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Key Dates

The Big Christmas Lunch Monday 18th December 1pm
Space Day Wednesday 20th December
Christmas Concert Thursday 21st December 6-8pm

Friday 1st December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Christmas Celebration concert takes place on Thursday 21st December 6-8pm. It's a celebration incorporating musical and drama performance acts from all different departments including Maths, Spanish, History and English as well as Music, Drama and Dance/PE. Tickets are £3 for adults and £1.50 for Students/OAPs, these will go on sale from the main office at school next Monday 4th December 2017. Lots of our students are involved so please come along.

Todmorden High School students and staff would like to welcome you to join them for the 'Big Christmas Lunch'. The event is free of charge for members of our community and offers an opportunity for you to meet our students and staff. We will be serving a full Christmas lunch and pudding prepared by our catering team. The event will take place on Monday 18th December at 1pm. Places are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Please contact the school to reserve your place - 01706 813558 or admin@todhigh.co.uk.

Our Year 11 prefects were awarded their ties last Friday morning, and are now taking up their responsibilities around the school. Our prefects will assist with brunch and lunchtime duties, help out with after school clubs and support the school with other big events throughout the year. Well done to all of the students who were selected, I am sure that they will all rise to the challenges that being a prefect brings. If you would like to see who achieved prefect status, please take a look at the Student Leadership part of our website at <http://www.todhigh.co.uk/student-leadership/>.

Uniform reminders

Thank you so much to all parents and carers for supporting our students with maintaining excellent standards of presentation with regard to uniform. Our students continue to turn up to school looking smart and wearing the correct uniform, with all the correct equipment and ready to learn. It is very important that we continue to maintain the high standards and expectations that we have of our students regarding their uniform so we would like to remind students that;

1. All students should wear an outdoor coat for cold/wet weather. No cardigans, body warmers or non-uniform jumpers including sweatshirts or hoodies. Hoodies are not part of our uniform policy, and will be confiscated if a student is found wearing one.
2. Girls should wear a 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).

Reminder for parents/carers RE: medical appointments

Appointments, where possible, should be arranged out of school hours. If appointments are necessary within school hours students should attend registration and also return after the appointment where possible, with evidence (eg a referral letter or an appointment card) of the appointment so that it can be authorised. If an appointment is for a full day (e.g. hospital appointment) evidence should be provided prior to the appointment. Any other instances of absence should be referred to Mrs Davies on l.davies@todhigh.co.uk. Thank you for continuing to comply with our procedures, and for encouraging students to have excellent attendance.

This week's profile features our Year 9 Head Boy and Girl, Jago and Niamh. Find out a little bit more about them, and what their aims and wishes are while in this role, on the attached profiles.

Finally, thank you to Mr Freeman and Ms Greaves for helping our students make and show their brilliant lanterns at the Lamplighter Parade on Saturday evening. What a brilliant show! Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

Miss G Shirt
Headteacher



Aspirational, Inspirational, Remarkable

Student Profile

Friday 1st December 2017

Meet Niamh, our new Head Girl for Year 9...

1. What made you want to try out for Head Girl? *I wanted to try out for Head Girl because I wanted to make the school better for new students but also the ones that are already here.*

2. What sort of changes are you looking to make while you are in this position? *I want to change lots of things.*

3. Did you enjoy campaigning to be Head Girl and what did you like about it? *I enjoyed making the posters.*

4. What subjects are you studying at GCSE? Which is your favourite, and why? *Drama, Food Tech, History, EPR and Spanish. I like these subjects because each one brings out a different character in myself.*

5. What is most challenging about being in Year 9 so far? *There's a lot more pressure due to us choosing our options.*

6. How do you think you can help out the peers in your year group in your role as Head Girl? *For those few students that are struggling with behaviour.*

7. What would you like to do when you leave Todmorden High School? *Once I leave Todmorden High School, I would like to be in showbiz!*



8. What does Aspirational, Inspirational, Remarkable mean to you? How will you focus on this in your role as Head Girl? *It means to try your best to be the best student you can be so you can go forward into the world inspiring people yourself.*

9. What does Respect, Care and Honesty mean to you? How will you focus on this in your role as Head Girl? *It means that we should treat each other how we want to be treated, and also to make sure we understand each other.*

10. What are your next steps in your role as Head Girl? *My next step in being Head Girl is to concentrate on improving the behaviour and environment of the classroom. I'm trying to get student buddies for certain students that may be struggling with behaviour.*

We would like to wish Niamh all the best in her new role, and for her studies in Year 9.

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Meet Jago, our new Head Boy for Year 9...

1. What made you want to try out for Head Boy? *I felt that I could make the school better and it's be good on my CV.*
2. What sort of changes are you looking to make while you are in this position? *Improve lunch times and make the behaviour policy more effective.*
3. Did you enjoy campaigning to be Head Boy and what did you like about it? *I enjoyed my speech, which was part of my campaign.*
4. What subjects are you studying at GCSE? Which is your favourite, and why? *I am planning to take EPR (which is not surprising to those who know me), drama and music, my favourite lesson is EPR because it covers a vast range of subjects which are very relevant at the moment.*
5. What is most challenging about being in Year 9 so far? *I find that in Year 9 the most challenging thing is the homework. This is because I am busy with shows etc, also there is more than in Year 8.*
6. How do you think you can help out the peers in your year group in your role as Head Boy? *I will help out my peers however they want me to and however I can.*
7. What would you like to do when you leave Todmorden High School? *When I leave I'd like to be a chocolatier!*



8. What does Aspirational, Inspirational, Remarkable mean to you? How will you focus on this in your role as Head Boy? *Aspirational, Inspirational, Remarkable to me represents the unique opportunities and individuality that other schools do not have.*
9. What does Respect, Care and Honesty mean to you? How will you focus on this in your role as Head Boy? *These are the core values and the roots of all our roles at THS.*
10. What are your next steps in your role as Head Boy? *As Head Boy I will improve lunch, brunch and make teachers stick to the homework timetable.*

We would like to wish Jago all the best in his new role, and for his studies in Year 9.

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