



**PARENT & CARER  
WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Pudsey Community Project last Friday when we had our non-uniform day. We raised £656.50. Whilst this represents a decent amount raised, it is clear that we need to look at a more effective way of gathering the funds for non-uniform days as I think the current system may be hindering both parents/carers and staff from donating easily.

As you know from Mr Tierney's letter this week, the Governors have approved that we move to a six 50 minute period day with a 2.10pm finish every Friday. I do think the new structure will support better teaching and learning and also provide students with a more varied experience across each day from September 2024.

**Mark McKelvie**  
Headteacher

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## GENERAL NOTICES

### Year 7 – 10 Pudsey Grammar School - PE kit reminder

Please see the information below regarding the school PE kit. Students are not permitted to wear black, the Pudsey Grammar School PE kit is navy blue in its entirety, please see the link to this information on the school website - <https://www.pudseygrammar.co.uk/parent-information/uniform-and-equipment/>

Students are not permitted to wear black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms and should adhere to the school PE kit policy. We will permit students to wear navy blue cycling shorts as long as they are knee length. If students have lost part of their PE kit and are having to wear black on a temporary basis we will allow this until after May half term (three weeks time) at this point if students attend lessons in the wrong colour PE kit sanctions will be put in place by staff until the correct kit is worn.

If you son/daughter is entitled to financial support then please contact the relevant year office and we can provide students with replacement PE kit where required.

Mr McCroakam  
Subject Leader of PE



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### **Human Utopia**

On Wednesday this week our Year 8 students took part in the final Human Utopia event of the year. Over the last year the majority of year groups have each had a day exploring the topic of "How am I".

These highly engaging days help students reflect on the people they have become and how they have got to this point. It then challenges them to think of the people they want to be and look forward to how they achieve that goal. Have a look at their website for more details: <https://www.humanutopia.com/secondary-school-programmes/whoami/#1607434956803-d1aee773-098c>

Our current year 7s will have the opportunity to engage with the same program next academic year.

Mr P Sammons  
Associate Assistant Headteacher

### **Sextortion**

You may have seen recent news articles about an urgent warning to schools from the National Crime Agency (NCA) regarding Sextortion.

The purpose of this warning was to raise awareness of the recent rise in reporting of financially motivated sexual extortion (a type of online blackmail often known in the media as 'sextortion'). Children and young people worldwide are being targeted.

This type of crime involves an adult offender (often from an organised crime group based overseas) threatening to release nude or semi-nude images and/or videos of a child or young person, unless they pay money, or meet another financial demand, such as purchasing a pre-paid gift card.

As a school, our extensive PSHE curriculum covers the dangers of this topic with students. Our website (<https://www.pudseygrammar.co.uk/key-information/online-safety/e-safety/>) also provides support to parents for dealing with any online issues including e-safety and screen time advice. To read about the NCA guidance around Sextortion, please visit the link above and scroll to the bottom of the page.

Mr P Sammons  
Associate Assistant Headteacher

### **Minor Illnesses**

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses; this would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. We require parents/carers to call the attendance number, (0113 386 9122) on



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each day of absence with a reason their child is unable to attend school. Wherever possible, medical appointments should be made out of school hours to avoid missed learning time. Where this is unavoidable, we require evidence of the appointment emailed to [attendance@pudseygrammar.co.uk](mailto:attendance@pudseygrammar.co.uk) for us to authorise an absence during school hours.

Attendance Team

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### **YEAR 7**

As the weather begins to warm up, the decision has been made to switch to the summer uniform. This means that blazers will now be optional for students. However, it is important that Year 7 continue to set high standards by ensuring that they are wearing their school tie and shirts must be tucked in at all times.

This week in Form time, students have begun preparing for their end of year assessments by looking at the use of flash cards as a revision resource. This is a vital tool for all students when preparing for assessments or exams and something we aim to use throughout the students' time at PGS.

As well as this, students going on the Year 7 residential have been given the opportunity to decide who they would like to share a room with during their time at Newby Wiske Hall and the excitement is definitely starting to build! A kit list will be sent out in due course, parents will also be invited into school shortly before the trip to get details about the residential and ask any questions they may have.

A polite reminder to parents, as per the school Communications policy please direct any concerns in the first instance to Form tutors and if they feel appropriate this will be passed to the Year Team.

Please see the tutor emails below:

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Mr Leigh

Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie

Year 7 Leader

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## **YEAR 8**

### **Human Utopia**

Year 8 had a fantastic opportunity on Wednesday when the Human Utopia team came in and ran a workshop with the entire year in the hall. It was a long day that required patience, but there were some excellent messages brought across the team especially around confidence in ourselves and how to better interact with peers. Hopefully, Year 8 took away some positive influence from the day and will use it to better themselves.

### **Revision**

The end of this term and the start of next will bring around in-hall assessments that are a valuable experience. Year 8 homework for most subjects will be around revision. Please help your child into making these manageable tasks and create habits to keep throughout their school life.

Mr Lucas

Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Mincher

Year 8 Leader

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## **YEAR 9**

### **Flamingo Land – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

If you would like your child to attend the trip, please ensure you have paid £45.00 via ParentMail by Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, the total



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cost has been discounted by £10.00. We would really like as many Year 9 students as possible to be able to attend this trip as they have earned it this year.

### **School Uniform**

Students are now allowed to attend school in their summer uniform, this still includes wearing a tie to school every day, but a blazer is no longer compulsory. There are still a number of weeks left of this term and students need to make sure they have the correct uniform. This includes correct school trousers and a school tie, any students who are dressed incorrectly will be asked to borrow the correct uniform from the school office.

Mrs Mitchell  
Year 9 Director of Studies

Miss Exley  
Year 9 Leader

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## **YEAR 10**

As coursework deadlines draw near, we urge our students to stay on track with their coursework. To support them, we strongly recommend attending our Supervised Study space in the main hall after school, Tuesday through Friday. Chromebooks will be available for use during these sessions. Additionally, for those who take part, drop-in sessions will be held Wednesday through Friday.

It's crucial for students to meet these deadlines as they impact their academic progress. Failure to do so may prompt a review of their GCSE options as they transition into Year 11.

Miss Legg  
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall  
Year 10 Leader

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## **YEAR 11**

### **Exam Timetable**

The day before an exam, students will be expected to attend a one hour revision session with their class teachers. This will always be 3-4pm. On the day of the exam, there will be a pre-exam session where students will get some final reminders and get to speak with their teachers before heading into the exam. Students should note the times of these sessions and ensure that they make a plan to attend these.

Before study leave, staff will support the attendance of these. However, after study leave, students will be expected to attend independently, please discuss the exam and revision timetable at home. [https://drive.google.com/open?id=1IzpNI4dZOFZyzbDo8sRriP7iHRlub\\_lb](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1IzpNI4dZOFZyzbDo8sRriP7iHRlub_lb)



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If you have any questions, please contact Mr Syed on [s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk](mailto:s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk)

### **Independent Revision**

A reminder of the revision strategies that could be used at home:

Revision Clock - [bit.ly/PGSrevisionclock](https://bit.ly/PGSrevisionclock)

Mind Maps - [bit.ly/PGSmindmaps](https://bit.ly/PGSmindmaps)

Flash Cards - [bit.ly/PGSflashcards](https://bit.ly/PGSflashcards)

Please do encourage students to build a revision routine at home. If you have any questions with regards to revision at home, please contact Mr Syed on [s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk](mailto:s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk)

### **Study Leave**

Normal lessons will continue on Monday and Tuesday. At the end of Tuesday, students will begin their study leave period. This means that from Wednesday onwards, students will only need to attend their pre-exam session, exam and revision session. Please refer to the exam timetable in this bulletin. If you have any questions in regard to study leave, please get in touch with myself or Mrs Swithenbank.

### **Year 11 History Pre-Exam Sessions**

The History Department will be running a series of Pre-Exam Sessions both the day before an exam from (15:00-16:00) and immediately before the exam itself.

A list of the dates, times and rooms of these sessions can be found via the link below.

Students must attend these sessions.

Link to History Pre-Exam Sessions Overview:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1RhtE7bFUrally8KU-2DNqv7t8AI17IGTrNa4fKP8O\\_M/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1RhtE7bFUrally8KU-2DNqv7t8AI17IGTrNa4fKP8O_M/edit?usp=sharing)

If you have any further question, please feel free to contact Mr Alderson via email ([r.alderson@pudseygrammar.co.uk](mailto:r.alderson@pudseygrammar.co.uk))

Mr Syed  
Year 11 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank  
Year 11 Leader

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## **SIXTH FORM**

### **Important Dates**

#### **Year 12**

19th June – Year 12 UCAS Fair at Leeds Beckett University





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w/c 1st July – Year 12 Trial Exam Week  
9th to 12th July – Year 12 Paris Trip  
15th to 19th July - Work Placement

### **Year 13**

24th May - Year 13 Final Assembly and Inflatables Event  
28th June - Year 13 Prom at Headingley Cricket Club  
15th August - A-level Results Day

### **UCAS Parent/Carer Guide 2024**

Next week we will be launching UCAS with Year 12. Students will be exploring their options and given guidance on essential next steps. Everything you need to support your child with their higher education choices can be found here:

<https://www.ucas.com/file/715336/download?token=iNdDS9Yl>

### **Year 12 Work Experience**

A polite reminder that Year 12 work experience is fast approaching!

Monday 15th July - Friday 19th July. All Year 12 students are expected to find a placement. Here are some new placements available through school:-

Pharmacy Assistant, Pudsey, LS28 - x2 Places Available (not at the same branch)

Project Management, Site & Commercial - Glencar, Leeds, LS10

Engineering Placement - LBBC, Pudsey, LS28

Interested students should email Miss Kenny [e.kenny@pudseygrammar.co.uk](mailto:e.kenny@pudseygrammar.co.uk)

### **Yearbook: Available to purchase**

The Year 13 yearbook is available for purchasing! Students have had the opportunity to design their very first-ever Year 13 Yearbook, capturing memories, achievements, and special moments. Yearbooks are available to purchase through ParentMail from 3:00pm today, priced at £18.32 (the cost is dependent on the number of students who purchase a book) Please make your purchase by the deadline of Friday 7th June. Thank you for your support! Purchased yearbooks will be available to collect on results day in August.

### **Paris Trip Hoodies: Available to purchase**

We are delighted to announce that Paris trip hoodies are now available for purchase! Priced at £23.99, the hoodies can be ordered through our online store. Simply follow the link provided to make your purchase:

<https://www.hoodiehut.co.uk/trip-hoodies/pudsey-grammar-school-paris-2024/>

The deadline to place your order is Wednesday 5th June. The hoodies will be delivered to you before our departure, ensuring you can wear them during the trip.



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### **Year 11/ Year 12 Life Drawing Workshop: Part 1**

We are thrilled to share the success of the first instalment of our three-part Life Drawing Workshops provided by Leeds Life Drawing, which took place this week for Year 11 prospective and Year 12 current students! These workshops provide a brilliant opportunity for students to enhance their drawing abilities in a setting typically reserved for university students. We were especially delighted to offer Year 11 students a taste of Sixth Form life and a glimpse into what studying Art at A-level might entail here at Pudsey Grammar Sixth Form. Next week, students will focus on building tone and exploring the importance of negative space in life drawings. Thank you to all the students who participated.

### **University of Huddersfield Open Day - Friday 21st June Claim travel costs back!**

Register for a range of different talks & sessions Virtual campus tour Learn about support available at Huddersfield University For more information, please visit:

[https://www.hud.ac.uk/open-days/undergraduate/campus/?\\_gl=1\\*40hql\\*\\_up\\*MQ..&gclid=EA1aIQobChMIrr7lyb7uhQMVWJhQBh0lgQVaEAAYASAAEgLBhvD\\_BwE#bottom](https://www.hud.ac.uk/open-days/undergraduate/campus/?_gl=1*40hql*_up*MQ..&gclid=EA1aIQobChMIrr7lyb7uhQMVWJhQBh0lgQVaEAAYASAAEgLBhvD_BwE#bottom)

Mrs Smith  
Post 16 Director of Studies

Ms Nota  
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Miss Robinson  
Post 16 Administrator

Miss Kenny  
Careers and Enrichment Lead

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