



**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**
Friday 14th June 2024

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I am delighted to let you know that we have been awarded full planning permission for our new £4 million Sixth Form block. This is a fantastic achievement and represents nearly two years of hard work. This new building is a very public endorsement by the Department of Education and Leeds City Council of the excellent work we do and it provides us with the basis to expand and grow our Sixth Form in the years ahead.

We have site visits planned for two construction companies next week and the ground works for the access road to the site will begin over the summer holidays. The building is scheduled to open in March 2025.

I've been leading assemblies this week with all students to highlight the main changes which we will be putting in place relating to our Behaviour Policy. The policy was written several years ago and it is now time to revamp. There are several changes which will be implemented and we'll be making some of the changes this side of the summer with the rest of the changes being implemented in September.

The vast majority of our students behave extremely well every day and we want to ensure that our Behaviour Policy acknowledges that and rewards them for it. Further details about the new system are contained in this bulletin. I'll keep you informed as the policy is implemented fully from September.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Important Notice regarding Detentions

Detentions on Monday 17th June will be cancelled due to staff training.

Mrs Matthews
Assistant Headteacher



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Behaviour Policy Update

As you may be aware we are making some significant changes to our behaviour policy. This is to allow us to ensure that the vast majority of students who are in school each day getting it right are rewarded for this.

The new system focuses on Attitude to Learning Points - students start each lesson with 4 Attitude to Learning Points, if students are in lesson, trying hard with their work and not disrupting learning they will earn 100 ATL points each week (equivalent of the current positive points). If students are not working hard in lessons or are behaving in a way that prevents others learning they will lose ATL points, When a student reaches an ATL 1 they will be removed from the lesson and issued with a detention.

Changes to Detentions

From Monday 24th June detentions will run Monday - Thursday. These will be for one hour. If a student fails to attend this detention, they will receive an extended detention until 4:30. These will run on Tuesday and Thursday.

From September 2024

There will be further changes to the behaviour policy from September, this will include a ban use of mobile phone and headphones in the school building. If students use their mobile phones or headphones in the building these will be confiscated and a parent / carer will need to come to reception to collect these.

Arbor Parent Portal

From June 24th all information regarding behaviour, positives and sanctions will be shared with parents via the Arbor Parent Portal - this information will no longer be on ClassCharts. Homework will remain on ClassCharts until September. During the week beginning 17th June you will receive an email inviting you to create a Parent Portal account.

Mrs Matthews
Assistant Headteacher

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Miss Kenny
Careers & Enrichment Lead

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School Production

We will be launching the school production next week.

Auditions

Auditions will take place on Wednesday 3rd July 3pm - 4.30pm

Call backs (any Year 7s on the residential) 3-4pm

For more details join the Google classroom. The code is outside the Performing Arts office.

Watch this space to find out what the show is going to be!

YEAR 7

The final progress update for Year 7 is currently being finalised and parents/carers should receive this next week. This will give you a clear idea of the progress made by Year 7 students throughout their first academic year at the school, this will include an ATL score and a current band.

Plans for sports day are also being finalised, this will take place on a date in July to be decided. Students will participate in houses and compete against other students in their year group. Year 7 have been practicing different events during their PE lessons and they should now start to think about any particular events they would like to participate in. Sports day is a fantastic event at the end of a long school year where students can compete or spectate and enjoy the day.



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WEEKLY BRIEFING

As a reminder about the Year 7 residential, parents/carers have been invited to an information evening on Thursday 20th July at 5:00pm. Key information regarding the trip will be given out and any questions that parents/carers may have, will also be answered.

Mr Leigh
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

Uniform

This is another general reminder about the standards of uniform in Year 8. We are having a large number of students wearing leggings instead of school trousers. Students need to make sure they come to school in the correct uniform or they will be asked to change or placed in isolation. Please check the school website for guidance.

Language preference

The deadline for the language preference form is 14th June 2024. If you cannot access the form for whatever reason, you can email me your child's preference directly. This is just a preference of language choices and it is not always a guarantee as we do have numbers limited by staffing.

Mr Lucas
Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Mincher
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

Flamingo Land

The payments have now closed for the Flamingo Land trip. We are really looking forward to taking Year 9 on this trip. Just a reminder that students will need to be in school by 8am to be registered and ready to leave at 8:30. We are expecting to be back at school by 4:40 pm. Please remember that all students will need either food or money for the day (unless they are provided by school) they should also be bringing any medication they need with them, including inhalers. Students do not need to attend the trip in school uniform.



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Uniform

We have seen a big improvement with uniform standards over the last week in Year 9. We hope this is a standard that can be maintained for the rest of the term. Students should always be coming to school with a bag and full equipment, ready for the day and all their lessons.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 9 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

Year 10 Geography Field

Some of our Year 10 students will be going on a geography field trip to Hornsea and Bridlington on Tuesday 18th June. Please ensure that your child arrives promptly at 8:20 am, Ready and dressed in sensible clothes and footwear (as we could experience all four seasons in one day). They are expected to return around 5:00pm.

Exam Timetables

All students have now received their own exam timetables. We encourage you to take some time to sit with your child and note down the exam dates to help them prepare effectively.

Celebrating Oliver Grayston

Last week, we highlighted the incredible fundraising work of Oliver Grayston. We would like to share the link to his fundraising page, where you can also read about him and his family's journey.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/oliver-grayston-1716496835141?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Foliver-grayston-1716496835141&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Miss Legg
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

Returning books, equipment and any uniform

This is a reminder for students to return any books and equipment that may have been borrowed from any teachers. These resources can then be used to support other students.

Please can students bring in any used uniform to the celebration assembly on 21st June so that it can be added to the pre-loved shop.



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Year 11 Leaver's Assembly

The leaver's assembly for Year 11 will take place on Friday 21st June from 2pm until around 4pm in the Main Hall. We are looking forward to celebrating with our students and there will be an opportunity for them to sign shirts, meet with staff and indulge in fresh burgers from the burger van! If you have any questions about this event, please speak to the Year team.

GCSE Results Day

Please note that it is expected that students will come to school to collect their results on Thursday 22nd August. On the day they will also have the opportunity to discuss their next steps and seek any advice. If for any reason the student is unable to come e.g. family holiday, please contact me and let me know 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

This week has been incredibly enriching for our students, filled with trips, guest speakers, and assemblies. Our week kicked off with two exciting trips:

***Media Studies Trip to Leeds Trinity University:** Students explored world-class facilities and gained insight into the university's dynamic curriculum.

***Visit to Oxford:** Those interested in Russell Group universities had an amazing day touring Worcester College's stunning 26 acres of gardens and sports facilities. The day included informative talks and a brief tour of the city of Oxford itself.

Later in the week, we had the privilege of hosting a webinar delivered by Stuart Wren from the University of Cambridge, who delivered a tailored masterclass on writing personal statements for Russell Group universities. The recording of this session will be available for all

students on Google Classroom next week. To conclude the week, PC Shaw presented an important but hard-hitting assembly on new driver safety, emphasising the importance of



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responsible driving. We are proud of the opportunities and experiences our students have had this week and look forward to next week's enrichment opportunities!

Year 12 UCAS Discovery Fair

Wednesday 19th June 2024: Leeds Beckett Headingley Campus

11:00am - Students to make their way to reception to be registered by their Form tutor/group leader

15:30pm - Expected ETA back at PGS

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 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.

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Russell Group University Open Days

For specific dates, please visit:

https://mailchi.mp/2a9818c5c21f/june-opensdays?fbclid=PAZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAabNSJTJa_sL6ezZJP8XhitsSm_G-W14Kvu5ThDzX7AZSNj-8VhxZRUXha0_aem_AUQOcbRKCxjOoU6s9_t7gldWy-o4paVCBNMPX3i9x9nGeMndxUOjvsZ_XECvZ7cL9SGVwSiJz2hXnZOeB8NXZBzN

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Year 12 Work Experience Reminder

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Mrs Smith
Post 16 Director of Studies

Ms Nota
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Miss Robinson
Post 16 Administrator

Miss Kenny
Careers and Enrichment Lead
