

**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN
Friday 11th July 2025**

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It was my pleasure last night to welcome over 1000 visitors to the school as part of our annual Open Evening. The evening is an opportunity for us as a staff to showcase the exceptional educational experiences that we provide for our students. The feedback from the parents and children was extremely positive and it was great to see so many people turning out on a night that was extremely hot.

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate our girls' rounders team who successfully won the Leeds City Schools championship last night beating multiple schools from across Leeds in the process. Well done to all of the team, many of whom came back from their triumph to help out at Open Evening too!

We are looking forward to the final week of term next week and it's going to be a busy one. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we have various rewards trips for students going out. In the evenings on Monday and Tuesday we also have our annual Prizegiving for Year 7 to 10 students as we celebrate their achievements in this academic year. At the end of the week, we will also find out which House has been the most successful in the 40+ competitions we have across the year and they will be presented with the House Cup in the final House Assembly on Friday.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Uniform next week

The weather forecast for next week is due to be cooler from Monday onwards, we will expect students to revert back to normal summer school uniform and not PE kit from Monday 14th July, any further changes to this decision will be communicated to you in advance.

Mr McCroakam
Assistant Headteacher



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End of term/start of September arrangements

Friday 18th July Students will be dismissed from lessons at 12.00pm

Monday 1st September Training Day 1

Tuesday 2nd September

New Year 7	Arrive at 8.20am for a prompt 8.30am start
Year 8	Arrive at 9.10am for a prompt 9.20am start
Year 9	Arrive at 9.50am for a prompt 10.00am start
Year 10	Arrive at 10.50am for a prompt 11.00 am start
Year 11	Arrive at 10.50am for a prompt 11.00am start
Year 12	Arrive at 11.50am for a prompt 12.00pm start

Wednesday 3rd September – Year 13 to arrive at 8.30am

Ms Frost
PA to the Headteacher

Non - Uniform Day

Friday 18th July will be a non-uniform day for all staff and students. All money raised will be donated to a breast cancer charity. Donations are £2 for staff and a £1 for students. This will also be an opportunity for parents/carers to donate any uniform that students have outgrown. There will be an opportunity for students to leave this on the doors as they enter school on Friday.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Swithenbank
Associate Assistant Headteacher

School Meal Charges 2025/26

Please note that from September 2025 the charge for a Meal Deal from our catering provider Chartwells, will increase by 10p to £3.35. The allowance for Free School Meals will also increase by the same amount allowing those students who are eligible to receive a meal at lunchtime. Details regarding menus from September will be shared via the school website in the usual way.

Mrs Allman
Finance Manager

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Food & Nutrition - Food Containers

In Food & Nutrition we are overrun with left over plastic food containers and tubs. If your child has left any tubs/containers this year whilst doing KS3 Design & Technology lessons or GCSE Food, please can you send them to the Food Rooms 134/136 before Form time (8.20am-8.30am) or after school (3.00pm-3.10pm) before Wednesday 16th July please to collect. After Wednesday 16th July any spare leftover containers/tubs will be sent to the charity shop.

Miss Wilkinson
Teacher of Food Technology

Important Dates and a Reminder for Parents

As we approach the end of what has been another rewarding and eventful academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their continued support throughout the year.

A quick reminder that the final day of term will be Friday 18th July. We kindly ask parents to ensure that students continue to attend regularly and punctually right up to this date, as valuable learning and enrichment activities will continue through to the end of term.

Please also note that Monday 1st September will be a staff training day, and the school will be closed to students. All students will return to school on Tuesday 2nd September for the start of the new academic year.

We wish all our students and families a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

Attendance Team

Year 7

ZooLab Event

ZooLab will be coming into school with a variety of animals such as scorpions, tarantulas and snakes. Students will attend one session throughout the day on either 29th or 30th September 2025.

There is a curriculum link to science KS3 Biology specification of natural selection and adaptations:

Learners will understand that living things have changed over time and we use fossils to get information about what they used to be like. They will be able to explain how animals are adapted to suit their habitats and be able to explain the link between adaptation, natural

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selection, and evolution. It is a hands-on activity to increase confidence with live animals that students may not have seen before.

An expression of interest letter is on Parentmail for you to complete.

Miss Ingle
Acting Subject Leader of Science

Rewards - Inflatables

Just a reminder that all students who are taking part in the rewards activity on Monday 14th July need to attend school in the School PE kit. It is not a non-uniform day. Any students who are not taking part need to be wearing their school uniform.

Residential

We had such a great time at residential with the students. We are so proud of how well the students behaved, how they represented the school and the amount of resilience they showed throughout the activities. It was wonderful to see students thriving in this environment and the way they supported and encouraged each other throughout the trip was amazing. Well done to all those who attended the trip, we had a fantastic 3 days away.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 7 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

The Deep - Conservation Aquarium

The Deep trip to the aquarium linked to climate change - Open to all current Year 8 students.

There is a curriculum link to science KS3 Biology and Chemistry specification of climate change:

This informal interactive discussion-based workshop explores the effects of global warming. Using the 3D magic globe and bioartefacts, learners are encouraged to consider the effects of increasing sea temperatures, rising sea levels, increasing acidity and oxygen loss. Learners consider their own personal impact, the overall impact of humans and the measures that could be implemented to aid ocean recovery and help save the planet.

The Deep is a conservation charity and contributes to breeding programmes and field conservation, providing high quality animal care for learners to see. After the workshop,

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learners will be able to explore the aquarium and all the underwater creatures.

An expression of interest letter is on Parentmail for you to complete.

Miss Ingle
Acting Subject Leader of Science

If your child is attending GoApe please ensure the following:

- Your child arrives at school at the usual time of 8.20am and enters through the Year 8 doors.
- They must be dressed in activewear. Crop tops are not allowed.
- Footwear must be sensible, such as trainers. No flip-flops or Crocs are permitted.
- All jewellery must be removed before the trip.
- If warm weather is expected, please send sun cream. If rain is forecast, please send a waterproof jacket.
- Any medication such as inhalers or EpiPens must be brought and handed to the trip first aider.
- All students must bring a packed lunch and a water bottle.
- If your child receives Free School Meals, a grab bag will be provided on the day.

Please note: We have signed a risk assessment on your child's behalf.

An assembly was held last week to explain what to expect. The activities at Go Ape are emotionally and physically challenging.

Students must follow all safety rules provided by Go Ape staff.

Go Ape and Pudsey Grammar School are not liable for any loss or damage to personal belongings.

The coach will depart Go Ape at the later time of 4.00pm, so students will return to school later than usual.

If your child is remaining in school, they are going to be part of a collapsed timetable. They were informed in Form today what they will be doing during the day.

Mrs Kaye
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year 8 Leader

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YEAR 9

We have one week to go after a very busy year for Year 9. We are very proud of how the year group have matured and taken on the year. The celebration assembly we had on Thursday was a testament to this. We want to keep up the good work for one more week and finish the year on a real high.

Flamingo Land

I wanted to make sure you are aware of the details for the Flamingo Land trip next week. The trip will take place on Tuesday 15th July 2025. To make the most of the day, coaches will be leaving school at 8.00am and will return between 4.30pm 5.00pm. Students will be expected to arrive in school for 7.45am to be organised onto the correct coaches. If you are dropping off students by car, please can you not park in the immediate vicinity of the school so the coaches can have access into the car park.

Students are encouraged to bring a packed lunch as food at the park can be very expensive. Any student who receives free school meals and indicated they wanted this on the form will have a packed lunch provided for the day.

Mr Lucas
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mrs Green
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

Awards Evening

Congratulations to all the students who have been nominated for an award, we look forward to seeing you at the Awards Evening on Monday starting with refreshments at 4.30pm.

Alton Towers

For all students that are attending the Alton Towers trip on Tuesday, please be advised that the coaches will be leaving at 7.30am. This means that we will expect students to be in school before 7.15am. Students who are eligible for free school meals will have a grab bag prepared. The Coaches are scheduled to depart from Alton Towers at 3.00pm. Please check the weather and dress appropriately. Students who are not attending the trip are expected to attend school as usual, in uniform and with equipment as they we will run a bespoke timetable for the day.

If you have any questions on the above, please contact either Miss Exley or me.

Mr Syed
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 10 Leader

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YEAR 11

Prom photos have been released by the photographers, please take some time looking through the photos and memories from the evening.

Results day is on the 21st August, students will come into school via main reception and down to the main hall to collect their results between 9-11am.

Miss Legg
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 11 Leader

SIXTH FORM

We hope all students who took part in the Paris trip had a wonderful and enriching experience. It was a fantastic opportunity to explore the culture, history, and beauty of such a vibrant city — we're sure it was a busy but memorable time for everyone involved!

Looking ahead to Work Experience (WEX) next week, we'd like to remind families that students who have not yet secured a placement are expected to attend school as normal. During this time, they will be working on coursework, personal statements, CVs, and other preparation activities to support their future pathways.

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
