

Key Dates

Summer School- Monday 23-27th July 10-3pm

A Level Results Day- Thursday 16th August 2018 9-11am

GCSE Results Day- Thursday 23rd August 2018 9-11am

Return to school- Wednesday 5th September (Details on website homepage)

Rewards Trip/Y7 Challenge Day- Friday 7th September 2018

Year 7 Residential- 5-7th October 2018

Friday 20th July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw to the close of this academic year 2017-18, I would like to thank all of our staff and students for their hard work and their commitment to our motto of being: Aspirational, Inspirational and Remarkable individuals. I am sure that you are all ready for a good rest in preparation for our new term starting in September. Our profile this week is a celebration of the year and the amazing activities and events that have taken place, it is fantastic to look back at all the amazing achievements and memories that we have made this year. Well done Team Todmorden High School!

We appointed two Associate Assistant Head teachers last week, Mrs Wookey and Ms Wells who will now be supporting in Teaching and Learning (Mrs Wookey) and Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare (Ms Wells). We are thrilled that they were successful in their interviews and are excited to welcome them to our Leadership Team.

On Monday we held our annual Celebration assemblies for Year 7-10. Students received a number of awards and gift vouchers, including a golden ticket for those students who received the CRTL (consistently ready to learn) certificates. Students with a golden ticket were rewarded with a BBQ event on Thursday organised by Ms Wells and Mrs Todd, where they got to hit the piñata, eat tasty food, listen to music and relax with their friends. A really positive end to a positive year. Well done to all.

Wednesday was our final Space Day of the year and featured team building games, lessons on a wide range of engaging topics. One of our very special visitors on Space Day was Iby Knill, a holocaust survivor. Dr Knill came to speak to our Year 10's about her experiences before, during and after the war, including her experience as an inmate of both Auschwitz and Birkenau. All year 10 were fascinated and sat showing the greatest respect towards the 94 year old as she spoke for nearly an hour. It was one of my proudest moments at Todmorden High School and you as parents of each year 10 child would have been proud too. The children asked pertinent, sensitive questions and listened carefully to the answers, you could have heard a pin drop in the hall whilst she was talking. It was truly marvellous. Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Education are part of the central tenet around which our curriculum is built. The curriculum, even in its broadest sense, ensures that students experience activities which demonstrate our commitment to upholding and sharing British Values. The motto of 'Respect, Care & Honesty' is how we drive SMSC in our school, by encouraging our students to embrace the fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs. This is delivered through explicit experiences for students such as Space Day as well as 'pause for thought' opportunities in every subject and lesson. In addition SMSC and British values are integral to the tutor and assembly routines. Many thanks to Mr Womack and Mr Wardman for their hard work planning the day for our staff and students, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On Thursday Mr Freeman, Mrs Botterill, Mrs Connolly and Mrs Timewell took a group of students out on a trip to Liverpool to visit the Liverpool Biennial, which runs from 14 July – 28 October and celebrates 20 years of presenting international art in the city and region. The 10th edition, titled '*Beautiful world, where are you?*' invites artists and audiences to reflect on a world in social, political and economic turmoil. Liverpool Biennial is underpinned by a programme of research, education, residencies and commissions. Founded in 1998, the Biennial has commissioned

over 340 new artworks and presented work by more than 480 artists from around the world. The trip was delivered to offer Year 10 students new sources of inspiration to boost their knowledge and give them stimulus for their first project in Year 11. I was told that the trip was a great success and provided inspiration and enjoyment for all.

I recently received the following information from the West Yorkshire bus firm;

From Monday 3 September 2018, there will be an inflation-linked fares increase on school bus services contracted by the Combined Authority, including Mybus (yellow bus) services. Fares on Mybus services have not increased since September 2015 and are currently lower than fares on other contracted school bus services. The increase will close the gap between the fares on the two types of contracted school bus services and bring school bus fares closer into line with fares charged on the public transport network. On the majority of services, a flat single fare is charged (regardless of distance travelled). From 3 September, the changes will be as follows:

Service type	Current fare	Fare from 3/9/18
Secondary School Mybus	£1.10	£1.25
Secondary School Non-Mybus	£1.20	£1.25
Mybus primary	70p (£5.50 weekly ticket for 10 journeys)	80p (£6.00 weekly ticket for 10 journeys)

On a small number of secondary school services, graduated fares are still charged (fare varies by distance travelled) and they currently vary between 70p and £1.50 per trip. With the exception of the £1.50 fare, these will increase by between 5p and 10p depending on the level of the current fare. The £1.50 fare will not increase. Money-saving Myday (£2.60) and Under 19 weekly (£10) and monthly (£37) MCard tickets, which can be used on all West Yorkshire bus services, are also available on these services. If you have any questions regarding this increases, please contact the bus service directly on 01132517427.

In order to prepare you for next year, I would like to share the timings and arrangements for returning to school following the summer holidays. These times are also available on the homepage of our website www.todhigh.co.uk.

- **Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September** – Staff Development Day – school closed to students
- **Wednesday 5th September** – school re-opens to students.
- 8.40am – Year 7 arrive – report straight to hall for assembly – then to form bases for rest of morning. Early lunch at 1pm. Staff will be on hand to support our new arrivals.
- 9.55am – Year 8 arrive – report straight to hall for assembly – then to form bases for rest of morning. Lunch at normal time of 1.20pm
- 10.25am – Year 9 arrive – report straight to hall for assembly – then to form bases for rest of morning. Lunch at normal time of 1.20pm
- 11.20 am – Year 10 AND 11 arrive.
 - Year 11 go straight to hall for assembly, then to new form bases for rest of morning. Information to be given on that day as to new form groups and tutors. Lunch at normal time of 1.20pm
 - Year 10 go to form bases first. Then report to hall at 11.50am. back to form bases for rest of morning
 - Lunch at normal time of 1.20pm

I would also like to draw your attention to our new 'Dates for your diary' tab under 'Useful Information' on the website, all ready for our start back in September. Please visit our website at www.todhigh.co.uk and take a look at what we have going on next academic year 2018-19.

Have a wonderful summer holiday, and see you all either on results days or in September.

Kind Regards,



Miss G Shirt
Headteacher



**Another fantastic year
at Todmorden High School!
Have a great summer!**

