

**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**

Friday 17th November 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Today is our Children In Need non-uniform day, to raise money for the fantastic causes that the charity supports. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed it and we did have some fancy dress this year, which was impressive too. The highlight was definitely the inflatable T-Rex costume!

Thank you to all parents and carers who generously donated to this worthwhile cause.

Best wishes,

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

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

The History Club keeps on rolling! It is great to see so many students eager to learn more about Russia's past. 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 in room 114 with Mr Alderson. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st November, to explore the Bolshevik Revolutions of 1917 and their subsequent impacts. 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.alderon@pudseygrammar.co.uk.

Mr Alderson
Assistant Subject Leader of History and Social Sciences House

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Matilda tickets on sale!

We are very excited to announce that tickets are now on sale for Matilda! If you would like to attend the show please click on the link below.

Tuesday 19th Dec - 6pm - 7.30pm (to allow younger audiences to attend) Wednesday
20th & Thursday 21st - Dec 7pm - 8.30pm

Please support our students by attending the show. Tickets sell out fast. Get yours while you can! Link to tickets:

<https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/pudsey-grangefield-school/999-roald-dahls-matilda-the-musical-jr>

Miss Wray

Subject Leader of Performing Arts

Vacancy for Parent Governor

Have an important role in the effective running of your child's school by joining our team of governors.

The Chair of Governors would be happy to discuss with you in more depth the role and expectations of a school governor. Information can also be found by following the link - <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-governor>.

If you would like to be considered for the role or learn more please email me at h.frost@pudseygrammar.co.uk. The closing date for expressions of interest is Friday 1st December 2023.

Ms Frost

PA to the Headteacher & Communications/Office Manager

Pudsey Grammar Sixth Form Build - Public Consultations

Public consultations will be taking place on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 for our proposed new Sixth Form building. The sessions will take place in the main school hall at the following times: 9am - 10.00am, 3.30pm - 4.30pm and 6.00pm - 7.00pm. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1FgCqaRRs8YsS7eneZvm9m63bdRhdgiRi>

Ms Frost

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YEAR 7

Year 7 students continue to have a positive impact on the school community at PGS. It is important that students continue to set high standards throughout the remainder of the first term, especially during social times where students are able to consistently display the school values of respect, integrity and compassion to both students and staff within the school community.

Progress Update 1

Students in Year 7 will soon receive their first progress update from their class teachers, this is based on the ATL scores that they receive in each subject. ATL or attitude to learning, can be split into three categories: classwork, behaviour and homework and students will receive a score for each category. A detailed information guide will be provided along with the progress update itself in order to inform parents/carers what everything means. It will also include contact information if parents/carers have any queries or concerns regarding the progress update.

Mr Leigh
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

Parents Evening

Year 8 Parents Evening is next Thursday 23rd November. You should by now have received, via email, details and instructions of how to access Schoolcloud. The format of the evening will be very similar to last year where you can book 5 minute interview slots.

If you are having any technical difficulties whilst booking appointments and would like some support, please contact us. If you don't have computer access at home, please also get in touch as we have a solution for this so that you can still participate. Please email me at: j.lucas@pudseygrammar.co.uk.

Mr Lucas
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Crosland
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

Duke of Edinburgh

Students had an assembly about the Duke of Edinburgh Award last Friday. They have been given an enrolment form to bring home and complete in Form time this week. If students are interested in completing the award then there will be a Parent Information Evening which provides all the information about the Bronze Award. This Information Evening is on Monday

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4th December. Students are still able to collect enrolment forms from my office if they are interested.

Uniform

Another reminder about uniform standards and expectations. Skirts need to be knee length and tailored. There should be no false lashes or nail extensions. In general standards are very high across Year 9 and we would like students to maintain these high standards.

Iceland

Welcome back to all the students involved in the Iceland trip. Everyone appears to have had a brilliant time and gained amazing experiences. Well done to all the students who went and embraced the trip and conducted themselves brilliantly throughout.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 9 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

We kindly ask for your support in reminding our students about important school rules. For their safety, we ask them to stay within designated areas during break and lunchtime. Our school has a lovely clean environment and we want our students to support this by ensuring they dispose of their rubbish in the bins and tidy up after themselves. Additionally, we emphasise the importance of showing respect and good manners to all members of staff. Your co-operation in reinforcing these expectations is invaluable.

This week's assembly had an important focus on anti-bullying week and students will do work in their PSHE Form time slot next week to remind themselves on the difference between bullying and banter which can be hard to distinguish as a teenager.

Miss Legg
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

Revision at Home

Here is a reminder of some revision routines and techniques students have been using in school that may also help at home:

- Revision Clock <https://bit.ly/PGSrevisionclock>
- Mind Map <https://bit.ly/PGSmindmaps>
- Flash Cards <https://bit.ly/PGSflashcards>
- Setting Goals <https://bit.ly/PGSsettinggoals>

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- Printable Revision Timetable to use at home

Revision Guide orders have been placed and we are awaiting delivery. These will be handed to students as soon as they arrive.

Equipment for Exams

Please can you review your child's equipment. It is important that all students are equipped correctly for lessons but this is even more important when preparing for the trial exams. Please check the following:

- Casio Scientific calculator **if there are any issues with this, please contact the Form tutor**
- Clear pencil case only **not transparent coloured**
- Pen and a spare (black)
- Red pen for 'reflection work'
- Pencil and spare
- Rubber
- 15cm or 30cm ruler
- Pencil sharpener
- Protractor
- A pair of compass
- Glue stick
- Dry-wipe pen
- Knowledge Organiser
- Planner

If there are any issues with any equipment, please contact the Form tutor in the first instance

Tips for Getting Good Sleep

- Maintain a regular wake and sleep schedule, even on weekends.
- Come up with a regular, relaxing bedtime routine.
- Create a sleep-friendly environment.
- Lie down to go to sleep only when sleepy.
- Don't eat within two or three hours of your planned bedtime.
- Exercise regularly, but be sure to complete your workout at least a few hours before bedtime.
- Avoid caffeine before bedtime.
- Limit afternoon naps to one hour or less.

Next Steps

During Form this week, all Year 11 students completed information regarding their initial thoughts on their next steps at the end of Year 11. This information will be used to support an

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Options discussion (that every Year 11 student will receive). Students who wish to return to PGS Sixth Form DO NOT need to complete any further applications. We will discuss their options and subject choices in person at their meeting. All students will have a discussion regarding their Post 16 Options the w/c Monday 4th December (and will receive information regarding day and time within the next two weeks). If you have any questions regarding any aspect of this process, please do not hesitate to contact 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 - Year 12 & Year 13 Assessment #1 (Year 12 classroom based & Year 13 trial exams - Hall)

25th January 2024 - Year 13 Parents Evening

w/c 11th March - Year 12 & Year 13 Assessment Week #2 (classroom based)

18th April 2024 - Year 12 Parents Evening

This week we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Evans. Mrs Evans (originally Miss Fisher!) has been part of our team and Sixth Form community for the past 5 years. She has supported many students with their Post 18 decisions, UCAS applications, apprenticeships and employment. Mrs Evans is moving on to work with students with special educational needs in a college setting and we wish her all the very best in this exciting new adventure.

Opportunities

Each link below will take students/parents to a separate application form along with all the information they need on each of the events.

The Fragomen Immigration Law School – Work Experience Evening Event:

Tuesday 21st November, 6pm – 8pm

Open to all students in Year 11, Year 12, Year 13 & Year 14 Targeted to students looking to get into Law
Application link <https://sial-zcmp.campaign-view.eu/ua/SharedView?od=3z250e158e432e75a990fd4f079b3b9dc4&cno=11a2b0b1dc132a9&cd=11a926524ef8179a&m=0>

Insight to AWE a Ministry of Defence Agency:

Tuesday 21st November, 5pm – 6pm

Open to all students in Year 11, Year 12, Year 13 & Year 14 Targeted to students looking to get into the Civil Service, Engineering & Top-Secret Missions

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Application link <https://sial-zcmp.campaign-view.eu/ua/SharedView?od=3z250e158e432e75a990fd4f079b3b9dc4&cno=11a2b0b1c709f6b&cd=11a926524ef1c277&m=0>

Insight to Magic Circle Firm Clifford Chance – The biggest law firm in the UK:

Wednesday 22nd November, 5pm – 6pm

Open to all students in Year 11, Year 12, Year 13 & Year 14 – NI (S4, S5 & S6 – Scotland)

Targeted to students looking to get into Law

Application link <https://sial-zcmp.campaign-view.eu/ua/SharedView?od=3z250e158e432e75a990fd4f079b3b9dc4&cno=11a2b0b1e702050&cd=11a926524e92447e&m=0>

Mid Yorkshire Adult Nursing Programme

Open Evening at the Dewsbury and District Hospital at The Oakwell Centre - where the training takes place. Get to tour the facilities, meet staff and students, and ask any questions about the course and about being a nurse. Wednesday 6th December 2023 from 15:00pm – 19:00pm. To see more about the course (which has an April intake) see link: Nursing (Adult) BSc - Mid Yorkshire Hospitals degree - University of Bradford Book onto this event: Join the Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Events - University of Bradford

Royal Air Force

Wednesday 29th November 2023 7.30-9.00pm.

This event will provide students the opportunity to immerse themselves into the RAF World and have the opportunity to speak to subject matter experts from across the 60 roles available within the RAF and also to speak to recruiters about the next steps in their potential journeys. For more details and to join this event, please see link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/raf-world-your-success-our-mission-tickets-718081971507?aff=A5FlyerEng>

Mrs Smith
Post 16 Director of Studies

Mrs Evans
Careers and Pastoral Support

Miss Nota
Attendance and Pastoral Support