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Key Dates

Year 9 Options/Parents' Evening- 6-8pm Thursday 15th March
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory- Tuesday 20th March- Thursday 22nd March
Year 10 Parents' Evening- 5-7pm Monday 26th March
Easter holidays- Friday 30th March-Sunday 16th April

Friday 9th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will now be aware we recently had to postpone our Year 9 Parents' Evening because of the terrible weather. In order to ensure that you can consult with all teachers, make informed choices about the options your son/daughter will take in Year 10 and 11, and check on progress being made this year, we will be holding a combined **Options/ Parents' evening on Thursday 15th March, commencing at 6.00pm** in the school hall. You should have received a letter regarding this on Wednesday, if you have not received this you can access it on the 'Letters Home' section of our website or alternatively contact admin@todhigh.co.uk to have a copy sent home.

This week's profile features Lillie and Ruby who have been working hard to promote the school values of 'Respect, Care and Honesty' by organising a 'Thank a student/Thank a teacher' initiative. Lillie and Ruby have visited form groups during registration to deliver these messages by hand. Thank you to both of these students for contributing to making the school a happy, caring place.

Today we held our World Book day, which was postponed due to the snow last week. We asked students, and staff, to dress up as their favourite literary character and bring in either £1 or a book that they were willing to donate to our school library with all money raised going towards buying new books for the school library. Students took part in a catwalk at lunch time to show off their costumes. It was great to see staff and students getting involved in this fantastic day, thank you to Mrs Wookey and the English department for organising the day.

As we move towards the Year 11 exam season, I would like to thank parents for their support with encouraging students to attend extra revision sessions and to revise at home throughout this academic year. I would like to encourage parents to continue providing this vital support at this critical time in your child's education. Staff are working tirelessly to provide opportunities for students to attend after school, break and lunchtime revision sessions and to ensure that work set in lessons is relevant and informative. You can find a copy of the revision timetable, along with a number of effective and useful subject specific resources at <http://www.todhigh.co.uk/revision/>. Staff are also starting to put plans in to place for Easter and May half term revision sessions, so more information will be released regarding this shortly. If you have any further queries or want to speak to a subject teacher regarding your child's revision or progress in a subject please contact the school on 01706813558 or email admin@todhigh.co.uk and a member of staff will come back to you.

Rehearsals for our school show, Charlie and the Chocolate factory, are well underway with dress rehearsals taking place in a few weeks' time. The cast together with Miss Brockman and Miss Kingsley have been working hard to perfect their lines, get sets and costumes ready, and learn songs in order to put on a really professional performance. Tickets are now on sale from the main office in school. The show plays over three nights from Tuesday 20th March to Thursday 22nd March 2018, 6.30-8pm. Tickets are available at the reasonable price of £4 per adult and £2 per concession. The school show is a spectacular event, year in, year out, so I hope that lots of you get the opportunity to attend.

Mr Womack took a group of EPR GCSE students on a trip to York this week to visit the Madhyamaka Kadampa Meditation Buddhist centre and York Minster. Students spent some time with an ordained guide and took part in meditation exercises, and were then given the opportunity to explore the centre, take pictures and ask questions for their own research. Students then visited York Minster where they spent some time in the learning centre and the



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rest of the time exploring the Minster. To finish off the day, the students were allowed some time to explore York before departing for home. This trip provided an excellent opportunity for our students to deepen their knowledge and understanding around Buddhism and experience the beauty of York Minster, the group behaved impeccably and were a credit to Todmorden High School. Thank you to Mr Womack for organising this trip.

Todmorden High School students, and a group of staff, departed on Friday 2nd March 2018 journeying to Le Corbier in France on the annual Todmorden High School ski trip. The journey to Le Corbier took 30 hours, and they all arrived safely on Saturday night. After a night's rest, students and staff donned their skis and boots and hit the slopes. The trip offers a fantastic opportunity for students to engage in learning this unique new skill, and to have a real skiing experience. Students are gaining in confidence each day, as they work on their skills with many advancing to chair lift, off-piste skiing, jumps and learning to ski backwards. Additionally, students have had the opportunity to practise some bum-boarding as part of their evening activities. Daily updates regarding the ski trip are appearing on the Todmorden High School website www.todhigh.co.uk and students will return to Todmorden on Saturday 10th March.

Our new building has half-opened this week. The builders are still working at the back of the block on the brickwork. Once the building is fully opened we will hold an open day/evening where you will all be invited to have a look around.

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.

Kind Regards,



Miss G Shirt
Headteacher

Student Profile

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We all need a bit of sunshine in our lives from time to time. As part of their role on the Student Voice team at Todmorden High School, Lillie (right) and Ruby (left) have been leading a 'Thank a Student/Thank a Teacher' initiative, allowing students to brighten up each other's days by writing a personalised thank you which have then been distributed by Lillie and Ruby during form time. This is a fantastic example demonstrating our school values of respect, care and honesty. We are very proud of Lillie and Ruby's endeavours to make the school a happier place, by encouraging us all to say "thank you" that little bit more often!



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