Sunday Parade.

Kind Regards,

Miss G Shirt
Headteacher



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Student Profile

Friday 10th November 2017



Dylan, 7CKE

Check out our amazing stars of the week who have been selected in recent weeks. Year 7 students who have made great achievements, gone the extra mile, produced amazing work or demonstrated wonderful behaviour are rewarded with an early, free dinner on a Friday as a big pat on the back for being superstars!



Rose, 7AXB



Millie, 7CKE



Isobel, 7EBO



Eve, 7BRI



Kyle, 7JNU



Elias, 7ELA



Matthew, 7JNU



Lily, 7BRI

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