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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Key Dates**

Post 16 Parents' Evening- 5-7pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 11 Revision Event- 5.30-7pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 9 Parents' Evening- 5-7pm Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
World Book Day- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Year 9 Options Evening- 5-7pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Dear Parents and Carers,

To support students with revision and student outcomes, we will be holding a Year 11 Revision evening, sharing best practice for revision tips and tricks for parents and students. This is the perfect opportunity for all staff to share resources and strategies with parents and carers so students feel confident with their revision. A flyer was given out to parents at our recent Year 11 Parents' evening, if you did not receive one of these the event will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 5.30-7.00pm.

The profile this week features one of our Year 11 students Olivia, who has made the decision to raise money for her peers who may struggle to afford to attend their Year 11 Prom. Olivia felt so strongly that everyone should be able to celebrate and attend their Prom that she took action about this. We are very proud of Olivia, and what she is working to achieve. She embodies our core values of 'Respect, Care and Honesty'. Well done Olivia.

Year 10 were out and about at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester this week, attending a University and Apprenticeships fair. Many higher education and employment providers were in attendance, and students were able to explore what courses and careers are on offer, and what entry requirements they might need to secure to get onto them once they have completed their post 16 education. Students greatly enjoyed the visit, and many came back laden with brochures which will be a really useful resource for them as they start to think about where their adult roles might lie. Ms Wells informed me that they also scoured all the stalls to see which institutions were giving away the best free gifts; they found not only pens but lanyards, bookmarks, tote bags and phone accessories! All students were a credit to the school and thanks go out to Ms Wells for organising the event.

On Wednesday we hosted our second Parent/Governor Forum of the academic year. I would like to thank all those who came to this event, it seemed to prove useful for Governors, Parents and the Leadership team. This offers us a great opportunity to link together and discuss key issues around the students' education, the school building and other key issues. It is always fantastic to meet parents and to have discussions in a more informal environment. We are holding one more forum this academic year, on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 6-7pm, I hope to see some new faces at these events as the year progresses.

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February a selection of Year 7 students took part in a Falconry Day as a reward for excellent attendance. Students worked with a Falconry expert learning about handling birds, looking after them, what they eat, where they live and many more interesting facts. The students got to meet Dusty the Tawny Owl and Jeff the Peregrine Falcon, who spent the day in Room 34 with the students. The event was organised by Mrs Davies, as a reward for some fantastic attendance this year. Research has shown a direct link between the progress that students make and their attendance. If a student has 90% attendance then it is likely that they will achieve one grade below their target however, students with 100% attendance tend to achieve beyond their target. Your child's attendance plays a crucial part in the progress that they will make in school. It is therefore essential that, wherever possible, they attend school every day. Thanks for your continued support working towards our target of 97% attendance across the school.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March is World Book Day! We are celebrating by asking students to dress up as their favourite literary character and bring in either £1 or a book that they are willing to donate to our school library. All money raised will go towards buying new books for the school library. There will be a catwalk at lunch time where students will get a chance to show off their costumes. Prizes will be awarded to the best dressed students! Last year we had a fantastic selection of costumes, I am looking forward to seeing what our students and staff come up with this year.



*Aspirational, Inspirational, Remarkable*

Following an election through our student voice, the following students have been selected to represent the school at the Calderdale Youth Council: Ruari Fleming, Finn Maden, Cara Walton and Taylor Campbell. These students will attend meeting in Halifax twice a month and make contributions to Calderdale Youth Council on behalf of their peers at Todmorden High School. Additionally, Mr Womack is currently working with students interested in becoming the new member of the Youth Parliament for Calderdale, students are currently working on their manifesto which will contribute to their election campaign. If your child is interested in becoming the new MYP for Calderdale, please encourage them to attend Room 19 on a Thursday afternoon for support with writing their manifesto.

This week's Wellbeing Wednesday was a campaign put together by our EPR Ambassadors encouraging their peers to 'Pick it up, pick it up, put it in a bin'. Students and staff worked together, directed by one of our students Ben Thorne, to create a catchy song and accompanying music video demonstrating the positives of recycling and clearing away refuse responsibly. This is the beginning of a wider campaign by our EPR ambassadors to improve the school site, and the community, by becoming more conscientious about clearing away our litter and keeping the school site, and Todmorden, tidy. Thanks to our ambassadors, Mr Womack and the staff involved in launching this campaign.

We have become aware that a small minority of students are being a little silly outside of school hours, around the crossing outside school. We want all our students to be safe, and learn safe behaviours and would ask that parents remind students of this and reinforce the message.

Finally for your information the term dates for the next academic year 2018-2019 have now been published on our website. You can take a look at these by visiting <http://www.todhigh.co.uk/school-day-and-term-dates/>.

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 or email me at [g.shirt@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:g.shirt@todhigh.co.uk).

Kind Regards,



Miss G Shirt  
Headteacher

# PROM

# 2018

*Student Profile*

*Friday 9th February 2018*

**Olivia, a Year 11 student, has made the decision to raise money for students who may struggle to afford to attend their Year 11 Prom. Olivia felt so strongly that everyone should be able to celebrate and attend their Prom that she took action about this, I caught up with Olivia to find out more.**

**1. I hear you are doing some work around the prom, and helping others to access this event and have the best time, can you tell me about what you are doing?** *I am going to raise money for people who cannot afford Prom, by doing a bake sale and raffle. If any students have any ideas I will also try and set their idea up, so I would welcome any suggestions.*

**2. Why are you doing this, what has motivated you?** *I am doing this because my friend couldn't afford to go to Prom, so she wasn't going to go. I spoke to some other people who couldn't afford to go and realised that not everyone is as lucky or has as much money as other people which might stop them from attending Prom, so I wanted to help them.*

**3. What sort of events/ideas do you have in mind?** *I am thinking of organising a non-uniform day, a raffle and a 'hot chocolate day' sale.*

**4. What can staff, parents and students do to support you?** *I put a status up on facebook which got me a lot of support from parents. I need help with putting the dresses/suits somewhere so that girls and boys who want to can choose from them.*

**5. What made you come up with the idea?** *I came up with this idea because of my friend, and I want to help people in any way I can so that they can attend Prom and celebrate with their friends.*

**We are very, very proud of Olivia, and what she is working to achieve. She embodies our vision of Respect, Care and Honesty. Well done Olivia.**

*Respect, Care, Honesty*

