

**PARENT & CARER  
WEEKLY BULLETIN  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

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## **HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE**

This Monday marks the stand down for our Year 11 students as they embark on their study leave. It is a crucial period for them to prepare for their upcoming exams, and we are confident that they will make the most of this time.

The start of the exam season has been very promising, with Year 11 students demonstrating remarkable maturity and diligence. They have approached their studies with great focus and responsibility, which is commendable. We are proud of their efforts and are confident that this positive attitude will continue throughout the exam period.

We wish them all the best and look forward to some excellent results in the autumn.

**Mark McKelvie**  
**Headteacher**

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## **GENERAL NOTICES**

### **Advance notice – May half term break**

The school will close on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 for the May half term break and re-open at the normal time on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025.

Ms Frost  
PA to the Headteacher

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## **Year 7**

### **Residential**

Thanks to everyone who managed to attend the meeting this week. I will upload the documents from the Parent Information evening to the school website. Once this has been uploaded, I will contact you to advise where you can find the information.

Please accept my apologies for not being clear at the Parents Information evening regarding bedding. Students need to bring their own bedding (Sleeping bag and pillow) in a clearly labelled bag.

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### **Rewards Event**

Students need to keep working towards getting as many ATL points as possible for the rewards event at the end of the year.

### **VE Day**

In lessons this week students in Year 7 joined in on a virtual VE day assembly.

Mrs Mitchell  
Year 7 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank  
Year 7 Leader

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## **YEAR 8**

### **Year 8 HPV Immunisations**

You should have received an email last week regarding the Year 8 Immunisations.

The School Immunisation Team will be visiting Pudsey Grammar School on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to vaccinate the Year 8 students against HPV.

HPV, or the 'Human Papillomavirus' is a common virus that is spread through skin contact. The virus increases the risk of developing some cancers later in life, such as cervical cancer and some cancers of the mouth, throat, anal and genital areas. The evidence is clear that the HPV vaccine protects girls and boys from these HPV-related cancers.

### **How to give consent**

To go to the website, click on the following link, this will take you to the online HPV vaccination Intent form <https://bit.ly/3cmRIkr> and enter the code given below.

Or access the online consent form by typing the following words into your internet browser; 'Leeds Immunisations' The first result is the website from where you can access the HPV consent form.

Enter the unique school code for your child's school. The code for Pudsey Grammar School is **EE108079** (please ensure you enter all letters and numbers).

Important: If you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination, you are still required to complete the 'refusal section' on the form so that we understand your wishes. If we do not receive a consent or refusal form, your child will be given an opportunity to consent for themselves on the day after being assessed by a nurse as Gillick competent to do so.

If you have any issues completing the online form please contact the School Immunisations Team on

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Email: [lcht.schoolimmsteam@nhs.net](mailto:lcht.schoolimmsteam@nhs.net)

Tel: 0113 84 33101

Mrs Marsh  
First Aid Lead

Please see below a list of topics that students will be covering during Assessment Week for their core subjects:

English – A piece of descriptive writing based on Myths and Legends

Mathematics – Ratio, multiplicative change, fractions, graphs, data, probability, equations and inequalities, sequences, indices, percentages, standard form, angles, area, transformations, and averages.

Science – Solutions, acids and alkalis, respiration, reactivity, microbes, light, and sound.

We hope this information helps you in supporting your child with their independent revision.

Mrs Kaye  
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie  
Year 8 Leader

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## **YEAR 9**

As a year team we have been really impressed with the way the year group have come back after the Easter break and made a really good start to the summer term. There has been a really strong effort across the year group to maintain high standards in their attitude to learning. This is really important with the summative assessments coming up straight after half term. As we've said before, trying to build the right patterns in terms of revision is really important for the next few years for all students. Guidance will be given in lesson and on Arbor. Any extra support from parents will be really appreciated.

### **Options**

I just wanted to put in a quick notice about Options. We are working constantly on them and trying to figure out the size of groups and make sure we are trying to satisfy all students with the choices they make. It is a difficult process, and we want to make sure it is done properly. As soon as we have the options, we will send it out to students and yourselves.

Mr Lucas  
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mrs Green  
Year 9 Leader

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### YEAR 10

#### **End of year 10 assessments 23rd June 2025 – 27th June 2025**

This is a reminder of the end-of-year assessments, which will take place from Monday 23rd June to Friday 27th June. These assessments will be held in the main hall and will mirror the standards and procedures of end-of-Year 11 examinations.

Students are expected to prepare thoroughly for these assessments. They have already received guidance on effective revision strategies and what successful preparation looks like. I also took the opportunity to express how impressed I have been with students' approaches to previous assessments this year, whether through their focus in lessons or their commitment to independent revision at home.

To support students further, I am sharing a range of revision resources. Please review these together and consider how they can be incorporated into home study routines:

- ✦ Flash Cards <https://bit.ly/PGS26flashcards>
- ✦ Mind Maps <https://bit.ly/PGS26mindmaps>
- ✦ Revision Clocks <https://bit.ly/PGS26revisionclock>
- ✦ Revision Timetable <https://bit.ly/PGS26revisiontimetable>

Using these resources effectively at home will help students organise their revision, reinforce their knowledge, and approach the assessments with confidence.

Please contact the subject leader for further information on the assessments or if you would like more information on how to prepare for these assessments.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Syed  
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Exley  
Year 10 Leader

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### YEAR 11

Please see below for important updates and reminders for Year 11 students this week:

#### **Equipment and Personal Belongings**

Students must bring the basic equipment needed for each exam (e.g. black pens, pencils, ruler, calculator where applicable).

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They should also still bring their school bag each day, as this will be used to store any personal items that are not allowed in the exam hall, such as:

Mobile phones  
Food and drink (unless it's water in a clear bottle)  
Watches  
Revision notes or planners

These items must be placed in their bags and left in the bag room before entering the exam hall.

### **Prom Tickets**

A polite reminder that Prom tickets are available to purchase via ParentMail. Tickets will appear in your basket when you log into your account.

### **Yearbook Orders**

If you would like to purchase a copy of the Year 11 Yearbook, you can do so using the following link: <https://allyearbooks.co.uk/buy/23752>

Students also received an email last half term inviting them to contribute to the yearbook, including song requests for prom and leaving quotes.

### **Exam Timetable – This Week**

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> May	English Lit (AM), Mandarin (Listening) (PM), Computing (PM)
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> May	RE (AM), Biology (PM)
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Geography (AM)
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths (AM)
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> May	History (AM), Business (PM)

Miss Legg  
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall  
Year 11 Leader

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## **SIXTH FORM**

We hope you are well as we begin the next phase of the summer term. Please find below key updates for both Year 12 and Year 13 students:

### **◆ Year 12 Updates**

This morning, students attended an assembly introducing the Bradford University Pre-UCAS Fair, which will be a valuable opportunity to explore higher education options.



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Year 12 end-of-year exams will begin on 30th June. Preparation materials and revision guidance will be shared shortly.

### ◆ Year 13 Updates

Study leave begins on Thursday 23rd May. Until then, all students are expected to attend timetabled lessons.

A reminder that the deadline for Student Finance applications is 31st May – please ensure your child completes this process if applying for university.

Tutorials will no longer be held after school, but departments are offering drop-in sessions, alongside subject-specific pre-exam and revision sessions. Details of these have been sent separately and are available on Google Classroom.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Lea  
Acting Post 16 Director of Studies

Miss Hart  
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Miss Robinson  
Careers and Enrichment Lead

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