



PARENT & CARER WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 29th September 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

October marks the start of Black History Month in the UK. The national theme this year is a celebration of the accomplishments that black women have made throughout history. Sadly, their outstanding contributions have frequently been forgotten or neglected but we have a series of planned assemblies and activities to ensure that our students understand the significant role black women have played in changing the world for the better.

Last night marked the final Parents Information Evening session. It was excellent to see so many of you at the events and we hope you found the information provided was useful. We will have our normal Parents' Evenings where staff will discuss your child's progress. The dates of these are as follows:

Year 7	23 rd May
Year 8	23 rd November
Year 9	22 nd February
Year 10	14 th March
Year 11	11 th January
Year 12	18 th April
Year 13	25 th January

Best wishes,

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Potential parking restrictions on or around 12th October on Mount Pleasant Road

We have been contacted by Northern Gas Networks regarding potential disruption to parents and carers dropping students off and collecting on or around the 12th October. Please see full information below from Northern Gas Networks:

"You may be aware, Northern Gas Networks are carrying out some gas mains replacement works in the area.

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On or around 12th October, our works will move onto Mount Pleasant Road for approximately three weeks. We will then move onto The Lanes and Grange View for a further two weeks to finish the works in that area.

We have been informed that parents may drop students off around this area, we do not expect to have any traffic management on these streets however parking may be restricted and therefore difficult at busier times.

If you have any questions about the works please do not hesitate to get in touch; my contact details are below. The Site Manager for the project is Lewis Jones and he is available on 07813 538195 or lejones@northerngas.co.uk."

Year 7, 8 and 9 History Club - Russia: Regents, Revolutions and Repression

The History Club is underway! It was great to see so many students eager to learn more about Russia's past and relishing in the tyrannical life of Ivan the Terrible. 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 understanding of the journey the Russian people have taken to reach their situation in the present day.

History Club will run fortnightly on Tuesdays from 3:10pm-4:00pm meeting at room 114 with Mr Alderson meeting next on Tuesday 3rd October, to delve into the life of Peter the Great.

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 History

Parental Guides: Online World – Year 7 - 13

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.



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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 online safety, tackling a range of potential issues such as sharing personal information, cyberbullying and strangers.

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

Mrs Burgum
Assistant Headteacher

Book Club – 9th October 2023

Our much-loved after school Book Club will have its first meeting on Monday 9th October 3:00-3:45pm in the Library.

This club is open to both old and new members. Whether your child wants to get involved in reading award-winning books and discussing them with others, or is just interested in sharing their book-related opinions, all book lovers are welcome to join.

Book Club will run once every two weeks on week B. If your child is interested in joining, please encourage them to express their interest to Ms Martin as soon as possible, and a letter will be sent home.

Ms Martin
Librarian

Leeds Young Research Owls

The Leeds Young Research Owls is a dynamic group of young individuals dedicated to influencing health research across Leeds and beyond. Their mission is to ensure that young peoples' views and perspectives are at the forefront of healthcare research, ultimately improving the experience of those undergoing treatment. They are the voice of tomorrow's patients, actively participating in shaping the future of healthcare.

This is a great opportunity for anyone thinking about a career in health, social care or medicine and they will get valuable skills that look great on a CV, job application or university personal statement.

About the programme: <https://generationr.org.uk/leeds-young-research-owls/>

- Children and young people aged between 10 – 18
- Members have either been patients or have an interest in science, aspire to be healthcare professionals, or simply have an enthusiasm for improving the lives of young people
- Members meet once every other month alternating online and face to face
- Meetings are usually on a Thursday 5:00pm – 7:00pm

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If you would like more information, or would like to get involved, please contact Heather Rostron (NIHR Doctoral Fellow, University of Leeds; Senior Research Nurse), at heatherrostron@nhs.net

Mrs Burgum
Assistant Headteacher

YEAR 7

We recently held our Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 27th September which was a well-attended event. A lot of key information that parents/carers might find useful was provided on the evening and it was a very successful event.

If any parents/carers were unable to attend the event, we will be releasing the information soon for parents/carers to refer to throughout the year.

Restart a Heart Day

On 16th October, West Yorkshire Ambulance will be coming in as part of Restart a Heart Day. This will provide CPR training to our Year 7 cohort and is a fantastic opportunity to learn a real-life skill that could save a life.

Mr Leigh
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 9

Information Evening

I would like to thank all parents and carers that attended the Information Evening on Tuesday. It was brilliant to see so many parents/carers for both sessions. We hope you found the evening useful and it has helped push a focus on the year ahead. If you were unable to attend the evening all information can be found on the school website in the Year 9 section next week.

Class Charts

Class Charts is an app that we use to communicate on matters such as homework. If you have any issues accessing this or would like further information on using this, please let us know. Contact details for Form tutors are available on the school website.

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Attendance

We wanted to thank everyone for their efforts in ensuring attendance remains high. It is such a delight to see students coming into school on time every morning. Students should continue to aim to be at the school by 8:20am.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 9 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

This year, we want our students to focus on creating a balance between their studies and personal life.

Some things they can be doing:

- Make time for hobbies and relaxation.
- Stay organised and manage your time effectively.
- Seek help when needed – teachers are here for you!
- Prioritise self-care and well-being.

We also hope that the students who have received new timetables are content with their new subject choices. Remember, it's your journey, and we're here to support you every step of the way.

Miss Legg
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

Information Evening Presentations

Presentations from the Parent Information Evening has been uploaded to the school website, please take time to review the information as it will highlight some important information and key dates, including the November trial exam timetable.

<https://www.pudseygrammar.co.uk/years-7-11/year-11/information-evening/>

If you have any specific questions please email as outlined below:

General enquiries - contact the Form tutor
Subject enquires - contact the Subject Leader
Enquires that relate to multiple subjects - email myself

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More urgent enquires - contact Mrs Swithenbank

Revision Resources

Please look through the resources below to support revision at home:

Setting Goals: <https://bit.ly/PGSsettinggoals>

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

Mind Maps: <https://bit.ly/PGSmindmaps>

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

Blackpool Trip

The trip to Blackpool is planned to go ahead on October 11th. Please can you check that all consent forms have been completed as numbers need to be confirmed and the tickets purchased for the Pleasure Beach. Students will be leaving school at 9am and will return at approximately 7pm. Please also take note that it is cashless at the Pleasure Beach so students will need to bring a bank card. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Swithenbank s.withenbank@pudseygrammar.co.uk

Sixth Form Open Evening

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is Wednesday 18th October 2023 from 5.00pm. An invitation to attend will be going out to all Year 11 students and their families, where you are invited to book onto one of two welcome presentations through the Eventbrite invitation - at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pudsey-grammar-school-sixth-form-open-evening-wednesday-18th-october-tickets-711020039077?aff=oddtcreator>. One will take place at 5pm and one at 6.30pm. We look forward to welcoming as many students and their families as possible throughout the evening and if you have any questions prior to the event, regarding any aspect of Sixth Form, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Smith. l.smith@pudseygrammar.co.uk.

Mr Syed
Year 11 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 11 Leader

SIXTH FORM

****Important Dates**

W/c 4th December Y12 & Y13 Assessment #1 (Y12 classroom based & Y13 trial exams - hall)

GCSE English Resit
Tuesday 7th November AM
Thursday 9th November AM

GCSE Maths Resit



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Wednesday 8th November AM
Friday 10th November AM
Monday 13th November AM

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who attended the Year 13 Information Evening on Monday. It was really good to see so many families attend. The presentations have been sent out via Parentmail to all families and if there are any follow up questions, please get in touch with your child's Form tutor, or a member of the Post 16 team.

On Friday we welcomed Sam Turner from the NCS who presented exciting opportunities to our Year 12 students. Please follow the links below to view the letter/leaflet with information for parents.

We also launched our Post 16 trips to Paris and New York to our Year 12 students this week. Detailed information has been sent out via Parentmail and expressions of interest should be returned no later than Friday 6th October

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

Miss Nota
Attendance and Pastoral Support