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WEEKLY BULLETIN  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I hope those parents/carers and students celebrating Eid-al-Adha enjoyed their celebrations at the beginning of this week and relished the time spent with their family and friends.

Last night, we had the pleasure of welcoming new Year 7 parents/carers and students as they begin their preparations for the new academic year and their exciting next steps. We look forward to working closely with our new Year 7 cohort to ensure a smooth transition into secondary school.

Meanwhile, Year 11 are approaching their final exams next week, and I would like to take this opportunity to commend their hard work and dedication throughout this challenging period. Similarly, our Year 13 students are in the middle of their exams, and we wish them all the best in their preparations. Both Year 11 and Year 13 can soon anticipate their well-deserved end-of-school celebrations, including Proms, celebration assemblies, and the Awards Evening, which mark the culmination of their efforts and achievements.

**Mark McKelvie**  
**Headteacher**

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## GENERAL NOTICES

### **Duke of Edinburgh: Bronze, Silver and Gold**

Bronze Award:

Many students should now be nearing completion of their award sections. Please ensure that students log in to their eDofE account and update any outstanding sections. Every section must have an Assessor's Report uploaded to confirm completion of the set goal. Without this, I am unable to approve the section.

Most Bronze participants should have received their welcome pack directly to their home address. However, I'm aware that some students are still missing theirs. If this applies to you, please use this contact form to request a replacement: <https://www.dofe.org/contact-us>

Silver Award:

Well done to all of our Silver participants who completed their practice expedition this week! Please note that the Silver Qualifying Expedition is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> July. Students will

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meet the Turnballs at the front of school at 8.30am on the first day and will return at approximately 4.00pm on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

Gold Award:

Our Gold participants have now received confirmation that their Practice Expedition is also taking place on 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> July. They must meet at Allerton Grange School, Talbot Ave, Roundhay, Leeds LS17 6SF at 8.30am.

The Gold Qualifying Expedition will run from 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> August. Students will meet at Allerton Grange School at 3.00pm on the first day.

Gold students must confirm their attendance by responding to the email they received on 10<sup>th</sup> June from Ian and Rachel Turnbull.

Miss Legg

Year 11 Director of Studies

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## **Year 7**

### **Residential**

Students have been told their rooms for residential this week, if you have any questions or concerns please contact myself or Mrs Swithenbank. All students have been allocated a room with a person of their choice.

I will send a recap of residential information out next week with some reminders for parents and students.

### **Rewards Inflatables**

Well done to all the students who have qualified for the rewards activity.

A lot of hard work and a great attitude to learning has been displayed by the vast majority of Year 7 this year, it is a well-deserved reward and a great way to finish off Year 7.

### **Equipment**

Please can I ask that students are still attending school with full equipment for this last half term. There have been some issues with replacing ties, which school are aware of, but in regard to daily equipment such as pens and glue sticks etc, students must be coming to school with what they need to be successful in lessons.

Mrs Mitchell

Year 7 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank

Year 7 Leader

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### **YEAR 8**

#### **Music Department Facilities**

Year 8 have had an excellent year in music so far. They have continued to show enthusiasm and interest in making music in lessons and it has also been wonderful to see students coming up to use the department in their own time.

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind students of the activities they can become involved with in music:

Vocal group - running every Tuesday 3.00-4.00pm in room 232. Everyone welcome.

School band - running every Thursday 3.00pm-4.00pm in room 232. All instruments welcome.

Music practice rooms - open every lunch time for students to use on their own or in small groups for individual music practice or just to enjoy playing/singing/working on the computers.

New: Starting w/c 16<sup>th</sup> June, we will also be opening the music classroom 232 on Monday lunchtimes for Year 8 students to come along and make use of the equipment if they wish. This could be to play the keyboards, percussion or other instruments, use the music technology etc. This will be open to all Year 8 students who want to come and just make music, on their own or with others. Mr Loughlin will be there to facilitate this.

Any questions, please speak to Miss O'Gorman (l.ogorman@pudseygrammar.co.uk) or Mr Loughlin.

Miss O'Gorman  
Subject Leader of Music

This week, Year 8 teachers are finalising and submitting current grades for the classes they teach. As a result, end-of-year reports for Year 8 students will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Additionally, Mandarin students will be completing their external hurdle tests on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, during Periods 5 and 6. These assessments will be conducted under exam conditions and supervised by their Mandarin teacher.

Mrs Kaye  
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Lavan  
Year 8 Leader

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### **YEAR 9**

#### **Summative Assessments**

Year 9 have completed all their summative assessments in class now. We have been really impressed by their effort and application during this period and hopefully they will get the results they deserve. All the marks and data will be handed in and a report will be given out towards the end of term with ATLs and grades.

#### **Pathways Assembly**

We had an excellent assembly with Mr Burkinshaw this week where he talked about pathways that students can access when they are 16. A lot of this will be new information and we hope that students are starting to think about what they are aiming to do once they leave school.

#### **Rewards Trip**

We are all really excited about the end of year trip to Flamingo Land with nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the year coming along. Unfortunately, we cannot take any more payments to go on this trip as Flamingo Land have closed the booking.

Mr Lucas  
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mrs Green  
Year 9 Leader

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### **YEAR 10**

Please read through the information below. Note that the first exams begin Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June with English and Maths. Arriving promptly to school is paramount. Students are encouraged to arrive as close to 8.20am as possible to ensure they have time to get organised before going to form and starting the morning exams.

#### **Equipment**

Students will need at least the following equipment for their exams:

- Scientific calculator (please double check these)
- Black pens (keep spares in case)
- Pencils
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Transparent water bottle without labels
- Transparent pencil case
- No bags will be allowed in the hall including no phones, smart watches and other devices

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### **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.

### **Exam Timetable**

I have provided students with a printed timetable and also attached another copy for your convenience below.

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1\\_XXwkpnI3\\_04cptoxjVWDoRpjvJTrItK](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1_XXwkpnI3_04cptoxjVWDoRpjvJTrItK)

### **Student Arbor App**

Students can download the app on to their phone and see their exam timetable, seating plans and more. I encourage students to do this over the weekend to help them stay organised. A personalised exam timetable has also been printed and distributed for convenience.

### **Revision Timetable**

Students were provided with a printed revision timetable to plan out their remaining time to allow for more focused revision. Please discuss this at home. If you would like to print a copy, use the link provided above.

I look forward to all of our Year 10 students showing discipline, resilience and ambition over the next few weeks leading up to the assessments.

If you have any subject specific questions, please email the subject leader. If you have any questions regarding the assessments in general, please let me know via email on [s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk](mailto:s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk).

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### **Post 16 Experience Day Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Students have now chosen their taster subjects. I will be in touch soon with more information and to confirm the taster subject allocation. Please note that this is not an indicator of subjects students will get at the post 16 stage and there is no commitment. It is simply an opportunity to experience life as a Sixth Former within these subject areas.

Mr Syed  
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Exley  
Year 10 Leader

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## **YEAR 11**

Year 11 are now into their final week of exams and the end is in sight!

Upcoming Exam Dates:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June (AM): Physics

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June (AM): Spanish | (PM): Food

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June (PM): Further Maths

Key Dates Coming Up:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June: Year 11 into Year 12 Transition Days  
(Students can wear their own clothes — full details to follow separately)

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July: Celebration Assembly  
Burger van, shirt signing & a great send-off to mark the end of Year 11.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Year 11 Prom at Headingley Stadium  
Arrival: 6.30pm | Finish: 10.30pm

Keep going, you're nearly there!

Miss Legg  
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall  
Year 11 Leader

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## **SIXTH FORM**

### **Year 13 Updates**

Hoodie Collection: Year 13 students, your leavers' hoodies are ready for collection!

Exams: Well done on your continued efforts during exam season — the end is in sight!

Careers Support: If any students would like a careers appointment, please contact Miss Robinson.

### **Year 12 Updates**

UCAS Fair – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June (Periods 4–6): Please sign up in advance and ensure you keep the QR code for entry.

Progress Exam Week – Starts 30<sup>th</sup> June: Make sure you are revising and preparing accordingly.

Paris Trip – 8<sup>th</sup> July: Please ensure all forms are completed and refer to the PowerPoint that was sent out last week.

Work Experience (WEX) – Week of 14<sup>th</sup> July: All placements must be confirmed and logged on Unifrog.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs Smith  
Post 16 Director of Studies

Miss Hart  
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Miss Robinson  
Careers and Enrichment Lead

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