

Key Dates

Parent Governor Forum- Thurs 18th October 2018
Books home week- 22nd November 2018
Half term- Friday 26th October 2018 3pm
Post 16 Marketplace- 8th November 2018 6-8pm

Friday 5th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Thursday saw our annual open evening where prospective students and their families get a chance to come and look around and experience what the Todmorden High family is all about. This event was a real success, including delicious samplings of our tasty food prepared by the catering team, a 'maths' quiz and a number of exciting activities within departments. I enjoy attending and speaking at this event every year, and meeting some of our future students and their families. Many thanks to all the staff and students who supported with the event of the year!

This week food bank appeal assemblies have been taking place all week to encourage our students to reach out and support our local community and others less fortunate than ourselves. This is the 3rd year that we have supported the food bank appeal, and each year we gather more food than the last. This appeal fits in perfectly with the Respect, Care and Honesty agenda within our school and the appeal managers are always astounded and grateful for the amount that we manage to collect. Donations can be made during form time and are collected by student helpers, goods you can donate are: dry goods including packets and cartons, for example rice/ pasta/ tea/ coffee, tinned goods, for example meat/fish/soup/beans/spaghetti, toiletries such as soap/ shower gel/ shampoo/ toothpaste/ toothbrushes and packaged cakes/biscuits. The appeal closes on the 26th October, so we hope to have collected lots of items by that time. Many thanks for your support with this very much needed local charity, look out for updates on our website as to how our students are getting along with their collections. Notably, while on the SMSC agenda, the RCH team and their student helpers raised just short of £300 for Macmillan with our Bake Sale last Friday - so let's endeavour to give our full support to this charity close to home.

A large number of our New Year 7 cohort set out on their bonding residential this morning. Supporting children through points of transition can be challenging and this is why we have introduced this residential for the first time. This residential aims to develop student's self-confidence, independence and motivation needed to forge ahead into year 7. Our aim is also to promote personal, social and emotional development in order to enable children to have a happy and fulfilled journey through THS. I hope that our students really embrace and enjoy the experience. As for the venue, the Forest of Bowland lies nearby Winmarleigh Hall, which is a designated Area of Natural Beauty. Built around the original main house, Winmarleigh was formerly a spectacular traditional Victorian estate. Set in 50 acres of gardens, parkland and woodland, the building retains many original features and its large rooms and sturdy construction make it ideal for groups of children. The centre is a great area to explore and experience a range of fantastic activities! Winmarleigh Hall looks to offer some great activities, including a giant swing! This centre also has a quad biking track and a newly built private lake for raft building. I am sure the students will have a fantastic time, I look forward to hearing all about it upon their return. Many thanks to Mrs Thompson for organising such a great event.

On Thursday the 18th of October, we will be holding a Parent/Governor Forum. We held a forum last year, and those who attended found it a useful event, giving parents an opportunity to discuss any school issues or direct any queries around their child's education and educational establishment towards our Chair of Governors and members of our Leadership team. I would like to encourage as many of you to come as possible and look forward to welcoming and sharing with you our current position and plans for the future. This event will take place in the Year 7 common room, 6-7pm. Official invites will come home with students over the following weeks, if you have any further queries please email clerktogovernors@todhigh.co.uk.

Last but not least, Noah, our student profile star this week, has gone above and beyond in his History homework, setting a fine example for his peers of what an 'outstanding homework' should look like! Well done Noah!

Have a good weekend,



Miss G Shirt
Headteacher

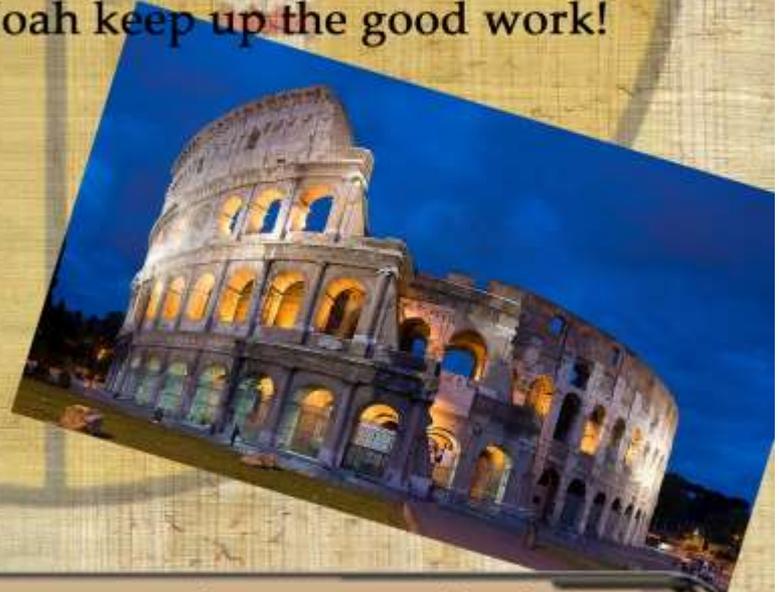


Student Profile

Friday 5th October 2018

Outstanding Homework

Homework teaches students to work independently and develop self-discipline. Homework encourages students to take initiative and responsibility for completing a task. Homework allows parents to have an active role in their child's education and helps them to evaluate their child's progress. We encourage our students to engage fully in homework providing them with a rigorous timetable and an annual plan of tasks for each subject, to inspire independent learning. Noah, our student profile star this week, has gone above and beyond in his History homework creating a model colosseum and Spartacus figure inspired by his research into 'Spartacus'. What a fantastic piece of work! Mr Wardman was absolutely blown away by the effort and creativity shown by Noah, he is an inspiration for his peers. Well done Noah keep up the good work!



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