



**PARENT & CARER  
WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy half term with our successful Ofsted at the start, the GCSE exams in full swing and the A level and Applied General exams about to do the same. I want to wish all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students the best of luck in their forthcoming exams.

Next half term will be a busy one too with trips to Shanghai, Paris, the Year 7 residential, our prize givings and the launch of our new Behaviour Policy later in June. I will write to you with more information regarding the details of our Behaviour Policy changes early next half term – I have been working on it with our staff for the past few weeks and the emphasis will be to allow us to more effectively recognise and celebrate the vast majority of students who attend regularly and make a good effort.

I hope you manage to take some time off with your child/children over the half term break and we'll look forward to welcoming them all back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at the usual time.

**Mark McKelvie**  
Headteacher

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## GENERAL NOTICES

### **Important - Detentions Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Please note detentions will be cancelled on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June due to staff training take place.

Mrs Matthews  
Assistant Headteacher

### **Pudsey Community Project – Summer Shoes Pop-Up**

Reduce Reuse Kids' Clothes are holding a Pop-Up Summer Shoes event on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May from 3-4.30pm at Pudsey Community Project (corner of Fartown and Carlisle Rd). There will be lots of baby and younger children's summer shoes and sandals plus a small selection of older children's shoes up to adult size 7. Step into summer by choosing to reuse kids' shoes rather than buying new, children are welcome to come and try them on, no fixed prices - charity donations, clothes or food are very much appreciated if you're able to give a little. Save Money - Help the Planet - Thank You!

Thank you for your support  
Pudsey Community Project



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### **Pre-Loved Uniform Shop**

We are pleased to confirm that you are now able to access a variety of pre-loved uniform free of charge, through our uniform website, Uniformd. The link for the shop is below:-

<https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/193>

Once you have placed an order, you will receive a confirmation email that your request has been received. You will then receive a further email when your order is ready for collection. This initiative is non-profit for school, enabling us to provide uniform free of charge. This helps us to ensure the key message of sustainability (avoiding good quality clothing going to landfill sites) can sit at the heart of the project.

Thank you  
The Office Team

### **PE Kit**

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 if 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 the first week back after May half term (3 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

### **Spotlight 2024**

On Tuesday night, sixteen students from different year groups performed an original play to an invited audience of family and friends. The piece was written and directed by Sixth Form students, Kayleigh and Erin, who did a great job working since January with these students. A fantastic job was done by all and they should all be extremely proud of themselves

Mrs Stephenson  
Teacher of Performing Arts



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### **Delve into D-Day**

D-Day, which occurred on June 6, 1944, was the Allied invasion of Normandy during World War II. It marked the beginning of the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control. Allied forces, primarily American, British, and Canadian troops, landed on the beaches of Normandy in a massive amphibious assault. The operation involved intricate planning, including elaborate deception tactics to mislead German forces. Despite facing fierce resistance, the Allies successfully established a beachhead and began the liberation of France. D-Day was a pivotal turning point in the war, leading to the eventual defeat of Nazi Germany.

This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launch of D-Day. The History Department invites students to celebrate this milestone with an exploration of all things D-Day.

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June in Room 114 from 3pm-4pm, we will be exploring the planning of D-Day, hearing accounts of those who were there, looking at its representations in popular media and exploring the weird and wacky of this monumental invasion ( including inflatable tanks, heroic pigeons, flying dummies and explosive sticks).

If you would like to know more, please contact Mr Alderson (r.alderson@pudseygrammar.co.uk) or speak to your History Teacher.

Mr Alderson  
Subject Leader of History

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## **YEAR 7**

### **End of Year Assessments**

Year 7 have now completed the end of year assessments for Maths, English and Science. This will give students an idea of the progress they have made in these subjects throughout the school year. Miss Mathie and I wanted to take this opportunity to mention the fantastic attitude and the resilience that all students showed during the assessments. Year 7 displayed exemplary behaviour and a positive attitude this week, all students should be proud of the effort they put in.

### **Parents Evening**

Thank you to everybody who attended Parents Evening, it was great to see such a high uptake. I want to remind parents that if you were on a waiting list or asked for some feedback from teachers that they have 10 days to respond.

We hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful half-term holiday.

Mr Leigh  
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie  
Year 7 Leader



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### **YEAR 8**

#### **In Hall assessments**

Year 8 have had three in hall assessments this week in Maths, English and Science. They have coped brilliantly with the experience, acting very maturely and impressing the staff invigilating the exams. Hopefully this experience helps Year 8 massively in the years to come.

#### **Half term**

We want to wish Year 8 an enjoyable half term break, there are still big assessments going on in other subjects so revision will be set over half term. There is one more term left of Year 8 and we would like to finish on a real high. When we return it will be week A.

Mr Lucas  
Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Mincher  
Year 8 Leader

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### **YEAR 9**

#### **Flamingo Land**

Letters have gone out confirming your child's place on the Flamingo Land rewards trip. If you have any questions regarding the trip please contact Miss Exley or myself. The final payment for the trip is due by 2nd June and all other details are outlined on the letter that has been sent this week.

#### **Uniform**

Please can we ask for support with ensuring that all students are dressed in the correct uniform for the final half-term. Leggings are not part of the school uniform and students will be sanctioned or asked to change. Students should also be coming to school with a school bag and full equipment every day, Form tutors are able to support with replacing equipment during Form time should students be missing anything on a morning.

#### **End of Year Assessments**

Year 9 students will be sitting their end of year assessments on the first week back after half term. Please encourage students to set some time aside for revision during the holidays so they are prepared for their assessments. Most subjects will have their assessments during lesson time, English, Maths and Science will all be sat in the Main Hall on the 6th and 7th June.

#### **Guided Choices**

A number of students have been spoken to in regards to their subject choices. These are just conversations ahead of subjects being finalised. Students will be given their guided choices



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formally after half term within the first couple of weeks. Students have not been told their subjects, but some conversations have taken place surrounding options. Thank you for your patience with this process.

Mrs Mitchell  
Year 9 Director of Studies

Miss Exley  
Year 9 Leader

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## **YEAR 10**

Year 10 have worked very hard this half term and should be proud of their efforts ahead of the upcoming break. Over the break, we encourage Year 10 to maintain the revision habits they have been developing during Form time, as this will prepare them well for the end-of-June exams. After these exams, we will issue their final progress reports, providing a clear indication of their performance as they transition into Year 11.

Miss Legg  
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall  
Year 10 Leader

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## **YEAR 11**

### **Great start Year 11 - keep it up!**

The Year 11 students have made a great start to their exams. It is good to see students arriving promptly, in correct uniform and properly equipped for their exams. The half term break will provide an excellent opportunity to reset and refocus revision on the remaining exams. I would encourage students to keep their routines as much as possible as the first exam back after half term on Monday morning is Maths. It is important that students continue to attend promptly, in correct uniform and fully equipped. We encourage students to bring their own water bottles (fully transparent with no labels). We hope that the half term break goes well and students have the opportunity to recharge before exams continue again.

### **Exam and Revision Timetable**

Please check through, discuss and familiarise yourselves with the exam and revision timetable to ensure that all students are prepared after the half term break.

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1bfG7AS-NgvdAPDdKm\\_lahKHtVOzM0cFI](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1bfG7AS-NgvdAPDdKm_lahKHtVOzM0cFI)



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### **Year 11 Prom**

Prom is fast approaching for Year 11. If your son / daughter would like to attend this event at The Headingley Cricket Stadium please can you pay for this on Parentmail as we need to confirm numbers with the venue after the half term break.

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

#### Year 13

28th June – Year 13 Prize Giving & Prom at Headingley Cricket Club (tickets are now available to purchase on Parentmail)  
15th August - A Level Results Day

Today, we held our final celebration assembly for our Year 13 students. It was lovely to have so many students join us to look back at their time at PGS and to celebrate as a year group afterwards on the field. They have been an amazing year group, and we will miss them greatly. We wish the best of luck to those students who have exams after the half term break, and look forward to being together for one last time at the Year 13 Prize Giving & Prom in June.

### **Exam Procedures**

A huge thank you to all Year 12 & Year 13 students on their excellent punctuality and attendance to exams (so far). When students arrive on time, it allows for exams to start smoothly and promptly, giving all students the opportunity to perform at their best. Thank you.

### **Year 13 Yearbook/Prize giving & Prom**

Tickets for the Year 13 Prize Giving & Prom and the year book are now available to purchase on Parentmail. Don't miss out! Students have until the 28th June to submit photos for the year book. Please encourage your child to submit photos and quotes sooner rather than later, as the alternative is to use their Year 11 photo and a baby photo! Students can also submit funny photos and photos from outside of school. Please send these to [n.robinson@pudseygrammar.co.uk](mailto:n.robinson@pudseygrammar.co.uk).



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

After half term, our focus will be UCAS applications and personal statements. Everything you need to support your child with their higher education choices can be found here:-

UCAS Parent/Carer Guide:- <https://www.ucas.com/file/836141/download?token=zZ3xQW58>

UCAS Parent/Carer Newsletter sign up: <https://www.ucas.com/parents-signup>

Clearing Guide: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/clearing-and-results-day/what-clearing>

Student Finance Information: <https://www.ucas.com/sfe>

### **Opportunities**

#### **Bradford Careers Fair**

The Bradford Careers Fair will offer candidates from all backgrounds, experience and education levels the opportunity to speak to representatives from an abundance of local employers, all in one place. By participating in the Bradford Careers Fair, you will have the chance to explore a wide variety of organisations and job roles, which can save you a significant amount of time compared to submitting online applications. Instead, you can engage in direct conversations with employers to gain valuable insights into their company culture, benefits, and hiring requirements. To sign up, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bradford-careers-fair-tickets-651970028907?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

#### **Skillsfest Leeds**

Hosted by Lloyds Banking group – Saturday 15th June 2024, Lloyds Banking Group, 11 & 12 Wellington Place, Leeds, LS1 4AP

Open to parents, carers and students aged 14 – 19.

A morning of learning and networking! Learn about apprenticeships (even meet a few), chat with our university partners, try your hand at some of the careers on offer and build skills for the future through fun immersive Interactions. See what it takes to build Britain's biggest digital bank and Imagine What's Next. You can find more information and sign up:-

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/skillsfest-leeds-hosted-by-lloyds-banking-group-tickets-895243747147>

#### **Wetherby Photographic Roadshow**

19th September 2024 – Wetherby Racecourse

FREE entry to both the Trade Show and Masterclasses – Roadshows are the perfect opportunity to catch up with the latest products and services from the trade and gain careers education from a series of seminars.

Venue: Wetherby Racecourse (Bramham Suite), Wetherby, LS22 5EJ

Date: Thursday 19th September 2024



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Time: 9.30 am – 3.30 pm why attend the Roadshow?

\*Exclusive Trade Show Deals

\*Free Masterclasses by leading photographers

\*Meet the trade – All the important players within the industry are exhibiting at this event, so meet the key personnel who can help you.

<https://indecs.events/events/wetherby-photographic-roadshow-Dcxcn>

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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