



PARENT & CARER WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 20th October 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We have been proud to be involved in the St John's Ambulance Restart a Heart programme since it started 10 years ago. If someone has a heart attack it is essential that they receive assistance quickly. The Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Yorkshire, Stan Hardy visited the school on Monday as it was the tenth anniversary. The Lord Lieutenancy is a ceremonial post and they are the King's representative in Yorkshire – the organisation has supported Restart a Heart from its inception. Stan Hardy spoke to some of our Year 7 students and told them about one of his friends whose life was saved by the quick actions of a 14 year old cadet. Stan's friend collapsed at a memorial service and the 14 year old who had been trained in Restart a Heart ran over and started doing CPR. He saved the man's life. We are pleased that we are training our students in the hope that they never have to use this skill, but are giving them the confidence to use it should an emergency arise.

Best wishes,

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Attendance Contact Reminder Year 7 – Year 13

For any student absences, please can you contact the Attendance Team before 9am on each day of absence, either by emailing attendance@pudseygrammar.co.uk or telephone 0113 386 9122. Absences not communicated to the school will be followed up by a phone call/home visit.

Can we also remind you to contact the Attendance Team regarding medical/dental appointments in advance, where possible, if these cannot be made outside of school hours. This also applies to any appointments where your child is required to leave /be collected before the end of the school day.

Attendance Team

Important message from West Yorkshire Police

Please read the attached letter from West Yorkshire Police with safety/information advice on Fireworks as Bonfire Night approaches.

Mrs Williams
Assistant Headteacher

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Online Safety

The online world is an essential part of our daily lives and learning how to use technology safely is an essential skill for young people. Apps and online gaming are extremely popular but risks are posed and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children and your role as a parent/carers can make a significant difference. In order to support families to protect our students online we are working with the National College to provide you with a monthly resource. This will act as a useful short guide covering a range of topics that you may want to engage your child with. This month offers insight for age appropriate content.

We hope you find these useful each month across the academic year.

Mrs Burgum
Assistant Headteacher

Reading Cloud

Students can now renew their library books remotely using Reading Cloud. They can renew their library books twice (an additional four weeks) before they must be returned. Students can also see when their library books are due, reserve library books that they would like to read, and write book reviews for positive points.

All students should have their logins in their planners. If your child is missing theirs and would like to explore Reading Cloud, please ask them to see Ms Martin to get their login details.

Ms Martin
Librarian

October Half Term

A polite reminder that the school will close for the Half Term break at the end of the day, on Friday 27th October 2023, and return to school at 8:30am on Monday 6th November.

Enjoy the half term break

Attendance Team

YEAR 7

Students are close to completing their first full half-term at PGS. Year 7 students have made some excellent progress so far and we are particularly pleased with how quickly they have picked up the school ethos and values. The Year 7 students should be very proud of the impact they have had on the school community, keep it up!

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As a reminder for all parents, staff try to respond to phone calls and emails as quickly as they possibly can but it can be quite difficult with the responsibilities they have in school. Members of staff do have 48 hours to respond to calls or emails as per the school Communications Policy.

Thank you to all students who are consistently meeting the Uniform policy. As we move into our second half term, Year 7 will be fully aware of what they should be wearing to school each day. From this week, students will begin receiving negatives on Class Charts if any part of their uniform is incorrect. Please be reminded of key aspects of the Uniform policy:

- Navy blue blazer with the school logo
- Navy blue with white stripe and school crest clip on tie
- Formal white shirt with collar (to be tucked inside trousers/skirt)
- Plain black or grey full length school trousers.
- Optional navy tartan pleated skirt/black or grey tailored skirt. The skirt should be no shorter than just above the knee.
- Plain black socks
- Black single colour flat leather/leather type shoes.

Lost Property

There are a number of school PE kits currently in the floor 1 Year Office that are unclaimed. If any Year 7 students have lost their PE kit and have not yet found it, please come to the Year Office to see if it is there.

Mr Leigh
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

As we approach the last week of a long half term I want to say a big well done to Year 8 who have settled into the new school year well and have made a positive start. Throughout our assemblies we have been focusing on a positive mindset and I would like Year 8 to try and implement this going forward.

Uniform

Thank you for all your efforts in ensuring the students are in the correct uniform, there has been a big improvement as the year has gone on. We still have some issues around fake eyelashes which are not allowed and leggings instead of trousers. The school website has the full Uniform policy if you need to check anything.

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Homework

Homework is generally well completed but there is an increasing number of incompletions that are leading to detentions. Homework is generally set weekly by teachers and I would encourage students to make a homework timetable so they don't become overwhelmed by it on one night.

Mr Lucas
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Crosland
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

I would like to commend the year group on how well Year 9 are conducting themselves around school. Students are extremely polite and well-mannered as they enter the building and at social times while I am on duty - Miss Exley

Uniform

We will be issuing negatives for any uniform infringements as of today. Students have been given plenty of notice to change any skirts, shoes and jewellery issues that have been identified. Students should be wearing blazers around the building and in assembly. False lashes will need to be removed and nails should not be painted and extensions removed. Students will be asked to remove bracelets, rings and any piercings other than the one stud per ear that is stated in the Uniform Policy.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 9 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

Assessment week

Year 10's first assessment week will commence from 13th November. Assessments will take place during regular lesson times. All students have been diligently informed by their teachers about the specific topics to revise. This is a great opportunity for our Year 10 students to showcase their knowledge and skills. We wish everyone the best of luck!

Break & Lunch times

We want to emphasise the importance of your child remaining on the street/ playground during break and lunch times. Our top priority is the safety and well-being of all students.

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To maintain a secure environment, it is crucial that students do not go out of bounds. Any student found outside the designated areas will be sanctioned appropriately. Your support in reinforcing this message with your child is greatly appreciated.

Miss Legg
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

Pudsey Grammar Sixth Form

Thank you to all the Year 11 students and their families who attended our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday. We hope that you found the evening useful, informative and insightful to studying at Pudsey Grammar School beyond Year 11. Soon, we will be asking students for their initial thoughts on what they would like to study and where, in preparation for their Post 16 discussion (that will take place w/c 4th December). Only external students are required to complete an application form. Students who already attend PGS will be able to select the option of staying at PGS plus their subject choices during their meeting in December.

If you have any questions about any aspect of Post 16 study, please do not hesitate to get in touch l.smith@pudseygrammar.co.uk.

Year 11 Trial Exams

There are now four weeks left until the trial exams, please do encourage good revision habits at home. See information below for support around this.

Y11 Trial Exam Timetable - <https://bit.ly/Y11TrialExamTimetable>

Using Mind Maps - <https://bit.ly/PGSflashcards>

Using Revision Clocks - <https://bit.ly/PGSrevisionclock>

Using Flash Cards - <https://bit.ly/PGSflashcards>

Revision Guides

Please be aware that a list of revision guides has been prepared for orders and will be sent via Parentmail. If you feel that your child would benefit from having a revision guide for a particular subject, please complete the order form so that they can be purchased.

- Lessons are the best way to prepare for exams, revision guides are designed to provide additional support to this
- It would be unlikely that a student will require a revision guide for all of their lessons
- Please check with students in regard to whether they require higher or foundation. If you are unsure, please contact the Subject Leader

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- Please double check that the subject is correct for example, BTEC ICT is different to GCSE Computing

The deadline for ordering will be Friday 27th October at 9am. If you have any questions, please speak to the Subject Leader in the first instance or myself if you have further questions.

Mr Syed
Year 11 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 11 Leader

SIXTH FORM

GCSE English Resit

Tuesday 7th November AM

Thursday 9th November AM

GCSE Maths Resit

Wednesday 8th November AM

Friday 10th November AM

Monday 13th November AM

W/c 4th December Year 12 & Year 13 Assessment #1 (Year 12 classroom based & Year 13 trial exams - Hall)

Our first assessment week is an important week for all students in Year 12 & Year 13. It is the first opportunity for our Year 12 students to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and application in their new studies. For our Year 13 students it represents a vital week in demonstrating progress and a key indicator to their performance in the summer. All Post 16 students should now be preparing for this first assessment week in December. Students should be considering how they are planning and organising their time, preparing revision notes and making time for application and practice of exam questions. All subject specific resources (topic notes, revision ideas and practice questions) can be found on the RM Tile Post 16 Revision Resources

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mzVzbErTIPotVZn5MqxjwUT2pFcnPjjJ>

Year 12 Opportunity - EY Foundation

Applications are now open for our paid work experience programmes for Year 12 students. In 2024, we're offering 3 different 2 week programmes, which will give students the chance to build their employability skills, expand their professional network, receive a mentor and get hands-on workplace experience whilst also being paid.



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- Smart Futures Bradford (12th- 16th February and 25th-27th March)
- STEM Futures North (28th-31st May and 29th-31st July)
- Smart Futures Business and Finance North (29th July – 7th August)

Eligibility criteria

Year 12 student studying any combination of A-level and BTEC Level 3s, plus eligible for free school meals (within the last 2 years) OR eligible for College Bursary.

Follow us on Twitter/Instagram to keep up to date with our Sixth Form events and opportunities. @PGSixthform @pudseygrammarsixthform

Mrs Smith
Post 16 Director of Studies

Mrs Evans
Careers and Pastoral Support

Ms Nota
Attendance and Pastoral Support