

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

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Open Evening – Thursday 10th July 2025 Early Finish/Late Start

Our flagship whole school Open Evening event to welcome parents/carers and students of Year 5 takes place on Thursday 10th July 2025 as they consider their secondary school options for September 2026.

To allow staff and students time to prepare exciting interactive activities and displays for the event the school will finish at 12.40pm for all year groups. Information regarding free school meal arrangements on this day will be communicated to relevant families beforehand.

On Friday 11th July 2025, the school will start at the slightly later time to ensure that classrooms and spaces are once again ready for learning as follows: Years 7, 9, 10 and 12 start at 9.40am and Year 8 start at 10.00am.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Ms Frost
PA to the Headteacher

Leeds Youth Music Festival - Leeds Arena – Year 7, 8 & 9

On Tuesday 1st July a group of our KS3 students participated in the Leeds Youth Music Festival at the First Direct Leeds Arena. This was an event that brought together young talent from across Leeds to create a showcase of a range of different musical genres and disciplines.

Our students were part of the Secondary choir made up of many other schools across Leeds who performed as part of this showcase.

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This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to perform on the vast stage at such a great music venue and to be part of singing amongst other talented young people from across the city.

The students involved had worked incredibly hard leading up to this event, attending whole choir rehearsals at Pudsey Civic Hall, as well as in school time to prepare for this and the hard work definitely paid off.

As always, our students represented the school impeccably, showing their energy and enthusiasm throughout a very long, but exciting day.

It was an absolute pleasure to see our students having such a great time on the stage and the staff involved were incredibly proud of their hard work and the amazing achievement.

Thank you to all students who gave up their time to make this such a success and to the parents/carers for their support in making their attendance to the rehearsals and final event possible. I hope those who were able to attend the final event enjoyed this experience too.

We look forward to being able to share more of the amazing talent we have at Pudsey Grammar at a range of musical events in the future.

Miss O'Gorman
Subject Leader of Music

Year 7

Residential

We are really looking forward to our trip next week. Updates will be posted on social media throughout our time there. All students attending received an assembly on Friday morning with key reminders.

Monday - Use snack bar doors

All Year 7 will enter school on Monday morning via the doors near the snack bar (playground entrance).

This gives those bringing their bags and sleeping things easier access into the building. We are asking all Year 7 to come in this way regardless of whether they are attending the trip or not. This will only be for Monday 7th July.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 7 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 7 Leader

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YEAR 8

Well done to all students who took part in Sports Day!

We are proud of everyone's effort and teamwork throughout the day.

Go Ape Trip – Important Reminders

We recently held a meeting with students to go over key information. Please ensure the following:

Clothing: Students must wear comfortable, activewear. Go Ape states in their risk assessment that crop tops are not allowed.

Footwear: suitable footwear such as trainers – no crocs, sliders, or flip-flops.

Piercings: All piercings must be removed or covered with a plaster for safety. No jewellery allowed such as necklaces, rings and bracelets.

Medication: If your child requires daily medication (e.g. inhalers), they must bring it with them.

Lunch: All students need to bring a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to free school meals, a grab bag will be provided.

Mrs Kaye
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

The final progress reports for the year have now been distributed to the students and available through Arbor. Looking through the year there are some excellent reports and results which is a credit to the students' hard work and dedication this year. We are very proud of them. As always please be aware that attendance can affect the ATL score which is taken from a class average.

Mr Lucas
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mrs Green
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

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Year 10 Post 16 Experience Day

Well done to all Year 10 students for their excellent engagement and enthusiasm during the Sixth Form Experience Day. They approached the day with maturity and a genuine interest in their future, making the most of the opportunity to explore their next steps. This is just the beginning of an ongoing conversation about their post-16 journey but today has given them a valuable insight into what to expect and what they need to do to get there.

Keep asking questions, exploring your options, and aiming high!

Mr Syed
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

It was such a joy to see our Year 11 students dancing the night away at prom last night, the dancefloor was full all evening! We hope they had a fantastic night and will look back on their time at school with fond memories.

A reminder that GCSE Results Day is on the morning of **Thursday 21st August**. Students are invited to come into school between **9.00am and 11.00am** and head to the main hall to collect their results. If a student is unable to attend in person, please let me know in advance.

Miss Legg
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 11 Leader

SIXTH

FORM

As we approach the end of term, here are some key updates and reminders for our Post-16 students:

Paris Trip – 8th July

We're excited for the upcoming Paris trip on Monday 8th July. Students should ensure they have all necessary travel documents and arrive promptly for departure. It promises to be a fantastic cultural experience!

Work Experience (WEX) – Week Beginning 14th July

Work Experience begins Monday 14th July. This is a valuable opportunity for students to gain insight into the world of work and develop essential skills. Please ensure placements are confirmed and any required paperwork is completed.



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Progress Exams – Well Done!

A huge well done to all students for their hard work and dedication during Progress Exam Week. Your efforts are appreciated and will help guide your next steps.

UCAS & Personal Statements

Looking ahead to September, it's crucial that students begin preparing their personal statements for UCAS and other post-18 pathways. Early preparation will support a smooth application process and help clarify future goals.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Smith
Assistant Director of Sixth Form

Mrs Lea
Acting Director of Studies

Miss Robinson
Careers and Enrichment Lead

Miss Hart
Attendance and Pastoral Support