



**PARENT & CARER  
WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I hope you managed to enjoy some time off with your children over the half term break. It's been great welcoming them all back into school this week.

I was reminded earlier this week of the excellent opportunities we provide for our students. We are one of only 100 schools across England which teach Mandarin Chinese. We started the project five years ago. The programme is designed to teach the subject to Year 7 and 8 students with a residential in China for two weeks at the end of Year 9. We chose to extend the project to allow the students to sit the GCSE Mandarin if they wished. Our first cohort of Year 11 GCSE Mandarin students sat their exams in May and we're looking forward to seeing their results in the August when they come through.

Unfortunately, due to the global pandemic, we have not had the opportunity to visit China. However, the visit is going ahead this summer. The British Council is organising it and this means we are participating in the largest co-ordinated foreign school trip in the world. 1000 students will be hosted in ten separate Chinese cities and will be taught about Chinese culture, history and get the opportunity to test their language skills throughout the two weeks. In July, Mrs Chang, Mr Hodge and a group of 21 students will fly out to Shanghai for an 11 day trip to experience the culture of China and some of the tourist highlights too. It will be the trip of a lifetime for the students.

**Mark McKelvie**  
Headteacher

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## 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 'Direction' and can be found via the link below:

<https://actionforhappiness.org/10-keys/direction>

Mrs Williams  
Director of Safeguarding & Senior Mental Health Lead



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### **Staying Hydrated**

As we are now in the last half term of this academic year and warmer weather is expected, it is important for students to stay hydrated throughout the school day.

Please ensure students have a refillable drinks bottle with them in school. This can be refilled during break and lunch times at the multiple water fountains around school.

The UK Association of Dietitians states that "Fluid is so important in the body that even when levels drop only slightly, we begin to feel the consequences. Low levels of fluid in the body can cause headaches, feelings of dizziness, lethargy, poor concentration and a dry mouth. Over a longer term, dehydration can cause constipation and can be associated with urinary tract infections and the formation of kidney stones. Regular and adequate intakes of fluid can help to address these."

Mrs Marsh  
Lead First Aider

### **NHS Minor Ailment Scheme**

If you don't pay for your prescriptions, (including children under 16, or 16-18 and in full-time education) you may be able to use the NHS Minor Ailment Scheme to get advice from your pharmacist, and when appropriate, free treatment for certain common illnesses without seeing a GP. Illnesses supported within the scheme may differ between locations. Some illnesses covered include:

- Back-ache, sprains and strains
- Colds
- Conjunctivitis
- Constipation
- Coughs
- Diarrhoea
- Earache
- Hay fever
- Head lice
- Headache and fever
- Heartburn and indigestion
- Insect bites and stings
- Mild eczema and dermatitis
- Minor fungal skin infections
- Mouth ulcers
- Sore throat
- Threadworm



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Check with your local pharmacy to see if they offer this service. For more details please visit:  
<https://www.boots.com/nhs-services/minorailments>

Mrs Marsh  
Lead First Aider

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## **YEAR 7**

We hope that all of Year 7 have had an enjoyable and restful half-term break. We have finally made it to the final half-term of the year and students in Year 7 have almost completed a full school year at PGS. As this half-term goes on, we have a number of fantastic opportunities for Year 7. There are events including Sports Day, PE celebration assembly, Awards Evening, and the residential.

The Year 7 residential is on Monday 1st July and parents have been invited to an information evening regarding the trip on Thursday 20th June. There are still a couple of places available so if any Year 7 students are now interested in going and are not currently on the trip, please let me know as soon as possible by emailing [j.leigh@pudseygrammar.co.uk](mailto:j.leigh@pudseygrammar.co.uk).

The final Year 7 progress update of the academic year is due and parents/carers will soon be able to gauge how students have done throughout their first year at PGS. This will then aid us in supporting Year 7 students to continue making progress throughout their time here.

### **Iceland Trip**

If you are interested in your child attending the Iceland trip in October 2025, there are still places available. Please request a place as soon as possible by paying the £100 deposit on Parentmail, by Friday 14th June if you would like your child to attend.

If you have any questions please get in touch with Miss Barnes ([f.barnes@pudseygrammar.co.uk](mailto:f.barnes@pudseygrammar.co.uk)) who will be happy to help with any enquiries.

Mr Leigh  
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie  
Year 7 Leader

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## **YEAR 8**

### **Language Choices**

You will have received an email with a link to a google form to complete for Year 8 students to decide which language they would prefer to continue into Year 9. They will have an increase in the amount of subjects next year so we need to streamline the languages. Every student



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will continue a language. If they already do Mandarin they will continue with Mandarin plus a language. If the form can be completed by next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, it would be much appreciated.

#### **Uniform**

Another reminder about the uniform requirements for the summer term. As the weather gets warmer, students do not need to wear blazers but are still required to wear ties and shirts must be tucked in. If students require a new tie, they are available to purchase through the 'shop' on Parentmail. We have had an increase in students wearing jackets instead of blazers around school, this is against rules and will result in negatives. On cooler days students can wear their blazers.

Students wearing skirts need to make sure they are tailored and knee length. We have noticed a number of students will roll their skirts up. They will be asked to ensure the skirt length is knee length and if this is not possible, students will be asked to wear school trousers.

Mr Lucas  
Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Mincher  
Year 8 Leader

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## **YEAR 9**

#### **Guided Choices**

Thank you for your patience with this process. We are hoping that the subjects can be released to students within the next two weeks. We have updated students with the process in assembly this week and explained about the delay in finalising things.

#### **Flamingo Land**

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June students will be attending the Flamingo Land rewards trip. Please ensure that students arrive at school for an 8am start. We are hoping to leave school at 8:30am to arrive at the theme park as soon as it opens. Students will need to bring either a packed lunch or money to buy food while they are there. Lunch will be provided (by school) for any students that access free school meals. If students require any medication or inhalers they need to ensure they bring this with them on the day.

#### **Year 9 End of Year Assessments**

This week, Year 9 students sat their end of year assessments. I was very impressed by both their conduct and focus during the assessments in the exam hall.

I am looking forward to working with the year group over the next two years as their Director of Studies as they prepare for their GCSEs. If you have any questions or queries, please contact



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me, Mr Syed, on s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk or continue communicating with Miss Exley for any pastoral matters.

Mrs Mitchell  
Year 9 Director of Studies

Miss Exley  
Year 9 Leader

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## **YEAR 10**

Welcome back to the final half term of the year! As we gear up for the end of the academic year, we would like to remind you of the important exam dates coming up:-

20th June to 28th June:

Students will be given an individual exam timetable next week. Some students will be impacted by exam clashes and therefore will have to do these in catch up slots.

We encourage all students to make use of the revision techniques they have been guided through in their Form sessions to prepare effectively.

As a Year 10 team we wanted to share the incredible work of Oliver Grayston in our year group. On the 30<sup>th</sup> May, Oliver took up the incredible challenge of running, swimming and cycling for 8 hours straight to raise money for Wheatfields (Sue Ryder) who have given his mum and family a lot of support.

Miss Legg  
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall  
Year 10 Leader

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## **YEAR 11**

### **Exam Timetable and Revision**

Please see a reminder of the exam and revision timetable below. It would be worth reviewing, checking and planning for the remaining exams. Two weeks to go!

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1WNfXN-\\_TfpXOIDqjOkQuoRQSCGVJauZG](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1WNfXN-_TfpXOIDqjOkQuoRQSCGVJauZG)

### **Supervised Study**

Please note that students are welcome to use the supervised study area in between exams and revision sessions. This is the designated area available to Year 11 students who wish to remain at school at these times.



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### **Equipment and Uniform**

As mentioned previously, students should ensure that they attend exams in full school uniform and be properly equipped for their specific exams. It is always worth checking this the night before.

### **Returning equipment and books**

We would like students to return any equipment and books that had been loaned to them. Please can this be checked and brought to school throughout the next week. This will be greatly appreciated!

### **Virtual work experience week**

IGD are offering the opportunity for students to join their virtual work experience week between 8/7/24 - 12/7/24. Visit the website below for further information and booking. A message from the organisers:

"Join us for IGD Work Experience Week this July!

From Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July, join us every single day between 10.30am - 12pm for a daily dose of fast-paced interactive sessions developing key skills with the help of Industry Experts from companies like Mondelez, Pepsico and Tesco to name a few. Each day of the week we will deliver a 1.5 hour virtual webinar delving into different themes. We will be joined by experts from each field showcasing industry innovations, sharing employability tips and tricks to stand out - and you'll receive a certificate as evidence for your CV."

<https://www.skillsfromigd.co.uk/>

### **Year 11 Sixth Form Induction Days**

This week, letters have been sent home to Year 11 students who wish to continue their studies with us at Sixth Form. Please read the letter carefully, as it contains important details, timings, and expectations for the upcoming induction days on 24th and 25th June.

To confirm your child's attendance, please use the Ticket Source link provided below.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/pudsey-grammar-school>

We look forward to welcoming our new Sixth Form students!

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 July – Year 12 Trial Exam Week

9th to 12th July - Year 12 Paris Trip

15th to 19th July - Work Placement

##### **Year 12 Trial Exam Week**

Letters went out before half term, with details about the Year 12 Trial Exams w/c Monday 1st July. Students received a copy of the timetable at the end of assembly today, and have been asked to highlight all exams and coursework sessions applicable to them. If there are any questions regarding any aspect of this week, please get in touch.

##### **Year 12 UCAS Discovery Fair**

We are excited to announce that on Wednesday 19th June, Year 12 students will be attending the UCAS Fair at Leeds Beckett, Headingley. This event provides a fantastic opportunity for students to meet universities and apprenticeship providers from across the country, helping them make informed decisions about their next steps. Parents can now give consent for their child to attend via ParentMail. Students will have received a link via their student email from events@ucas.co.uk with instructions on how to claim their QR code for entry to the event. We look forward to a productive and informative day for our Year 12 students!

##### **Year 12 Paris Trip**

Thank you to all the parents, carers and students who attended the information evening on Wednesday. As discussed, please ensure that students have an up-to-date passport and GHIC card. We have extended the shop deadline to purchase hoodies until Monday 10th June at 10pm so please make your purchases soon should your child wish to have the Paris trip hoodie! We are really looking forward to a memorable experience in Paris in July!

##### **Year 13 Prom and Yearbook**

The deadline to buy tickets for the Year 13 Prom has been extended to the 14th June. This will be a brilliant event featuring a red carpet, an awards ceremony, a buffet meal, a house DJ, a professional photographer, and a bar. Please ensure that students who would like to attend have purchased a ticket before this date. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

##### **Register to Vote!**

As you might be aware, we have a general election coming up on 4th of July. Those who are now 18 will be eligible to vote. If you would like to vote, you must first register to vote. We have



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sent information to school emails to help with the registration process, and we are more than happy to provide additional support as well.

### **\*\*Opportunities**

Bradford Apprenticeship Fair Date: Friday 28th June, 10am - 2pm

Location: Bradford City Football Club

Employers such as NHS & Jet 2 will be in attendance! A great opportunity to find out about a wide range of apprenticeship opportunities

### Virtual work experience opportunity

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### Huddersfield University - Campus Tour

Want to book a campus tour of Huddersfield University? Sixth Form students and families are welcome to book! The monthly campus tours offer a great snapshot of the University including the Students Union, library and campus facilities. To register your interest, please click: <https://www.unitasterdays.com/events/event/1211/campus-tours>

### SEND Next Choices Careers Fair

An opportunity for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents, carers, support workers and teachers to prepare themselves for adult life:-

<https://www.firstdirectarena.com/events/detail/send-next-choices-2024#:~:text=SEND%20Next%20Choices%20%2D%20Getting%20ready,prepare%20themselves%20for%20adult%20life.>

Mrs Smith  
Post 16 Director of Studies

Ms Nota  
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Miss Robinson  
Post 16 Administrator

Miss Kenny  
Careers and Enrichment Lead