

Key Dates

Christmas show- Thursday 20th December 2018 6.30pm
School closed for Christmas- Friday 21st December 2018 1.20pm
School re-opens to students- Tuesday 8th January 2019

Friday 14th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Lots has been going on in school this week in the run up to Christmas Festivities; The Big Lunch – where we invite senior members of the Todmorden community in for Christmas lunch, cooked by our catering staff and served by our students.

Christmas Lunch was served whole school wide this week, with all of the trimmings and accompanying music on Wednesday.

Presentation Evening took place, where by former students, their parents and friends of our school were invited along to celebrate the achievements of last year's Year 13 and Year 11.

Next week proves to be just as busy with the Ewood Centre Christmas lunch on Monday 17th December, our Christmas show on Thursday 20th December, (tickets are on sale now £4 per Adult, £2 per Child), and our special assembly on Friday 21st December 2018.

We have been working hard to improve our assessment system based on student and staff feedback.

- All Y10 and Y11 have received their STARS report; please contact the school if you have not.
- Y7-9 has STARS reports are being sent out WC 17.12.18.

Assessment home week is WC 17.12.18. Please sign the assessment folder and complete the questionnaire and then return this first week back in January. Assessment home week aims to create a more transparent process of assessment and provide detailed feedback of successes, areas for development and advice on how parents and carers can further support their child's learning. If you want to know more about how we assess our students, please refer initially to the information on the STARS report or for more information please see the website from 17.12.18.

We are proud of the way our students look when they arrive to school each day. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support in upholding our high standards which reflects so well on our school and wider community. Should you be buying new items over the holiday period, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our uniform guidelines, given again here and also available on the website and in the student journal. Please do stick to the guidelines as some of the girls' trousers have been ankle length. These need to be full length.

Uniform, Appearance and Equipment Expectations

Uniform

- A white tailored shirt which can be tucked into your waistband and has a top button you can fasten.
- School Tie worn so that it reaches the waistband.
- Black school blazer with the school logo on it.
- Black V-neck jumper (optional) to wear under your blazer.
- Plain tailored trousers, **to reach the top of the shoe**, with black socks. Tailored means not tight fitting or figure hugging and not made from stretchy fabrics. No leggings, jeans or tracksuit bottoms.
- 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).
- Socks must be plain, not patterned, and either black, white or grey. They must also be either knee or ankle length. Tights must be plain, black and opaque.

- Plain black, below the ankle OR ankle boot, leather or leather look (not canvas) flat shoes. No sandals, trainers, logos or branding. For example, any 'Kickers' tabs should be cut off and any coloured stitching, found on some shoes (Dr Marten's, among others) should be coloured in black.
- A black kameez can be worn in addition to the rest of the uniform, where required. A hijab may also be worn.
- Sturdy bag and outdoor coat for cold/wet weather. No cardigans, body warmers or non-uniform jumpers including sweatshirts or hoodies.

Appearance

- A single plain ear stud, or one pair of plain ear studs are permitted but must be removed for PE. In addition to this a watch may be worn. No other piercings or jewellery is allowed.
- No excessive make-up.
- No nail varnish.

Equipment

- Journal
- Blue or black pen
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator
- English dictionary
- Reading book
- Mobile phones and smart watches are not allowed to be seen or heard during lesson time or changeover.

We would also like to remind all parents and carers about a couple of other rules we have in school. We have taken the decision recently to ban chewing gum from school. Please encourage your child not to bring it; anyone chewing it will be sanctioned. We are also concerned about the health implications arising from energy drinks; these now carry an age restriction of 16 years and, as such, are not welcome on the school site. Please support us by reminding your child not to bring these drinks into school. Any students discovered bringing them onto the school site will have them confiscated. Thank you for your ongoing support with these requirements.

This week's student profile has been replaced by a graphic uniform reminder and a picture of all the students who were awarded ATL1 (Attitude to Learning 1) in every subject. The STAR prize was a £60 Nando's voucher which Kieran won. Elle won a Christmas hamper and all students were awarded a gift. Well done.

Kind regards,



Miss G Shirt
Headteacher

Well done to our ATL1 Students



Todmorden High School Uniform

