



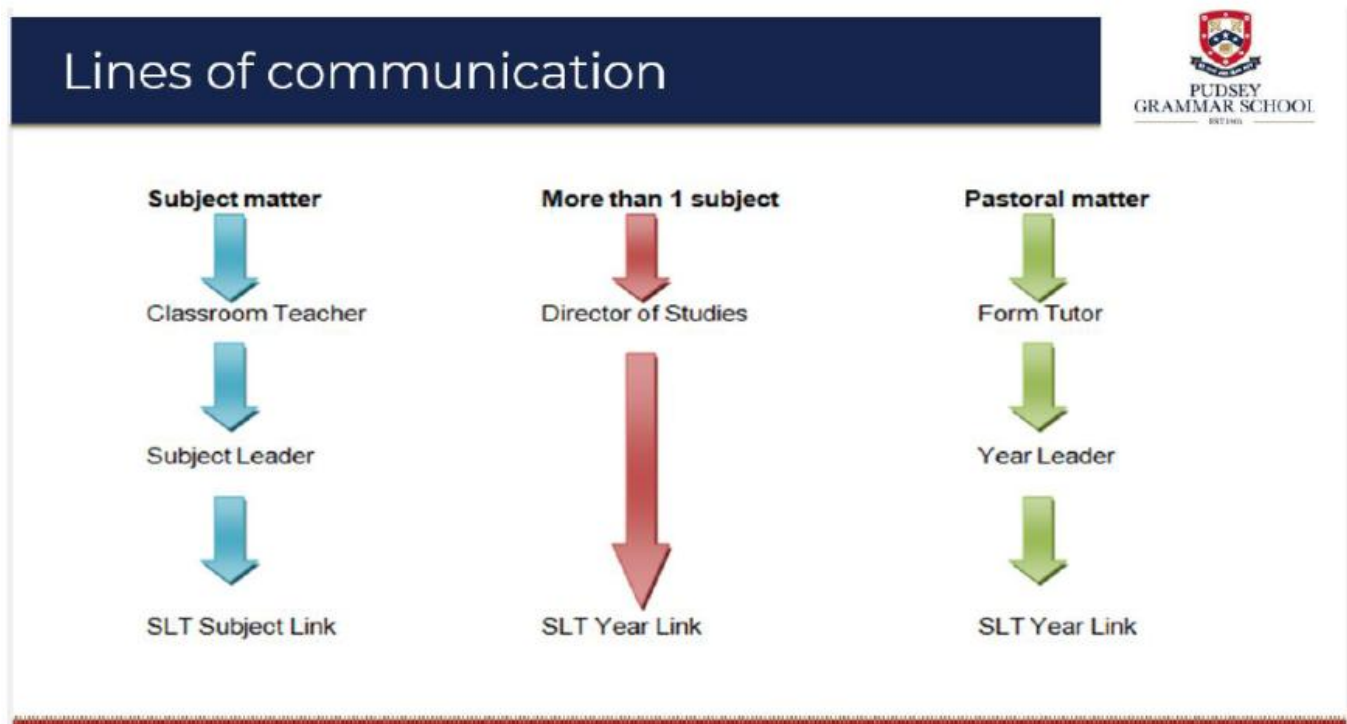
**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**
Friday 19th September 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We are trying to involve our Form Tutors more in sorting minor issues for students. One way of doing this is for parents to be able to communicate directly with the Form Tutor. We are in the process of publishing each Form Tutor's email address to allow you to do this. Form Tutors are extremely busy teachers in the school so the response will be within our standard communication policy of 48 hours for non-safeguarding matters. If your concern is specifically of a safeguarding nature, you should call the school or contact your child's Year Leader.

We have a system which allows parents to get advice and support from the correct member of staff. If your query is about one subject or a non-safeguarding matter, you should contact the Form Tutor. In the rare circumstances where you do not receive a response within 48 hours from the Form Tutor then you can contact the Director of Studies for your child's year group. Similarly, if the concern involves multiple subjects the query should go to the Director of Studies. If the matter is serious or safeguarding, then you should contact the Year Leader.

Please ensure that you follow the system outlined below so that your query is dealt with swiftly by the correct person.



Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

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GENERAL NOTICES

Unacceptable Theatre Performance – Year 8, 9 and 10

On Thursday 25th September we have a theatre company in school to deliver a performance and talk called "Unacceptable". This will be for Years 8, 9 and 10. Unacceptable aims to raise awareness and promotes cultural change around sexism, misogyny, sexual harassment and sexual violence.

For more information about the performance please visit the following site: <https://theatre-for-schools.com/2023/06/06/unacceptable/>

Mr Sammons
Assistant Headteacher

A Star Attendance

Our school Attendance team is now using A Star Attendance to help manage student attendance more effectively. This platform allows us to quickly identify and address any attendance concerns, as well as celebrate and praise positive attendance. We kindly ask all parents and carers to check their email regularly for any communication from the attendance team.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1M85FVkJXyHvK0EGGMvM3PMbvRF3XZE-ku>

Punctuality Reminder

We would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of punctuality each morning. School doors open at 8.20am, and students are expected to be in Form for registration by 8.30am. Arriving late may affect a student's attendance record and could be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Please also note that medical appointments during Form time and period 1 will impact attendance.

Mrs Bennett
Attendance Team

Year 7

We have now completed our third week of secondary school, and we are still really impressed by the start our new Year 7s have made. The weather this week has proved a challenge, but the attendance was still really high and students' attitudes in lesson have been very good. We want to stress the importance of making sure we are prepared for the day ahead and having their equipment and planner. Forgotten planners will lead to detentions unfortunately.

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Parents Information Evening

A final reminder about our Parents Information Evening next Thursday 25th September. If you haven't already responded to the form about attendance to the evening, please can you do so. It will really help us with the organisation of the evening, and it is also a great opportunity to come into the school and meet the Form tutors.

PGL

A letter has been sent out about our Residential next year. The payment will become live on Parentmail from 7pm on Friday. These payments need to be made by 26th September. The number of spaces available are based off the responses to the initial interest form so we will be working off a first come first served if we go over these numbers.

Tempest Photos

We are aware of a number of issues with ordering photos from Tempest. We are in contact with them trying to find a solution and we will communicate this as soon as we get it.

Mr Lucas
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

Parent Information Evening

The Year 8 Parent Information Evening is next week, Wednesday 24th September 5-6pm. Last year was a great opportunity to have parents and carers in school and meeting Form tutors. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone again, students are welcome and encouraged to attend with you.

Next week's students in Year 8 will also be watching a theatre performance on Thursday 25th, which is delivered by an external company.

Equipment

I would like to extend my thanks for the support from parents and carers with ensuring that Year 8 are coming to school fully equipped for learning. We have noticed a significant improvement from the end of last year, all students are now bringing bags to school and remembering to bring planners on a daily basis. We are continually reminding students of the importance of reading and having a reading book with them as part of their daily equipment. Please can we ask that you also support and encourage students to bring a book or use the school library.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 8 Leader

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YEAR 9

We are now well into the term, and the majority of Year 9 are getting on brilliantly and showing great application in lessons. The uniform standard has also generally improved, and we really appreciate your support with this.

Parents Information Evening

Another reminder that the Year 9 Parent Information Evening is on Tuesday 23rd September. To confirm your attendance please reply to the form on Parentmail. If you cannot make it there will be information shared online to catch up.

Mrs Kaye
Year 9 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us for our Parent Information Evening on Thursday. It was lovely to see so many of you there. For those who couldn't make it, please don't worry, the information will be available on the school website in the coming days.

Just a gentle reminder that the deadline for subject swaps has now passed. Any further changes to timetables will only be possible in exceptional circumstances. We do ask that students who have made late swaps take responsibility for catching up on any lessons they may have missed, and we'll continue to support them in settling into their new classes.

Miss Legg
Year 10 Director of Studies

Mrs Green
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

Parent Information Evening

Thank you for your attendance to the Parent Information Evening on Wednesday. Despite it being a long day for everyone, it was heartwarming to see so many parents/carers present and engaging in conversations with the Year 11 team. Please do continue positive conversations about revision and what that will look like in your household. Please do get in touch if you would like to continue this conversation with the Form tutor, or if it is subject specific, please contact the subject leader in the usual way.

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If you were unable to attend, please visit the links below where you will be able to access the resources.

Main Presentation:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1P8Cv0MM81VpSm7RvIX17-F9jxafkZ0_yYiTzMRP2zyQ/edit?usp=sharing

Form Tutor Presentation:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1zefQgMXVUggjAPrsinkQyRZofuxGrHtJmA6dg8yEzW8/edit?usp=sharing>

Parent Overview (including revision timetable)

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1vrfPenKfHwa7REbVu1Cbf6zuSNLATu8umj5igmuaOU/edit?usp=sharing>

Blackpool Payment Due Today!

As mentioned previously, should your child want to join the Blackpool trip, the payment will need to have been made by today (Friday 19th September). Please do check Parentmail to make a payment.

Mr Syed
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 11 Leader

SIXTH FORM

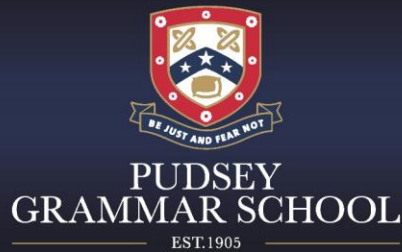
Important Dates

Year 12

Monday 6th October - Training Day #2
w/c Monday 17th November – Year 12 Assessment Week 1 (in class)
Friday 28th November - Training Day #3

Year 13

Monday 22nd September - Year 13 Parent Information Evening @ 5.00pm
Monday 6th October - Training Day #2
w/c Tuesday 7th October – Year 13 Assessment Week (in class)
Monday 3rd November – Year 13 Tutorials Commence
Friday 28th November - Training Day #3
w/c Monday 1st December – Year 13 Trial Exam Week 1 (sports hall)
w/c Monday 8th December - New York Trip



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Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the Year 12 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday. We really appreciate your time, engagement and support. We hope you found the event informative and that it provided valuable insight into the year ahead for your child. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your son or daughter's Form tutor.

The Year 13 Parent Information Evening is Monday 22nd September @ 5.00pm. Please use this link to confirm your attendance and book onto the event.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/pudsey-grammar-school/year-13-parent-information-evening/e-lemaxd>

Unifrog

This year, Unifrog will be used across the Sixth Form during tutorials, Form time, for university applications, and for Year 12 work experience. All students already have a Unifrog account linked to their school email. To access it, students simply need to:

*Search <https://www.unifrog.org/> in Google.

*Click Sign in with your school email.

*Select Resend welcome email / Reset password – this will send a link for first-time login. Unifrog is a fantastic platform offering a wealth of resources, including:

- *Careers guidance and personal development tools
- *University and apprenticeship research
- *CV and personal statement builders
- *Work experience and application support

We encourage all parents and carers to support their child in making the most of this invaluable resource.

Year 12 Residential Trips

We are excited to share that we will be running two overseas residentials for Year 12 in 2026 – one to Paris and another to New York. Further information will be provided next week, along with letters sent home so that families can secure spaces on these visits. Please note that the Paris trip will have an earlier deadline, as we need to confirm the hotel booking as soon as possible. These are always fantastic trips that our students thoroughly enjoy each year, and we are very pleased to be able to offer them once again to our current Year 12 cohort.

Year 13 Next Steps Support

We would like to remind parents and carers of the support available to Year 13 students as they prepare for their next steps, whether that be university, apprenticeships, or employment.

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Form Tutors – Students' first port of call should always be their Form tutor. All tutors are very familiar with the UCAS process and are keen to support with personal statement feedback and UCAS applications.

Careers Office – Miss Robinson – Students can also contact Miss Robinson for one-to-one appointments, UCAS administrative support, and personalised feedback.

For those pursuing apprenticeships or employment, students should now be:

Building or updating their CVs

Researching potential sectors and career pathways

Preparing emails and applications

Miss Robinson is available to guide students through this process, helping them build confidence and gain the skills they need for their next steps. She can provide tailored support with CV writing, formulating professional emails, and searching for apprenticeship opportunities.

To seek advice, please contact us via prospects@pudseygrammar.co.uk

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Smith
Assistant Director of Sixth Form

Miss Robinson
Careers and Enrichment Lead

Miss Hart
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Mrs Scott
Supervised Study Co-Ordinator