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# Welcome and purpose



Thank you for your attendance

- Overview of the year ahead
- Strategies for in school and at home
- Support for students



# Running order

- 5.05 5.30 Main presentations
- 5.30 5.35 Short break
- 5.35 5:50 Form tutor session
- 6:00 Leave school

 6.00 - 6.10 - Achieving the highest grades







# Aim for the year: 1% improvement

- All students should look to make progress in everything that they do
- This does not need to be huge change
- It can be making small improvements regularly
- If we improve ourselves 1% each day, we will have made huge gains by the end of the academic year

#### The Power of Tiny Gains

1% better every day  $1.01^{365} = 37.78$ 1% worse every day  $0.99^{365} = 0.03$ 



JamesClear.com



# PGS Student Behaviour



 Our behaviour system is based on our school values. It ensures everyone has the opportunity to learn in a supportive, happy, environment

#### Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Ambition, Compassion

- We are extremely proud of the behaviour our students display
- When Ofsted visited the school recently they observed that:
  - a. Pudsey Grammar is an inclusive school.
  - b. The school is welcoming and pupils respect the differences in other people.
  - c. Pupils get on very well with each other.

# PGS Behaviour Expectations

- At PGS we expect students to:
  - a. Work hard and try their best in every lesson
  - b. Not disrupt the learning of others
  - c. Follow the instructions of staff first time, every time
  - d. Be polite and respectful to all
  - e. Arrive to lessons punctually, in full uniform and fully equipped





# Arbor Parent Portal

- Parents and students will receive a login for the Arbor app
  - . We use arbor to: -
    - Share homework tasks
    - Log positive behaviours
    - Log behaviour incidents
    - Set sanctions including detentions and isolation
    - Track attendance





# Attendance matters



Concern	% Attendance	Days missed	Weeks missed	Lessons missed*
None	100%	0	0	0
Low	97%	6	1	36
Medium	95%	9.5	2	57
High	90%	19	4	114
High	85%	28.5	6	171
High	80%	38	8	228

#### Attendance matters





99+% 97% 95% 90% 85% 80% 75% 70% 65% 60% 55% 50-%

Attendance to school

# How can you help your child at home?

- Students receive Homework each week - please check Arbor and submission dates to have discussions that will support all students
- Being aware of in class assessments
- Supporting good work and revision routines at home
- Allowing students to wind down on an evening





# School Independent reading during form-time for Years 7 – 10

- Reading book: equipment list
- Rewards for borrowing books
- A fantastic library!
- Book clubs run by our librarian
- Events: 'World Book Day', 'Leeds Book Awards'...
- Reading Interventions
- 'Literacy' and 'Library' sections for parents/carers, including book lists or website

There is a significant correlation between reading ability and GCSE results across all subjects, including Maths and Science.

# A Reading Culture at Pudsey Grammar School







# Anxiety and well-being: our position

- Normal to feel anxious
- Focus on coping strategies
- Self Care information in assemblies and parent bulletin
- SEMH Mentor & Pastoral Support
- Work closely with local agencies for more targeted support





# Supporting your child's wellbeing



#### <u>All students will have access to:</u>

- A planned personal development weekly assembly
- programme covering areas such as self-discipline, role models, protected characteristics and recognised yearly awareness days.
- Structured form time with nurture in mind PSHE input, thoughts of the week, career motivation and literacy.
- Opportunities to partake in House competitions build friendships, sense of belonging and to contribute to the school community.
- A breadth of extracurricular activities clubs, trips & visits and school council, all appealing to student interest.

# Where students can access help



# Safeguarding and wellbeing page in the Student Planner

Access to; PGS website NSPCC, ThinkUKnow, Kooth, Childline and Mindmate

#### Safeguarding and Wellbeing

We take students safeguarding and wellbeing very seriously. If there are any concerns students should talk to their form tutor, teachers, Year Leader or support staff. There is also a 'Report a concern' tile on RMUnify where students can report any concerns, they can be anonymous. There is also a tile for any 'PSHE Questions'. Students can access RMUnify at the bottom of the 'Home' page on the school website. Below are some useful websites.

www.pudseygrammar.co.uk













Kooth.com

Childline.org.uk



Mindmate.org.uk







#### At PGS we run a number of trips.

- Blackpool Year 11
- New York and Paris 6th Form
- Alton Towers Year 10
- Theatre trips
- Ski trip
- Football tour
- Year 7 residential
- And many more



#### Rewards

- This year we launch our new rewards system to sit alongside the behaviour policy.
- This aims to reward students that consistently do the right thing.
- Includes:
  - Events and draws throughout the year for those with a high average ATL.
  - Subsidised end of year reward trips.





# End of year Reward Trips



- High average ATL passport.
- Trips taking place in July next year:
  - Year 7 Inflatables/Ice Cream on field (after their residential)
  - Year 8 Team building day at Go Ape
  - Year 9 Flamingo Land
  - Year 10 Alton Towers

### SEN support NMY



# Any questions or concerns surrounding any Special Education Needs (SEN) please contact

# Mrs N McCaffrey - Director of SEND Miss C Shepherd - Deputy Director of SEND

#### SENDrequest@pudseygrammar.co.uk

### Parent communication



**Communication & Transfer of Enquiries** 



# Good communication matters to us

- Weekly parent bulletin each Friday
- Parent mail
- Arbor for positives/negatives
- Who to contact website





**General Enquiries** 





#### Director of Studies

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# Having a successful year

- 2 year GCSE it has **begun**!
  - Vocational subject **deadlines** will be in year 10
  - GCSE content delivered throughout Y10
- Priming for success
- Establishing habits for excellence



This will be our year group next academic year!







# The KS4 Journey



- The foundations and routines they build now will last into year 11
- A fresh chance to build good relationships with their new teachers
- 1 to 1 careers meetings. Following the meeting they will be provided with a career action plan which will be shared with home and form tutors.
- Two years gives them a chance to make a mistake and learn from it
- We don't expect perfection every time, we do expect effort!





- 1. **11th-15th November** in-class assessments. This is to build confidence and familiarize them with GCSE style questions.
- 2. 20th December Christmas holidays- (no homework)
- 3. **3rd-7th** February 2025 in-class assessments as in November.
- 4. Ist May, virtual parents evening
- 5. 23rd-27th June trial exams in the sports hall, set the same as their final exams in year 11

# Revision for November Assessment Weeks

- Be organised
  - Make a timetable/establish a routine
  - Time to study, time to relax, time to exercise
- Plan for high quality H/W and revision
  - Work set on Arbor
  - 1hr after school each day
- What can you do at home to support?
  - Knowledge Organisers Test

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	TIME	SATURDAY	SUNDAY





# Using Knowledge Organisers

- Fantastic resource for **all** students
- **Revise** content
  - Flashcards physical or digital
  - Mind maps
  - <u>Revision Clocks</u>
- Test
  - Parents are welcome to get involved! Look for Term 1

#### • Repeat!





# Curriculum



We offer a really high standard of teaching, the GCSE curriculum has been redesigned to ensure all subjects are covering the following:

- Subject specialists teaching GCSE content
  - Recall Starters
  - Interleaving e.g. low stakes tests
  - Purple Challenge (every lesson)
  - Reference to cross-curricular links
  - Consistent approaches
  - Go beyond the National Curriculum, cultural capital

# Curriculum



- School website for details
- Exam Board Website
- Google Drive Resources
  - Tutorials
  - Videos
  - Past Papers
- Speak with tutors and subject teachers

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE



EXAMS

Chosen in Year 9

Maths, English and Science(x2) are mandatory

Taken in Year 11

#### Next up



- Form Tutor Presentations 5:30pm 5:50pm
  - Parent survey, please hand in before you go
- Optional Exceptional achievement presentation in the main hall at 6:00pm
  - Aimed at students with aspirations to go to Russell Group universities

# What happens now?



#### At 5:35 the form tutor session will start

10AS	Miss Chappell	116/117		
10CA	Miss Williams	113/114		
10CS	Miss Carrington	106/107	Floor 1	
10DB	Mr Garnett	103/104		
10PS	Miss Ingle	213/214		
10LS	Miss Edwards	216/217		
10SS	Mr Kennedy	206/207	Floor 2	
10VA	Mr McCroakham	203/204		