



PARENT & CARER WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 15th September 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We sent out a message yesterday regarding the malicious emails which some schools received – we were not one of the schools which was targeted. As you may be aware, an individual has been arrested by West Yorkshire Police in connection with the matter.

Thank you for your support regarding the switch between our summer uniform (i.e. no blazers) to the usual uniform requirements. It has also been good to see that attendance so far (it is early days) has been better than at this time last year – as I mentioned last week this is absolutely essential for children to make progress and learn so thank you and please continue to emphasise the importance of maintaining good attendance throughout the year.

All of our Parents Evenings are now online, but we wanted to ensure that we give you the opportunity to come into the school to meet some key staff in person. The Parents Information Evenings take place across the next two weeks (please see below for the exact dates and times) and these will provide you with some key information and advice regarding the year ahead for each year group. This will be delivered by the SLT link for your child's year group along with their Director of Studies (who look after the child's academic progress) and their Year Leader. Finally, you will meet your child's Form Tutor. As I mentioned last week, the Form Tutor is your first point of contact for any matter as they see your child every day.

Year 12	Year 11	Year 10	Year 13	Year 9	Year 7	Year 8
Tue 19th Sep	Wed 20th Sep	Thu 21st Sep	Mon 25th Sep	Tue 26th Sep	Wed 27th Sep	Thu 28th Sep

Best wishes,

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Year 7, 8 and 9 - History Club - Russia: Regents, Revolutions and Repression
The History Club is back in business!

Over the next two half-terms, we will be diving into Russia's historical past. We will study its Regents, Revolutions and its methods of Repression, all with the aim of gaining a greater

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understanding of the journey the Russian people have taken to reach their situation in the present day.

History Club starts on 19th September and will run fortnightly on a Tuesday from 3:10pm-4:00pm, meeting at room 114 with Mr Alderson. All students with an interest in History are welcome and each session will be an individual in-depth study of a period, individual or event. So, even if you cannot make it to all of them, still come along to those you can!

If you have any questions or queries feel free to see Mr Alderson in the floor 1 Humanities and Maths office or alternatively email r.alderson@pudseygrammar.co.uk.

Mr Alderson
Teacher of Humanities

Break and Lunch time PE Equipment – Year 7 - 13

The PE Department has invested in a number of footballs that students can use at break and lunch times. Due to some health and safety concerns we ask that students do not bring their own footballs, or any other sports equipment into school, and that they hire the lighter footballs that the PE Department will provide.

Students should go to the PE office at break or lunch time and speak to a member of the PE Department to hire a ball for that session. The cost of hiring a ball is £2.00. Please note this is a cash only payment, we are unable to accept card or other electronic payments. This £2.00 payment will be refunded when students return the ball at the end of their break or lunch time

Mr McCroakam
Subject Leader of PE

Attendance Rewards – Year 7 – 13

Our Attendance Team are running a reward programme for all students this year. Students will be rewarded with positive Class Charts attendance points for every day they attend. In addition, fun pop up events will be held throughout the year where every student will have the opportunity to take part in an activity to earn extra attendance points.

We will be holding the first Attendance Pop-up Event for all students on the playground during break and lunch times on Friday 22nd September. Every student will have the chance to earn bonus attendance points which they will have the chance to spend or save at the end of the half term.

This is a FUN event that we would like as many students to get involved in as possible. You can take part or just cheer on and support other students.

The specific details of the event will be kept under wraps until break time on Friday

We hope to see your child there.

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Attendance Team

YEAR 7

We hope that all of Year 7 have enjoyed their first full week at PGS. Students continue to make an excellent impression on all of their teachers in this new environment and they are consistently demonstrating the school values throughout each day.

The PE extra-curricular timetable has started this week and is in full swing. Please be reminded of the clubs each night:

Tuesday - Badminton & Basketball Club

Wednesday - Football Club

Thursday - Netball Club

Students should register using the QR code when they attend the club ensuring they wear the correct PE kit. These clubs are a fantastic opportunity for students to participate in regular exercise and aid their health and well-being.

Finally, I would like to continue to remind parents/carers of our key expectations of our Year 7 students:-

1. Arrive on time for school, lessons and registration
2. Wear your uniform correctly at all times
3. Be fully equipped for each lesson
4. Be helpful and do as asked by members of staff
5. Contribute to a positive learning environment
6. Be polite and respectful of others
7. Do your homework and hand it in on time
8. Walk around the school sensibly
9. Look after your school environment

Mr Leigh
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

Year 8 have now completed their first full week and the majority have settled really well into the new school year. Their behaviour and attitude to learning has generally been positive. Their uniform has also been impressive, but I would like to point out that some of the skirts

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that girls are wearing are too short for school. Skirts need to be either the Pudsey Grammar School pleated skirt or a tailored, knee length black skirt.

Year 8 Parent Information Evening - 28th September 2022 - 5-6pm

I wanted to highlight this upcoming event. It will be fantastic to welcome you back to the school building and meet you for the first time.

PE Clubs

The PE extra-curricular timetable has started this week and is in full swing, please be reminded of the clubs each night:

Tuesday - Badminton & Basketball Club

Wednesday - Football Club

Thursday - Netball Club

These clubs are a fantastic opportunity for students to take part in. They aid health and well-being by providing regular exercise. Students should register using the QR code when they attend the club and ensure they wear their correct PE kit.

Mr Lucas
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Crossland
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

Great start

Year 9 have had a really great first full week back in school. Students have conducted themselves brilliantly in assembly and in a practice fire drill this week. We are very impressed with how they have started the year.

Homework

Year 9 will have been given their first sets of homework this week. It is really important that students get in to good habits of keeping on top of their homework and ensuring it is completed in a timely manner to avoid negatives and detentions. Please remind students that they are able to attend Homework Club after school for extra support should they feel they need it.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 9 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

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Yellis

You should have received a letter this week informing you that our Year 10 students will be sitting their Yellis assessment on either Monday or Tuesday next week. I want to assure you that this is not something our students need to revise for and therefore I do not want any of them to worry about it over the weekend.

Monday 18th: 10AS, 10DB, 10CA, 10LS

Tuesday 19th: 10SS, 10CS, 10VA, 10PS

Key Date

We have our Year 10 Parent Information Evening on Thursday 21st September. A letter was sent out before the end of last term, and we would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance at the evening by completing the form on Parentmail, if you have not already done so.

We look forward to seeing you at the event.

Miss Legg
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

Parent Information Evening

A reminder for you of the upcoming Parent Information event that will take place on Wednesday 20th September at 5pm (refreshments will be available from 4:45pm).

We would like all parents to attend this in-person event so we can keep you up to date with the plan for Year 11, how we are working to support your child achieve their potential, and to share some practical tips on how best to support your child in the year ahead. We run this short event every year and it always proves very popular with parents.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Mr Syed
Year 11 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 11 Leader



SIXTH FORM

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Important Dates

Tuesday 19th September – Year 12 Parent Information Evening @ 5.00-6.00pm

Monday 25th September – Year 13 Parent Information Evening @ 5.00-6.00pm

w/c 4th December – Year 12 & Year 13 Assessment 1 (Year 12 classroom based & Year 13 trial exams - hall)

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Parent Information Evenings. Please confirm your attendance via Parentmail, if you have not already done so, and if you have any questions prior to the evenings, please do not hesitate to contact us. Dates and times are above

Opportunities

Adult Nursing Courses

The University of Bradford has multiple courses suited for those wanting to go into nursing, including the Nursing (Adult) - Mid Yorkshire Hospitals. This course is based at Dewsbury Hospital, and all placements are in the mid Yorkshire Hospital Trust – Dewsbury, Pinderfields & Pontefract. If you would like to know more about the course, the University of Bradford is holding a webinar on 20th September 2023 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Please register on the University website.

UCAS Support

On Wednesday 20th September Mrs Evans will be running a UCAS Drop in Session 3:00pm-4:00pm. Any student who requires support with any aspect of their application or Personal Statement may attend.

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