

**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**
Friday 4th April 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We have reached the end of term and it has been an extremely productive one. Our Year 11 and 13 students are gearing up for their exams. We are running a series of revision sessions during the Easter break to support these students. In addition, we have made some changes to our behaviour system this week which I have spoken to all students and staff about. These are designed to ensure that we build on the high standards and expectations that we have of all students.

We will look forward to welcoming everyone back for the first day of the summer term on Tuesday 22nd of April at the usual time. For those parents who are new to the school we adapt our uniform policy to reflect the warmer weather. Blazers are not compulsory in the summer term but a reminder that everything else in our policy is. In addition, tailored school shorts are permitted.

I want to thank you for all your support over the summer term and wish you all a peaceful Easter break with your children.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Year 7 - 10 Reward Trips

Please be reminded that the deadline to sign up to the end of year reward trips is Monday 21st April. Please sign up via parent mail.

Thank you to all those who have already signed up.

Students will continue to earn ATL points towards the trip up till May Half Term.

Please see the message below regarding Arbor Parent App and how you can track your child's ATL points.

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Arbor Parent App Guide for Parents/Carers

The Arbor Parent App provides a convenient and intuitive way to access day-to-day school information at the touch of a button.

Key features include your child's:

- Timetable
- Homework
- ATL points (Attitude to Learning points). **The app is great to track if your child is on target to reach those all-important ATL points and be eligible for end of year rewards trips.**
- Behaviour record, including detentions
- Attendance. You can also log absences using the app.
- View your child's profile and update key information.

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone or tablet.

Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have any questions about using the Parent App or the Parent Portal.

Here are some tips if you're having trouble logging in:

- Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. You can ask us to check the email address linked to your account
- Reset your password from the login page
- If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the password link will have expired. You can ask us to send a new one.
- Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice, for instance on another guardian's profile
- Enter the birthday of one of your children to log in
- Only relatives who are primary guardians of a child can access the Parent Portal or App

Important - To keep in touch with us you must keep logged in to Arbor In App to allow push notifications to come through to your screen.

iOS users will be prompted to receive push notifications when you download the app, ensure you select 'allow'.

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You must enable push notifications to receive a notification when you have a new in-app message. If you do not enable this, you will not be alerted to a new message and may miss important information.

Ms Frost
PA to the Headteacher
& Communications Manager

Main Office – Communication with Parents/Carers

Please can parents be aware that the main school office is extremely busy during the hours of 8am-9am dealing with students and high volumes of calls. Therefore, the main office are only able to deal with parents who have pre-arranged appointments with staff. If you do not have an appointment and need to speak with a member of school staff, please email in line with our Communications Policy that can be found on the school website <https://www.pudseygrammar.co.uk/key-information/school-policies/>

Ms Powell
Office Supervisor

Year 7

Residential

This week Year 7 students had an assembly about the July residential at PGL Newby Wiske Hall. I gave them some more information about how the trip would look, expectations and some ideas about activities that they could be involved in. As I mentioned to students, there are still places to join the waiting list for this trip. If your child is interested in the trip then please let me know via email at a.mitchell@pudseygrammar.co.uk and I can add them to the list.

The Parent Information Evening will be held after the Easter break. A Parentmail will be sent out with the date and time for this.

Happy Easter

Well done to Year 7 for another brilliant term at PGS. We hope everyone has a well-deserved break and we look forward to seeing students in the summer term.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 7 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 7 Leader

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YEAR 8

On Wednesday, Miss Lavan led an awards assembly to mark the end of the spring term. It was fantastic to celebrate our students' achievements, including most improved attendance, 100% attendance, school respect awards, and the form with the most reward points. I'm really looking forward to the summer term, especially the upcoming rewards trip to GoApe. Additionally, there will be end-of-year assessments, and I'll provide more details about them in the summer term. I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break.

Mrs Kaye
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

Bronze DofE- Year 9

Over Easter, please encourage your child to log into eDofE and update any of their skill, volunteering or physical sections. All students have now completed the qualifying expedition and evidence for this has been uploaded. As it has been over 3 months since the start date many students will be at the point of uploading evidence from their assessors, please use this guide for details on how to do this:

<https://help.edofe.org/hc/en-gb/articles/360015890617-How-do-I-add-evidence-as-a-participant-eDofE#:~:text=To%20add%20evidence%2C%20you'll,text%2C%20photo%20or%20file%20evidence.>

No section can be signed off without an assessor's report.

If any students have forgotten their log on details they must send me an email at j.legg@pudseygrammar.co.uk so I can get these sent over to them.

Guided Choices

I firstly want to say a big thank you for all your support in helping get all the guided choices forms returned. We have had an excellent response and it really helps us make decisions about the classes and options that will run going forward. We will be processing all the information over the next few weeks and we will get confirmation of the options blocks back to you as soon as we can.

Easter Break

We want to wish all of Year 9 a restful break and use the time and hopefully good weather to recharge their batteries and come back ready to finish off the school year well. There will be

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end of year exams in the hall to prepare for as well as the rewards trips at the end of the year and want to take as many people as possible. Please see in the General Notices section information regarding the Arbor Parent app and how you can track your child's ATL points to ensure they are eligible to take part in the rewards trip.

Mr Lucas
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mrs Green
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

Happy Easter!

This time of year brings about many moments for celebrations, whether it be Easter, Eid, Navratri or any other celebration, we wish you a happy and relaxed break!

Next term will be an important one for Year 10 filled with further moments of celebrations such as the rewards trip but it will also include a key milestone moments for the year group such as the end of Year 10 exams. These exams will provide students, parents and teachers with valuable information in regard to the progress made in Year 10 and the next steps moving into Year 11.

Please see in the General Notices section information regarding the Arbor Parent app and how you can track your child's ATL points to ensure they are eligible to take part in the rewards trip.

Some Year 10 Key Dates:

1st May - Parents Evening (virtual) - book your appointments with teachers

23rd June - 27th June - End of Year 10 exams

WC 7th July - End of Year 10 progress reports

There will also be lots of activities and opportunities available for students, so keep an eye out for further information.

Mr Syed
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 10 Leader

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YEAR 11

Year 11 Easter Revision & Exam Information

All Year 11 students have received a copy of the Easter revision session schedule. Students do not need to wear uniform for these sessions. Morning sessions begin at 10:00am, and students should enter and exit through main reception.

Key Dates:

4th April – Easter Holidays Begin

22nd – 25th April – MFL Speaking Exams

AM, 25th April – Music Exam

28th & 29th April – Art GCSE All-Day Exam

30th April – Photography Exam (Day 1)

1st May – Photography Exam (Day 2)

5th May – 20th June – GCSE Exams

13th May – Study Leave Begins (Students can use the main hall as a study space)

1st – 3rd June – Year 11 Celebration Week

Exam Uniform Expectations

Students must wear full, correct uniform for all exams. Failure to do so may result in missing out on Year 11 celebration events.

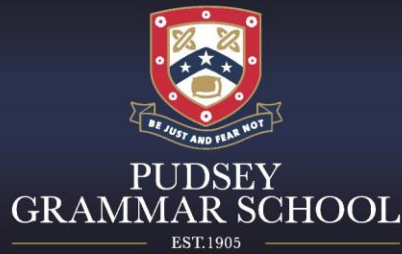
Miss Legg
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 11 Leader

SIXTH FORM

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parents' Evening last night. We hope you found the information useful.

Year 13: DTTR tasks, Easter revision session details, and DC2 reports have been sent home. Please encourage your child to engage with these resources.



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Prom: Ticket sales close on 22nd April – please ensure purchases are made before the deadline.

Year 12: Please continue to support your child in securing Work Experience (WEX). This is an important part of their development, and opportunities continue to be shared via the Google Classroom.

Year 12 Paris Trip: Please ensure your child has filled out the Google Form and checked their passport is valid for travel.

We hope you have a lovely break, and we look forward to welcoming students back after Easter.

Mrs Lea
Acting Post 16 Director of Studies

Miss Hart
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Miss Robinson
Careers and Enrichment Lead
