



**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**
Friday 3rd May 2024

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We are holding a non-uniform day today to raise money for the Pudsey Community Project. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to this excellent charity – if you haven't made a donation, you can do so via our Parentmail app. Thank you also to families who have donated clothes and food. We dropped the donations off this morning and the team at Pudsey Community Project were extremely grateful.

I will visit Pudsey Community Project next Friday and look forward to seeing firsthand their fantastic work.

Thank you to all parents and carers who responded to our school day timings consultation. I am discussing it with our Governors later this afternoon and will be able to let you know the outcome next week.

A reminder that Monday is a bank holiday so we will look forward to welcoming all students back to the school at the usual time on Tuesday 7th May.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Self Care

As advised in previous Bulletins, we will be putting information into our Parent Bulletin at the beginning of each month this academic year around Self Care. The information is from Action for Happiness, and is part of their GREAT DREAM campaign. This month's information is around 'Trying Out' and can be found via the link below:

<https://actionforhappiness.org/10-keys/trying-out>

Mrs Williams
Director of Safeguarding & Senior Mental Health Lead

National Share-a-Story Month

May is National Share-a-Story Month! National Share-a-Story Month is the annual celebration of the power of storytelling and story sharing. This year, we are encouraging students to write book recommendations to pass on to their friends and classmates. If your child has read a



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book from our school library that they really enjoyed, they can fill in a recommendation form and give it to a friend. If they've been persuaded to borrow the book, the recommender will gain an additional positive point! We hope that this will encourage book talk amongst students and get them reading some really great stories.

Ms Martin
Librarian

Kooth Assemblies

Next Tuesday, we have Kooth coming into school to lead assemblies across Years 7-10. The purpose of these assemblies is to inform students of the upcoming Mental Health Awareness Week, to highlight that PGS consider mental wellbeing a priority.

You can find more information about Kooth and Mental Health Awareness Week by following the following links:

Kooth Video - <https://vimeo.com/880223109>

Kooth Website - <https://www.kooth.com/>

Mental Health Awareness Week - <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/mental-health-awareness-week>

YEAR 7

As we move further into our third term, I wanted to update you with some key dates for Year 7 coming up:

Parents evening - Thursday 23rd May

Year 7 Parents Evening will be a virtual event, information will be sent out in due course with details on the Parents Evening itself and how to book appointments with class teachers.

End of Year Assessments - W/C 20th May

Students this week have received information about the upcoming end of year assessments, during assembly. During Form time over the coming weeks, Year 7 will be taught different revision techniques that they can use to prepare for the assessments. Year 7 will also be set revision related homework in the build up to the assessments to support students further. As this is the first end of year assessment for Year 7, the support they receive to prepare for this both at home and in school, is vital.

Mr Leigh
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year 7 Leader



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YEAR 8

Behaviour/expectations

Students should be reminded of 'getting the small things right' in order to ensure they continue to make positive progress here at PGS:

- Turning up on time to Form and lessons
- Arriving to lessons ready to learn and engage
- Having all equipment every day, including planner, knowledge organiser and reading book
- Respecting others within the school community during lesson and social times

In Hall Assessment w/c 20th May

Year 8 have three CORE assessments which will take place:-

21st May - P1 English Assessment
23rd May - P4 Maths Assessment
24th May - P4 Science Assessment

These assessments are a great experience for Year 8 and make sure it becomes routine in the following years. As mentioned last week, please help your child with revision and encouragement.

Mr Lucas
Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Mincher
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

Rewards Trip - Flamingo Land

The payment for the trip deposit is now open. If you would like your child to attend the trip to Flamingo Land, please ensure you pay the deposit to reserve a place. If you have any questions about the trip, please get in touch via email. The trip is based on a success criteria (which students have been made aware of). However, it is an incentive to keep up their already high standards, and it is based on how students conduct themselves this half term. We are really looking forward to getting as many Year 9 students on this trip possible.

Guided Choices

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be having conversations with students about their subject choices and the possibility of them being allocated a reserve subject. Thank you for all your support with the process and getting responses in in a timely manner.



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Uniform

We are still having issues with a number of students who are turning up to school in leggings. If you are having any issues replacing school trousers due to cost, please get in touch and we can support with replacing them so all students are dressed correctly and in line with the school Uniform policy.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 9 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

Social Times

During social times students have designated areas where they are supervised by members of staff, this is for their safety and to ensure other year groups lessons are not disturbed. With the weather improving we encourage our students to go outside and get some fresh air.

After school detentions

After school detentions begin at 3pm and students should arrive promptly and get straight on with homework or revision. Students are expected to work in silence. Failure to do so will result in the detention being upscaled.

Form time revision work

During this half term and next, students will have a set revision focus. Each week they will trial a new method with their Form tutor. This is to prepare them for their end of year exams starting on 20th June until 28th June.

Miss Legg
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

Exam and revision timetable – Routines

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.



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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=1lzpNl4dZOFZyzbDo8sRriP7iHRIub_Ib

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Syed on s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk

Mr Syed
Year 11 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 11 Leader

SIXTH FORM

Important Dates

Year 12

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

Holocaust trip

On Wednesday, our Year 12 and 13 students embarked on a journey to Poland with the Holocaust Education Trust. Immersed in the grounds of Auschwitz, they deepened their knowledge of the Holocaust. This experience underscores the dangers of societal tolerance towards prejudice and racism. Through this excursion, students gained invaluable insights into the importance of remembrance and the lessons of history.

Powerhouse Media Pitch

On Wednesday, we welcomed Rich, Bex, and Max from Powerhouse Photography Studios for an engaging session where our Year 13 students showcased their media studies presentations in a dynamic Dragons Den-style format. Each student presented their documentary concept, encompassing content, target audience, marketing strategies, and design elements. The feedback from Powerhouse was overwhelmingly positive, underscoring the creativity and diligence of our media students. We would like to congratulate all participants for their work and dedication throughout this project and smashing it in the presentation!



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Parkers Hannifin Girls into STEM trip

This week marked the culmination of our Girls into STEM series as several Year 12 students embarked on their final trip with Parkers Hannifin in Dewsbury. It was a day filled with innovation, with one of our students winning overall with their creation! Moreover, students had the invaluable opportunity to interact with Nadia Montevecchi, an inspiring female engineer, whose insights and experiences left a lasting impression on all attendees.

Year 12 Work Experience

Our Year 12 students are scheduled to go out on placement on Monday 15th July – Friday 19th July. All Year 12 students are expected to go out on placement. We encourage students to contact employers they are interested in, to ask if they can host them for the work experience week. If you would like to discuss work experience in more detail, please email Miss Kenny on: e.kenny@pudseygrammar.co.uk

Year 12 Paris Trip

A reminder that there will be a parent meeting on Wednesday 5th June at 6.00pm for all parents/careers of students attending this trip.

Opportunities

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=EAIaIQobChMIrr7lyb7uhQMVWJhQBh0lgQVaEAAAYASAAEgLBhvD_BwE#bottom

Leeds Trinity University Open Day - Book your place!

- A range of dates available to book over the next 6 months
- *Get a feel for the university and find out what student life is like

- *Discover the opportunities you'll have, including work placements and studying abroad

For more information, please visit:

https://www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/undergraduate/open-days/?utm_campaign=nn-ug2025-phase-1&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_term=university%20open%20events&campaign_id=21234444700&gad_source=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI3Kij_L_uhQMVuYIQBh1i3wPdEAAAYAAEgJWNPd_BwE



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Post-16 Summer School, Leeds Trinity University

A two-night, three day residential from Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th July 2024

You'll get the chance to:

- *Meet academics from the subject area you are interested in
- *Take part in fun social activities
- *Meet other students who are thinking of applying to Leeds Trinity University
- *Free accommodation in our halls of residence, food, transport and entertainment
- *Become more familiar with the Leeds Trinity University student life and facilities
- *Have fun, meet new people, and discover new things.

Visit the link to apply: <https://www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/study/post-16-summer-school/>

Go Higher West Yorkshire - Uni Connect Podcast

A monthly podcast series exploring all things you need to know about when studying and applying to higher education! Each episode involves guests from a range of higher education institutions, student ambassadors, career experts and admission gurus.

Stream on Spotify:

https://open.spotify.com/show/60w1vzWcrdxUiB4mTIJKhD?si=Ibm41T_IR26cLrB1F5J8AQ&nd

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Introduction to UCAS Webinar

In this presentation Go Higher West Yorkshire will cover what UCAS is, the application process, personal statements, plus some tips and advice about how to complete it.

Link:

<https://gohigherwestyorks.ac.uk/resources/teachers-carers-advisors/podcasts-and-webinars/>

Year 12 Work placements - Monday 15th July – Friday 19th July.

We know this can be one of the most transformational experiences young people have during their education.

We are reaching out to employers within our community in hope that they will be able to provide a placement for one of our students. We are only able to allow students to go on placement with employers who have **public liability insurance**.

If you know anybody who may be able to offer a placement to one of our students, please feel free to pass on my contact information: e.kenny@pudseygrammar.co.uk

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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