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WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight the excellent work our PE staff do in providing students with sporting opportunities outside of the classroom.

I asked Mr Conway who took our team to the athletics finals last night for a summary of our students' recent achievements and I'm sure you will agree when you read it that our students have done themselves, their families and our school proud:

*'Yesterday the Year 7 boys took part in the West Yorkshire indoor athletics finals; to get there they won a West Leeds qualifier and then a whole Leeds City qualifier. Yesterday they placed second in the West Yorkshire finals. They were a true credit to the school in terms of their behaviour, attitude, commitment, and performance.'*

*The Year 7 boys have been excellent in football this year. They have currently played five games in the league and won all five without conceding a goal. We have three more games on Monday and should hopefully win the West Leeds league and progress into the knockout stages of the Leeds Cup.*

*The Year 10/11 girls have also been fantastic this year in football, and they have a semi-final Cup fixture against Woodkirk on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.*

*The Year 9 boys are also going strong in the league playing five games and winning all five so they should qualify for the knockout stages of the Leeds Cup.'*

I want to congratulate all our students who were involved in these successes and wish the football teams all the best in the remaining fixtures. I also want to thank our PE staff – without them giving up their free time none of this would happen so it's much appreciated by us all.

**Mark McKelvie**  
Headteacher

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## Year 7

### Sporting Excellence

I wanted to highlight how well our boys have been performing in sports fixtures over the past week. The boys' football team went to a tournament on Monday winning all three games, with



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Mr Conway saying how brilliantly they all performed. The boys also represented the school in the West Yorkshire Indoor Athletics final in Huddersfield on Thursday. We are very proud of all their achievements.

### **PGL**

For the parents of anyone going on the PGL trip, I will be sending out a form next week covering any dietary requirements so we can inform the PGL team before our arrival. When it is sent could you please respond as quickly as possible, so nothing is missed.

Mr Lucas  
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss White  
Year 7 Leader

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## **YEAR 8**

I would like to share that I have returned following a period of absence and am really looking forward to catching up with the Year 8 students and seeing how they have been getting on. It will be great to reconnect with the year group and continue supporting them throughout the rest of the term.

Students are continuing to work hard across all of their subjects and we are pleased with the effort many of them are showing in lessons. As we move further into the term, we encourage all students to stay organised, complete homework on time, and continue revising key knowledge from their lessons.

Please remind your child to bring the correct equipment to school each day, including pens, pencils, a ruler, and any subject-specific materials they may need. Being prepared helps students make the most of their learning time.

We also ask parents to continue supporting good attendance and punctuality, as this has a significant impact on progress and wellbeing in school.

Thank you for your continued support - Mrs Mitchell

Mrs Mitchell  
Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank  
Year 8 Leader

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### YEAR 9

#### Duke of Edinburgh

The second cohort had a successful expedition this week, well done to everyone that has taken part so far. The third cohort are due to complete their expedition on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March. Those students taking part please meet in the car part at 8.30am where you will be met and provided with any equipment you have asked to borrow. Any questions please email Mrs Swithenbank at [s.swithenbank@pudseygrammar.co.uk](mailto:s.swithenbank@pudseygrammar.co.uk).

#### Guided Choices

Please see below some key dates for GCSE options.

Guided Choices assembly to Year 9 students - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Information Evening. Please confirm attendance via the Google form link below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIc\\_zcKpp6Kwtwm\\_6UB8QnPHR1PC1U6ITUtB8KHXh6nm\\_idg/viewform?usp=publish-editor](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIc_zcKpp6Kwtwm_6UB8QnPHR1PC1U6ITUtB8KHXh6nm_idg/viewform?usp=publish-editor)

Guided Choice forms open - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Deadline for completed forms – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

The forms will be completed in form time with support and supervision from form tutors

Mrs Kaye  
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mr Inman  
Year 9 Leader

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### YEAR 10

One-to-one careers meetings have now begun with our Careers Advisor. These meetings are a valuable opportunity for students to discuss their interests, future pathways and next steps as they begin to think about life after Year 11. Students will be informed of their appointment times by their form tutor, and their allocated slot will also appear on Arbor.

Before the Easter break, students in 10AHMI and 10ATPH will have their meetings. We encourage students to attend these appointments prepared to talk about their interests, strengths and any ideas they may already have about future careers or study options.



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We know that many of our Year 10 students achieve wonderful things outside of school, whether that be in sport, music, volunteering, community activities or other personal achievements. Often our students are very modest and do not always share these successes with us. If your child has recently achieved something they are proud of, we would love to hear about it. Please do email us with any positive news or achievements, so that we can celebrate and recognise the fantastic efforts of students within our year group.

Miss Legg  
Year 10 Director of Studies

Mrs Green  
Year 10 Leader

### **YEAR 11**

A reminder that trial exams will take place next week Monday to Thursday. Most exams take place in the morning but there is an afternoon exam on Thursday to be aware of. Please also take note of the Exam Success Evening, you will have received an invitation to this.

Also, Eid Mubarak to all families who will be celebrating the end of Ramadhan at the end of next week!

#### Core Trial Exams

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - English Lit 1

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Biology 2

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Chemistry 2

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - AM English Lit 2, PM Physics 2

 \*Year 11 Exam Success Evening\* (parents/carers invited to school) - 24<sup>th</sup> March – 5.00pm – 6.00pm

 Break for Easter Holidays - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (Bank holiday on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April)

 Return to school - 20<sup>th</sup> April

#### English Walking Talking Mock

Y Band - 21<sup>st</sup> April

X Band - 24<sup>th</sup> April

#### \*\*\*GCSE EXAMS\*\*\* (some smaller exams may be sooner)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Please avoid booking any holidays during this period, please wait until all exams have been completed and events below. If in any doubt, please contact me to check dates.



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- ✦ Year 11 Leavers Assembly (final goodbyes in school) - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – 1.00pm – 3.30pm
- ✦ Year 11 into Year 12 Induction Days - 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- ✦ Year 11 Prom! - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July
- ✦ GCSE Results Day & Sixth Form Enrolment – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August, further details to follow.

### 🌴 Gentle Tips

😊 When you feel anxious

- Pause and breathe: breathe in slowly for 4, out for 6. Do this a few times.
- Remind yourself: feeling anxious does not mean you're failing.
- Ground yourself: name 3 things you can see, 2 things you can hear, 1 thing you can touch.
- It's okay to have bad days — they don't undo your progress.

😓 Looking after yourself

- Sleep is important — a rested brain works better.
- Eat something, even if it's small.
- Move a little — stretching or a short walk can help calm your body.
- Take breaks without guilt — rest is not being lazy.
- Get some air - freshen your mind, body and soul with a nice walk outdoors.
- Avoid negative vibes.

💛 Gentle reminders

- You are not alone — lots of students feel this way.
- Ask for help — teachers want to support you. Speak to Mr Syed and Miss Exley if you need us. We see the students every morning and are here for them.

Mr Syed  
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Exley  
Year 11 Leader

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## SIXTH FORM

We would like to say a huge well done to our Year 13 students who have successfully completed their Trial Exams and attended additional coursework sessions this week. We recognise that this can be a particularly demanding and challenging week, and students have been a credit to themselves and conducted themselves in an exemplary manner throughout. We know how hard they have been working, and we hope that the outcomes from this week's assessments will prove informative and supportive for progress over the coming weeks, while also helping to build students' confidence as they continue their preparation for the summer



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examinations. A further congratulations goes to our Year 12 students who have also completed assessments this week in Core Maths, GCSE English, GCSE Maths and GCSE Science. Once again, students demonstrated excellent attendance and exemplary conduct, which is fantastic to see.

### **Year 13 Tutorials – Restart Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

A reminder that Year 13 tutorials will restart on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. With only three more weeks remaining, it is essential that students attend these sessions. This is the final push before the Easter holidays, and we encourage all students to make the most of this time. Sessions will focus on key areas for development identified in the most recent assessments.

### **Year 12 Trial Exam Week**

Year 12 Trial Exams will take place from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. This was discussed during our online assembly this Friday. Exam details will be added to students' Arbor accounts, and a copy of the overall timetable will be discussed and shared during form time next week. This timetable will also include details of any additional revision sessions and coursework support sessions available to students.

### **Upcoming Parent Events**

We have two important parent events coming up before the Easter holidays:

Year 13 Exam Success Evening – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March (in school)

Year 12 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April (online)

Further details will follow shortly, so please keep an eye out for communications regarding booking and attendance.

### **Dates for 2026**

#### **Year 12**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Year 12 Parents Evening (online)  
w/c Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 12 Trial Exam Week (Sports/Main Hall tbc)  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 12 Paris Trip  
w/c 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 12 Work Experience

#### **Year 13**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 13 Exam Success Evening  
w/c Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Exam Season Commences  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Year 13 Awards Ceremony & Prom  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August - A Level Results Day  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August - GCSE Results Day



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Thank you as always for your continued support.

Mrs Smith  
Assistant Director of Sixth Form

Miss Robinson  
Careers and Progression Manager

Miss Mathie  
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Mrs Scott  
Supervised Study Co-Ordinator

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