



PUDSEY
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
EST.1905

Yr 7 Parent Information Evening
SLT link: Mrs Gregory
Director of Studies: Mr Lucas
Year Leader: Miss Birdsall/ Mrs Swithenbank

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Welcome and purpose

Thank you for your attendance.

Agenda for the evening

- School priorities
- Changes for the new academic year
- Overview of the year ahead
- Meet the form tutor session



Running order

- 5.05 - 5.25 Main presentation
- Refreshments available on the street
- 5.30 - 5.35 Movement to form tutor session
- 5.35 - 5:50 Form tutor session
- 6:00 - End of the evening



No planned drills - assembly point on the yard



Accessible toilets open opposite the Hall and at the end of the street

Student progress - Doing the simple things well

Control the controllables

1. **ATTITUDE**
2. **EFFORT**
3. **FOCUS**
4. **PREPARATION**
5. **REST**
6. **FITNESS AND NUTRITION**
7. **EMOTIONS**



PGS Student Behaviour

- Our behaviour system is based on our school values. It ensures everyone has the opportunity to learn in a supportive, happy, environment.

Respect, Resilience, Integrity, Ambition, Compassion

- We are extremely proud of the behaviour our students display.
- Our most recent OFSTED observed that:
 - a. Pudsey Grammar is an inclusive school.
 - b. The school is welcoming and pupils respect the differences in other people.
 - c. Pupils get on very well with each other.

The standards we expect to see from all students

It is important as a member of the Pudsey Grammar School community that students follow the 5 basic standards below

1. Follow staff instructions **first time, everytime**
2. Ensure that they are **organised** for all their lessons
3. **Are respectful** to everyone in school
4. **Work as hard** as they can each day
5. Have the **correct uniform each day**

Equipment

The following equipment is **required each day** as a Pudsey Grammar School student:

Form tutors will **complete equipment checks each morning** and will log any missing equipment.

Parents will be contacted by form tutors if students do not rectify equipment issues.

Essential for all subjects

Black/blue pen	Eraser
Red Pen	Glue stick
Pencil	Compass/protractor
Ruler	Pencil sharpener
White board pen	Highlighter/coloured pencils
Reading book	Scientific calculator

Our Learning Modes at PGS

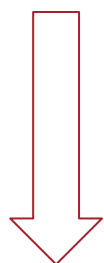
Focused Whole Class learning



Teacher directed section of the lesson for new or detailed knowledge

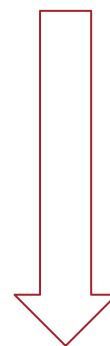


Independent silent study



Staff will provide students with scaffolds e.g. sentence starters, models, vocab support or appropriate texts to enable this.

Purposeful Group Tasks



Teachers will give students group roles e.g researcher or presenter. Alternatively, they will have been provided specific success criteria for the group outcomes.



Quiet Partner Work



A chance to gain new perspectives, learn from a peer and to embed new knowledge through discussion and debate.

Virtual Form tutor reports - Parental engagement

On the rare occasion that a student has **3 removals in a single day** or more than **5 removals in a single week** they will be added to a virtual form tutor report.

Form tutors will discuss this with students at the start of the week and will contact parents

Students will be expected to reduce their removals over the next school week to come off the report.

Arbor Parent Portal

Parents and students should have a login for the Arbor app

We use arbor to: -

- Share homework tasks
- Log positive behaviours
- Log behaviour incidents
- Set sanctions - including detentions and isolation
- Track attendance



Attendance matters

Concern	% Attendance	Days missed	Weeks missed	Lessons missed*
None	100%	0	0	0
Low	97%	6	1	36
Medium	95%	9.5	2	57
High	90%	19	4	114
High	85%	28.5	6	171
High	80%	38	8	228

Anxiety and well-being: our position

- Normal to feel anxious
- Focus on coping strategies
- Self Care information in assemblies and parent bulletin
- SEMH & Pastoral Support
- Work closely with local agencies for more targeted support



Supporting your child's wellbeing

All students will have access to:

A planned personal development weekly assembly programme - covering areas such as self-discipline, role models, protected characteristics and recognised yearly awareness days.

Structured form time with nurture in mind - PSHE input, current affair reflections, career motivation and literacy.

Opportunities to partake in House competitions - build friendships, sense of belonging and to contribute to the school community.

A breadth of extracurricular activities - clubs, trips & visits and school council, all appealing to student interest.

Rewards

- Last year we launched our new rewards system to sit alongside the behaviour policy.
- This aims to reward students that consistently do the right thing.
- Includes:
 - Events and draws throughout the year for those with a high average ATL.
 - End of year reward trips.



SEN support

Any questions or concerns surrounding any Special Education Needs (SEN) please contact

Mrs E Matthews - Assistant Headteacher SEND and Inclusion

Miss C Shepherd - Deputy Director of SEND KS3 (Y7-9)

Mr N Haley - Deputy Director of SEND KS4 + 5 (Y10-Y13)

SENDrequest@pudseygrammar.co.uk

Parent communication

Communication & Transfer of Enquiries

Subject matter

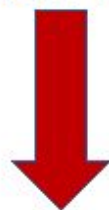


Subject Leader

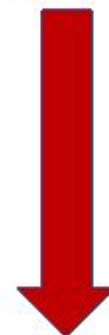


SLT Subject Link

More than 1 subject

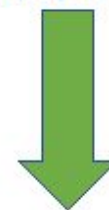


Director of Studies



SLT Year Link

Pastoral matter



Form Tutor



Year Leader



SLT Year Link

Good communication matters to us

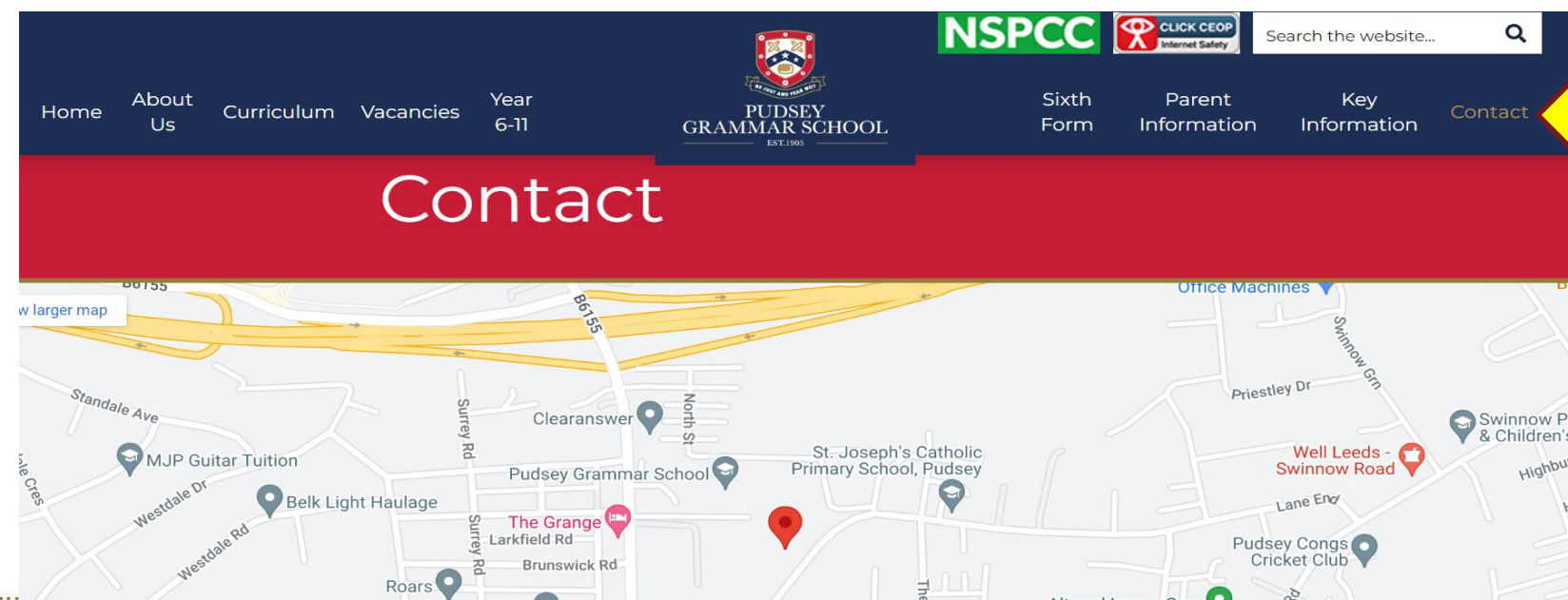
- Weekly parent bulletin – each Friday
- Parent mail
- Arbor for positives/negatives
- Who to contact - website

General Enquiries

Key Contacts

Year Leaders and Directors of Studies

Subject Leaders





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Year 7
Mr Lucas

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How to succeed in Year 7

“We are what we repeatedly do.
Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”

Respect
Resilience
Integrity
Compassion
Ambition

Year Leader change

- Miss Birdsall has started her maternity leave
- Mrs Swithenbank has taken over on a temporary basis and is helping with the year group
- As a year team we are covering everything

First year at PGS

There is lots to look forward to ...

- New subjects : DT carousel - Art, photography, textiles, food tech.
- House events- Happen throughout the year, variety of different competitions to suit all.
- Rewards - Attendance awards and Inflatables
- Residential - 6th - 8th July 2026

What will students be learning about in Year 7 this year?

- English - **Animal Farm**
- Maths - **Algebraic Thinking**
- Science - **Cells and Reproduction**
- Geography - **Weather & Climate and Glaciers**
- History - **The making of Britain**
- PE - - **Football / Rugby / Netball / Badminton**

Book recommendations for KS3

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

The Book Thief by Mark Zusak

The Hunger Games Series by Suzanne Collins

Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman

Wonder by R J Palacio

Holes by Louis Sachar

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

The Giver by Lois Lowry

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien

Key dates this year

Progress Updates will be sent out each term.

Virtual Parents Evening: 5th February 2025

Progress report 1: January 2026

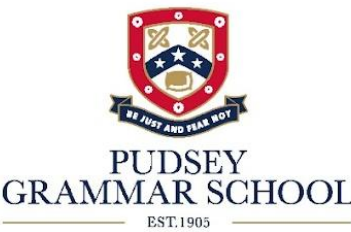
Progress report 2: June 2026

End of Year assessments: June 2026

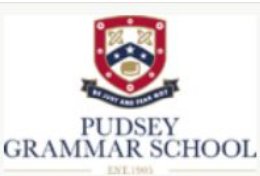
Residential Newby Wiske : 6th-8th July 2026

Awards Evening 14th July 2026

Assessment and attitude to learning



Pudsey Grammar School			
Year group	Form	House	
Year 7 (2024/2025)	7CS (2024/2025)	Canopus	
Attendance*	Lates	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
100.0%	0	0	0
Detentions			
0			



Report date
13 Jun 2025

Course	Target	Current	Target judgement
English: Current Band	7-9	7-9	Meeting
English: Attitude to Learning	Meeting	Exceeding	Exceeding
English: Rhetoric - Attitude to Learning	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
Mathematics: Current Band	7-9	7-9	Meeting
Mathematics: Attitude to Learning	Meeting	Exceeding	Exceeding
Science: Current Band	7-9	7-9	Meeting
Science: Attitude to Learning	Meeting	Exceeding	Exceeding
Art: Current Band	7-9	5-6	Working below
Art: Attitude to Learning	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
Design and Technology: Current Band	7-9	5-6	Working below
Design and Technology: Attitude to Learning	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
Drama: Current Band	7-9	7-9	Meeting
Drama: Attitude to Learning	Meeting	Exceeding	Exceeding
French: Current Band	7-9	7-9	Meeting
French: Attitude to Learning	Meeting	Exceeding	Exceeding
Geography: Current Band	7-9	7-9	Meeting

Consider

Broad bands

ATL averages

Attendance

Detentions

Revision and homework

- Students should be doing at least one hour's homework each night.
- All will be **set on Arbor**.
- Good revision can go beyond this.
- **Mindmaps** and flashcards really help.
- Great preparation for assessments.



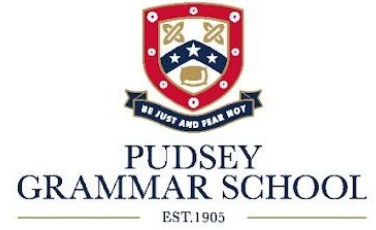
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PGL Residential

Summer Term

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PGL: Year 7 residential



Leave - **Monday 6th July 2026** - 10:00am

Return - **Wednesday 8th July 2026** - 3:00pm

3 day residential at Newby Wiske Hall

£301 per student - includes accommodation for two nights with full board dining, transport throughout the trip and all the activities.

The trip will aim to build relationships and communication skills within the year group.

There will be a limited number of places available and attendance will depend on Good ATL and behaviour

What your day will look like.

Sample day for Secondary Schools at Newby Wiske Hall

Schedule	Activities
07.00 - 09.00	Get up, get ready and fuel up for the day ahead
09.00 - 12.00	Morning activities - usually 2 sessions
12.00 - 14.00	Dry off & clean up. Time for a fresh & tasty two-course hot lunch
14.00 - 17.00	Afternoon activities - 2 exciting sessions
18.00 - 19.00	Time to eat again - a different menu each day
19.30 - 21.00	1 hour of activities - discos, campfires, quizzes and more. The evening activity programme keeps you laughing until bedtime.
21.00 / 21.30	Bedtime. Catch up on some zzz's and prepare to do it all over again tomorrow!

PGL Activities



Quick Jump

Attached to a harness, step into the air and enjoy the adrenaline rush of free falling until a giant fan sweeps you into flying mode, bringing you gently to land!



Aqua Park

Can your group make it across the course without getting wet? Or will they get soaked anyway – that's what those extra clothes are for!



Laser Tag

Head into the woods with your own laser guns and vests. Team tactics, communication skills and a steady hand ensure this will be one fun duel!

Saalbach - Austria



- 7 days and 7 nights
- Buffet breakfast, Packed Lunch & Evening Meals
- Airport travel & Transfers
- Ski Equipment hire & Ski Passes for the week
- Bowling / Pizza Night & Live Ice Hockey

Cost £1986.00

Deposit £150 Due Sept 26th

NON-REFUNDABLE



What happens now?

At 5:35 the form tutor session will start

Mr Lord	7ABLD	116/117	Floor 1
Mr Tutt	7AMTT	103/104	
Mr Alderson	7CRAN	113/114	
Miss Norris	7DENS	106/107	
Mrs Selway	7DKSY	206/207	Floor 2
Mr Leigh	7PJLH	213/214	
Mrs Dove	7CDDE	203/204	
Mr Cousins	7PMCS	216/217	