

**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**

Friday 6th October 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We have always been proud of our association with the town and our wider community. We wanted to highlight an excellent initiative by the Pudsey Community Project. If you have any good condition winter coats please donate them to the Pudsey Community Project which is based in Pudsey Parish Church, Fartown, Pudsey LS28 8LP. They are open on Monday – Saturday from 10am – 12 noon. The coats and jackets will be given away to those who need them on Saturday 21st of October from 2pm until 5pm.

We are going to establish further links with Pudsey Community Project in the near future so we will keep you informed about how you can support this great local charity.

Best wishes,

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Students leaving school due to illness

We have had a number of parents arriving at reception to pick students up because the students have been contacting home saying they're ill.

I would like to remind parents that they need to contact school to inform us if they have concerns about their child and we can then assess them and contact home to collect if needed. If parents arrive to collect students without contacting us first it will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Mrs Matthews
Assistant Headteacher

Book Club – Monday 9th October

Book Club will be starting next Monday. All students are welcome. In this introductory session, we will go over what books we will be reading and discussing over the year and what they can expect from Book Club.

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If your child is interested in attending, please email h.martin@pudseygrammar.co.uk to register their interest. A letter will be sent out on Parentmail for you to confirm that you are happy for them to attend.

Ms Martin
Librarian

Flu Vaccinations – Year 7 - 11

Flu Vaccinations will be taking place in school on Friday 13th October 2023. You should have already received information via email regarding how to give consent for your child to have the vaccination. Even if you do not want your child to be vaccinated, please complete the form to let us know. If you have not received the letter with how to consent, then a copy is attached. Please follow the instructions in the letter. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Mrs Marsh
Lead First Aider

English as an Additional Language Book Club

We will be running an after school Book Club to support students who speak English as an Additional Language (EAL). This will be a small group of students who meet once every two weeks and read aloud together in order to improve their reading and confidence skills. Students who have attended this club in the past have shown amazing progress over the year. Letters will be sent on Parentmail to parents/carers of students who we think will benefit most from this Book Club. If you have not received a letter but believe your child would benefit from attending EAL Book Club, please contact h.martin@pudseygrammar.co.uk for more information.

Ms Martin	Ms Jovanovic
Librarian	Teacher of MFL

YEAR 7

Students continue to make a positive impact on the school environment as we move through our first half term, keep it up Year 7!

Residential - Please be reminded that the deadline for deposits is Friday 13th October, there are still around 25 places remaining for students that may want to attend.

If you would like to look at the residential site in more detail, please see the link below:
<https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/secondary-schools/centres/newby-wiske-hall>

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School Production - Our school production was officially confirmed to be Matilda! If students are interested in taking part, they should go to the Drama Studio every Wednesday 3pm - 4pm to take part in rehearsals.

Ski Trip - The 2025 ski trip will launch and go live on Friday 6th October at 7pm. Students have seen a video this week during Form time of what the trip will consist of and Mr Baxter has been into assembly to discuss the trip further. This is a great opportunity for those students who may be interested in skiing!

Please be reminded of the basic expectations of our students, if Year 7 can consistently get the 'small things' right, they will continue to succeed here at PGS.

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

The majority of Year 8 have settled really well into the school year. Walking around lessons I am seeing some excellent work being completed and students engaged. There are a few things we can do to improve though. There is a growing number of students not bringing basic equipment into school, especially reading books. The Library is always open to Year 8 at break so please could you encourage your children to access this if they don't have a reading book. Some students are also pushing the boundaries of our Uniform policy, skirts need to be knee length and tailored. Students will be asked to change into borrowed uniform if theirs does not fit into policy. Fake eyelashes are also not permitted. Please refer to the uniform policy on the website for guidance.

The Ski trip information was launched this week to Year 8 students with a letter sent on Parentmail with more information. If your child is interested in the trip please contact Mr Baxter who can provide more details at n.baxter@pudseygrammar.co.uk.

Mr Lucas
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Crossland
Year 8 Leader

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YEAR 9

Website Update

The Year 9 section of the website has been updated to include the messages shared in the Parent Information Evening. The information includes key dates and information on techniques students can use to help them revise effectively.

Uniform

Thank you to parents who have supported students with rectifying any uniform issues we have had these last 2 weeks.

As a reminder:

Skirts - need to be knee length and tailored.

Shoes - all black, no silver tabs.

Jewellery- one stud per ear and no bracelets or rings.

Blazer and tie needs to be brought and worn daily.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 9 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

Guest Speaker

This week, Year 10 had a visit from Ella Poppitt, the Chief of Nurse's in the NHS. We hope that the talk has sparked new ideas and encouraged aspirations among our students. It's vital for them to understand the impact they can make in the world, and the Chief Nurse's expertise undoubtedly shed light on the remarkable possibilities within the healthcare field.

Behaviour Policy

Our behaviour system plays a crucial role in fostering a safe and nurturing atmosphere where every child can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. By reinforcing positive behaviours and addressing challenges promptly, we ensure that our students can focus on their studies and personal growth. Your support in this endeavour is invaluable.

We encourage you to engage in conversations with your child about the importance of respectful behaviour, kindness, and understanding. Encouraging these values at home greatly reinforces what we teach at school.

Miss Legg
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 10 Leader

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YEAR 11

Blackpool Trip Arrangements

Please see below the arrangements for the trip to Blackpool.

Students should arrive at the usual time and must attend in appropriate non uniform. Please check the weather beforehand. We will depart from the school at 9am with the aim of returning around 7pm (traffic dependent). Blackpool Pleasure Beach is cashless so students should bring a debit card - if there are any issues with this, please speak to Mrs Swithenbank. Students who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch from the school.

Mr Syed
Year 11 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 11 Leader

Sixth Form Open Evening – Wednesday 18th October 2023 from 5pm

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is Wednesday 18th October 2023 from 5.00pm.

An invitation to attend has been sent 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 - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pudsey-grammar-school-sixth-form-open-evening-wednesday-18th-october-tickets-711020039077>. 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. However, if you have any questions prior to the event, regarding any aspect of Sixth Form study, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Smith l.smith@pudseygrammar.co.uk

Mrs Smith
Post 16 Director of Studies

SIXTH FORM

Important Dates

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

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

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GCSE Maths Resit
Wednesday 8th November - AM
Friday 10th November - AM
Monday 13th November - AM

This week, six of our Year 12 students (who study two or more STEM subjects) attended Harewood House for the launch of the Parker Engineer Tomorrow Program. Currently the UK is seeing a reduced uptake in Science and Engineering employment amongst Women and Parker is committed to assisting with re-addressing the balance and promoting diversity. The program is aimed at promoting Engineering to students, with the aim being an increase in the number of Women entering into an Engineering career.

Opportunities

****PWC** has a range of online careers events for students, as well as parents and teachers. These include:

Discover jobs in technology at PWC - Thursday 12 October
Degree opportunities at PWC - Thursday 19 October and repeated on Thursday 16 November
To register please follow the link - PwC – Registration

****HSBC Wealth & Personal Banking Taster Day (Leeds)** Thursday 02 November 9:30-3:30
Want to work for HSBC? Then you need to book onto the Taster Day with HSBC at their office in Leeds to learn more about their Wealth & Personal Banking Apprenticeship.

During the day you will get to:

Tour HSBC's office.
Learn more about careers at HSBC and a career in Wealth and Personal Banking.
Find out how to apply for their Wealth and Personal Banking apprenticeship.
Get exclusive top tips for the apprenticeship application process.
Meet and network with current apprentices.
Have a free lunch (who doesn't enjoy that).

By attending the full day you will also receive a certificate that you can use in your apprenticeship application, CV and UCAS statement.

Event Details: First Direct office, 40 Wakefield Road, Leeds, LS10 3TP at 9:30am – 3:30pm
Register for the Free event: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/hsbc-wealth-personal-banking-taster-day-leeds/>

****Huddersfield University** - Gain extra UCAS points with Headstart Huddersfield

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If you are interested in applying to the University of Huddersfield, you could gain extra UCAS points through a widening participation scheme called Headstart Huddersfield.

Headstart Huddersfield offers eligible students, interested in applying to the University of Huddersfield, the opportunity to gain an extra 8 UCAS points. You simply need to attend an Open Day or Taster Day, and submit a 1,000-word assignment based on your experiences. If you would like to know more about the scheme, visit the Headstart webpage, watch the 90 second Headstart video or contact the university for more information.

A Reminder...

Post 16 Study is open every week during P6 until 4.00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. All Sixth Form students are welcome to attend.

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

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Mrs Smith
Post 16 Director of Studies

Mrs Evans
Careers and Pastoral Support

Miss Nota
Attendance and Pastoral Support
