

**PARENT & CARER  
WEEKLY BULLETIN  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

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## **HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE**

It has been an extremely successful term for the school. We have had many trips both domestic, foreign and residential over the past few weeks and I know that the students really appreciate the opportunities our school provides.

I know that staff and students are looking forward to the holidays and we will also be looking forward to celebrating on the GCSE and A level results days with our students.

Our school was founded on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1905, and we will be celebrating our 120 anniversary with students when we return in the autumn.

I hope that you and your family have a relaxing summer, and we'll look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We are staggering start times as normal to support a smooth start to the year so please see the website for details of when your child should arrive.

Thank you once again for the support you have given both your child and the school over the past year. It is much appreciated.

**Mark McKelvie**  
**Headteacher**

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## **GENERAL NOTICES**

### **New Student Attendance Reward System – Starting This September!**

We're excited to launch a new attendance reward system to celebrate and encourage excellent attendance at school.

Students will earn 1 point for every week of 100% attendance, as recorded in Arbor.

Points can be:

- Saved up for bigger prizes
- Exchanged for smaller rewards
- Traded for raffle tickets to win major prizes or for special events

There will be special double-points weeks

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Students will continue collecting attendance stickers in their planners from Form Tutors – lost planners mean lost points.

Prizes will be available during lunch breaks from our Attendance Team. Details will be shared with students in September.

Appointments during the school day may affect AM/PM marks and could mean the week doesn't count – but students can always try again the next week.

We hope this new rewards system will help all our students aim high and come to school every day.

Mr Tierney  
Deputy Headteacher

### **PE Information for September**

Please see below a number of reminders regarding PE lessons at Pudsey Grammar School at the start of the September term.

#### **PE kit**

All students should have the following compulsory Pudsey Grammar School navy PE kit:

- Pudsey Grammar School indoor navy sports polo top
- Either the Pudsey Grammar School navy sports hoodie or rugby top
- Studded football boots
- Sports trainers

The following items are required for PE but can be non-Pudsey Grammar School branded:

- Navy shorts or navy tracksuit bottoms or navy sports leggings (not tights)
- Navy long socks

Students are not permitted to wear any other colour PE kit & students cannot wear cycling shorts or flares for PE as these are unsuitable for the sports they will be participating in.

If students are still waiting for new PE kit from Whittakers, please write a note in your child's school planner to clarify this. The full list of PE kit can be found on the school website:-

<https://www.pudseygrammar.co.uk/parent-information/uniform-and-equipment/>

#### **Non-participant notes**

If a student cannot take part in a PE lesson, they should have a written note in their planner from a parent/carer unless it is a long-standing issue that school is aware of. If students have

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the same injury for longer than a two-week period, a doctor's note should then be provided.

Students will still be expected to bring and wear their PE kit, even if they cannot take part, unless they cannot physically get changed. This is so they can still support the lesson in other ways and to prevent their school uniform from getting wet or dirty when they are outdoors with their PE group.

### **Extra-curricular**

PE extra-curricular will start the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> September. The extra-curricular clubs are open to all students in KS3 and KS4 and they run from 3.00pm-3.45pm. When attending the clubs, students will have to register using the PE QR code which is located outside the school changing rooms each time they attend.

The clubs on offer in the Autumn term are as follows:-

- Football
- Rugby
- Netball
- Handball

We hope you have a great Summer.

Mr Leigh  
Subject Leader of PE

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## **Year 7**

### **Well done to our wonderful Year 7 students!**

As we come to the end of the academic year, we would like to take a moment to congratulate all our Year 7 students on a fantastic first year at Pudsey Grammar School.

It has been a pleasure to see how well they have settled into secondary school life demonstrating resilience, enthusiasm, and a real commitment to learning. From building new friendships and embracing new routines to showing determination in lessons and participating fully in extra-curricular opportunities, they have truly made the most of their first year.

We are especially proud of the way our Year 7s have represented the school—both in and out of the classroom—with maturity, kindness, and growing confidence.

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As the summer holidays approach, we encourage all students to enjoy a well-deserved rest. We hope they find time to relax, recharge, and spend quality time with family and friends.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for another successful year ahead!

Wishing you all a safe, happy, and restful summer.

Mrs Mitchell  
Year 7 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank  
Year 7 Leader

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### **YEAR 8**

Well done to all the students who attended Go Ape! You showed great teamwork, resilience and enthusiasm throughout the day.

It was lovely to celebrate our achievements together at the Awards Evening this week. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make it a memorable occasion.

We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. Please remember that term begins on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Students should return by 9.10am for a prompt 9.20am start.

Have a great summer – we look forward to seeing you in September!

Mrs Kaye  
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie  
Year 8 Leader

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### **YEAR 9**

#### **Bronze DofE**

A reminder to all students completing their Duke of Edinburgh's Award: please make sure your eDofE profile is up to date with evidence of your activities.

Even if you've been regularly working on your physical, volunteering, or skill sections, it's important to log your progress. Don't forget – each section needs an assessor's report to be signed off, and this must be completed by someone who is not a family member.

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You can find guidance on how to upload evidence here:

<https://help.edofe.org/hc/en-gb/articles/360015890617-How-do-I-add-evidence-as-a-participant-eDofE>

The summer holidays are a great time to get sections completed and signed off, especially if you're hoping to move on to the Silver Award in Year 10.

If you've forgotten your login details please email: [j.legg@pudseygrammar.co.uk](mailto:j.legg@pudseygrammar.co.uk)

Miss Legg  
Director of Studies (Year 11)

We want to wish all of Year 9 a restful and enjoyable summer break. It has been a great year and fantastic to see our students grow and mature into brilliant people. We had a fun and wet time at Flamingo Land on Tuesday, and the students coped with everything fantastically. We want them to come back refreshed and excited to tackle the first of the GCSE years.

I also want to add that it has been a real pleasure to be their Director of Studies the last two years and loved working with the year group. I will be moving to be the new Year 7 Director of Studies but the year is in great hands with Mrs Green and Miss Legg. If there are any academic concerns going into the new year Miss Legg will be the person to contact at [j.legg@pudseygrammar.co.uk](mailto:j.legg@pudseygrammar.co.uk).

Mr Lucas  
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mrs Green  
Year 9 Leader

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## **YEAR 10**

### **A Fantastic Year**

Congratulations to all our Year 10 students on a fantastic year! You have made excellent progress, shown great resilience, and consistently risen to the challenges along the way. We are incredibly proud of everything you've achieved and look forward to seeing you return refreshed and ready to embrace the opportunities of Year 11. Wishing you all a well-deserved and lovely summer break!

Mr Syed  
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Exley  
Year 10 Leader

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### **YEAR 11**

As we reach the end of an incredible Key Stage 4 journey, we want to take a moment to wish all our Year 11 students the very best for the future. Whether you're moving on to Sixth Form/college, apprenticeships or new adventures elsewhere, we are so proud of everything you've achieved and the young adults you've become.

A reminder that GCSE Results Day is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August, and students are invited to collect their results from the main hall between 9.00am and 11.00am. We hope to see many of you there to celebrate your hard work and success.

To those continuing with us into Sixth Form, we can't wait to welcome you back in September! For those heading off to new settings, please do stay in touch, we love hearing about your next steps and future successes.

Have a fantastic summer and good luck in all that lies ahead!

Miss Legg  
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall  
Year 11 Leader

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### **SIXTH**

### **FORM**

A huge well done to our Year 12 students who have completed their Work Experience, we hope that they had an enjoyable and productive week and are now ready for a well-deserved holiday.

#### **Arrangements for August and September**

For current Year 12 students expecting Applied exam or GCSE Resit exams, please see the arrangements below:

Applied Exam Results: Results will be emailed home to students and primary guardians on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

GCSE English and Maths: Results will be emailed home to students and primary guardians on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August.

For current Year 13 students, please see the arrangements below for A Level Results day:

Post 16 results will be published this year on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025 They will be available to collect from school between 8.00am and 11.00am.



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All GCSE English and Maths results will be emailed home to students and primary guardians on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August.

### **Arrangements for the start of term – Year 12 students**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September - Training Day (Staff only)

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Year 12 students will be expected to officially enrol as a member of our Sixth Form. The details are as follows:

Year 12 students arrive from 11.50am via the Sixth Form side entrance

12.00pm - 12.40pm with Form Tutors

12.40pm - 1.10pm Assembly

Students can leave after 1.10pm

Lessons begin for the new academic year on the morning of Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 8.50am.

### **Arrangements for the start of term – Year 13 students**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September - Training Day (staff only)

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Year 7 - 12 Attend only

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September:

Year 13 students arrive from 8.20am via the Sixth Form side entrance

Register with the Form Tutor 8.30am - 8.50am Assembly

Lessons begin for the new academic year on the morning of Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 8.50am.

Please find below a reminder of the equipment list for September:

An A4 ring binder for each specific subject

File dividers for each folder

A pencil case which includes: pens, pencils, red pens, highlighters, scissors and glue-stick

A small hole punch

W/board marker and eraser

A bag big enough to carry A4 ring binders

Please find below a reminder of our Sixth Form dress code:

Skirts and shorts should be modest – just above knee length or below

Midriffs should be covered (no crop tops)

Hats should not be worn when in school

Lanyards must be worn at all times (if students require a new ID badge, this can be purchased via Parent Mail prior to returning in September)

Ripped denims are not permitted

Necklines should be modest

Sliders, crocs and flip flops pose a health and safety risk and should not be worn in the school building



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We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students for their hard work and resilience during this academic year. We would also like to thank all our parents and carers for their ongoing 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

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