

**PARENT & CARER  
WEEKLY BULLETIN  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**

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## **HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE**

We have always prided ourselves on the high standards we insist on from our students and they reciprocate this daily by conducting themselves in an excellent way. Visitors frequently comment on how calm the school atmosphere is. We are always examining our systems and this year we decided to make further refinements to our Behaviour system. I am pleased that the early indications we have are extremely positive and will further improve the high standard and expectations we have of all our students.

Next term brings the conclusion of the exam season for our older students and a time when all students can look forward to successes being celebrated. We will have trips to Paris and Shanghai, our Year 7 residential, our Year 11 and 13 proms and in the final week our annual Awards Evenings.

**Mark McKelvie**  
**Headteacher**

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## **GENERAL NOTICES**

### **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**

### **Exciting vocal opportunity**

In the music department we are looking for Year 7 and 8 students who enjoy singing to be part of a special vocal performance at this year's Year 7 and 8 Awards Evening. The event will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 5-6pm where students will perform a piece as a group during a musical interlude. The students involved will be working with our singing teacher each Wednesday during the school day to prepare for the event.

If students wish to be involved in the event, or to find out more, please go and see Miss

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O'Gorman or send me an email: [logorman@pudseygrammar.co.uk](mailto:logorman@pudseygrammar.co.uk). The first rehearsal will be on the first Wednesday back after half term. See the vocal timetable on practice room 239b for time slots (or ask Miss O'Gorman/Mr Loughlin).

### **Residential**

A reminder for all students who are going on the residential, there are to be no nut products taken on this trip. PGL is a nut free venue and we have a number of students attending the trip with serious allergies. Please do not allow students to bring any foods or products containing nuts with them for their rooms.

Mrs Mitchell  
Year 7 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank  
Year 7 Leader

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## **YEAR 8**

### **Year 8 HPV Immunisations**

A reminder regarding the HPV Immunisations for Year 8 students.

The School Immunisation Team will be visiting Pudsey Grammar School on Thursday 5th 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/3cmRlkr> 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.

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If you have any issues completing the online form please contact the School Immunisations Team at [lcht.schoolimmsteam@nhs.net](mailto:lcht.schoolimmsteam@nhs.net) or telephone 0113 84 33101.

Mrs Marsh  
First Aid Lead

Well done to all students that have completed their end of year assessments! I am looking forward to the final half-term of Year 8 which will contain the rewards trip, celebration Awards Evening and Sports Day.

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Mrs Kaye  
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie  
Year 8 Leader

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## **YEAR 9**

We are at the end of a short but busy half term, we have been really impressed by the way the year has started the summer term and their approach to revision for their summative assessments.

A reminder that these will be taking place on the first week back and there will be guidance on Arbor given for each subject on how to revise for the subject. We want students to feel confident that they can give these assessments their best effort and get the best grade they can.

We hope everyone has an enjoyable week off and come back ready for their last term. The last term is longer than this one, but we have a lot of things to look forward to with the Flamingo Land trip and events like Sports Day.

Mr Lucas  
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mrs Green  
Year 9 Leader

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### YEAR 10

#### Year 10 end of year assessment

This will be the final year group assessment for Year 10 and will be in a similar format to the final GCSE exams that students will sit next year. The assessments will cover content taught in Year 10 and will be used to inform Year 11 plans. Therefore, students should prepare for these assessments in all of their subjects. Teachers will add what/how to revise on Arbor to support students for these assessments.

#### Key Stage 4 revision resources

Please review the revision resources that have been shared previously to support independent revision at home.

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

#### After school supervised study

I would like to inform parents/carers and students that the school will provide an after school supervised study area for our Year 10 students to use to revise and complete homework leading up to these assessments. Students have access to the supervised study area which is located in the main hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3.00pm – 3.45pm. This is an area that will be supervised by a member of staff. Students will have access to Chromebooks and a variety of resources to support revision. I would highly encourage the use of the study area, and I encourage students to bring a friend so that they can work collaboratively if they wish to do so.

Link to assessment timetable

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1S3IKWMAwfOjQ2tAoc7o7wXInz6KJ7xn2nASdt7EWL3o/edit?usp=sharing>

#### Sixth Form Experience Day

We are delighted to inform you about an exciting opportunity for our Year 10 students: a Sixth Form Experience Day taking place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025. This event is designed to give students a real insight into life beyond GCSEs and help them explore a range of subjects and pathways available at post-16 level.

As students prepare for their final year of GCSEs, it is important that they start thinking about their future goals. Whether they plan to go to university, pursue an apprenticeship, or follow a vocational route, understanding their options now can provide a sense of purpose and motivate them to achieve their full potential during Key Stage 4 and beyond. A letter with further details has been sent out.

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### **Google form**

If any students were unable to complete the google form for their subject choices, are unsure if they have done it or would like to submit another form, please ask them to complete the form below. The latest completed form will be used:

<https://bit.ly/y10p16subjectform>

If you have any questions, please let me know on [s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk](mailto:s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk).

Mr Syed  
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Exley  
Year 10 Leader

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## **YEAR 11**

### **Important notice – "Exam Influencers"**

Earlier this week, we sent home an important message regarding "exam influencers" and the potential impact of misleading or inaccurate content online. Please take a moment to speak with your child about this and encourage them to use trusted, school-recommended resources for their revision.

### **Half term revision routine**

As we head into the half term break, we encourage all Year 11 students to take some time to rest and recharge. However, it's also important that they maintain a steady revision routine in preparation for the final few weeks of their exams.

### **Sixth Form Transition Days – 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Our Year 11 into Sixth Form Transition Days will take place from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June. Students will have the opportunity to experience a range of Sixth Form lessons and get a real taste of post-16 life at our school.

### **Prom tickets**

Prom tickets are still available for purchase via ParentMail.

### **Exams after half term**

3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Russian (am) and Polish (pm)
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Maths (am)
5 <sup>th</sup> June	History (am) and French (pm)
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Eng Lan (am) and Geog (pm)

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Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Legg  
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall  
Year 11 Leader

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### **SIXTH FORM**

As we move further into the summer term, here are some key updates for our Post-16 students and families:

#### **Year 13**

- Good luck to all our Year 13 students as they begin their study leave. We are proud of their hard work and dedication throughout this year.
- Revision sessions over the half-term break have been communicated separately—please encourage attendance where relevant.
- A reminder that Student Finance applications close on 1<sup>st</sup> June – please ensure this is completed if your child is applying to university.

#### **Year 12**

- The Paris Trip parent meeting will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 5pm – 6pm
- The UCAS Fair is scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> June – students must book tickets and retain their QR codes.
- The Year 12 Progress Exam week will begin on 30<sup>th</sup> June – timetables have been sent out.
- The Paris trip runs from 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July.
- Work Experience Week will take place w/b 14<sup>th</sup> July – please ensure arrangements are confirmed and logged on Unifrog.

Thank you for your continued support as we approach a busy and important period for both year groups.

Mrs Lea  
Acting Post 16 Director of Studies

Miss Hart  
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Miss Robinson  
Careers and Enrichment Lead

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