



**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**
Friday 20th March 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

You will know from my letter yesterday that we are changing our Mobile Phone policy to be in line with new national expectations. These will be enforced by Ofsted from 1st April and involve mobile phones being banned from use in schools from the start of the day to the end of the day.

Mobile phones have been banned in our classrooms for nearly ten years and any student found using a mobile phone in a lesson has it confiscated until parents or carers can come in to collect it. The new policy extends this so that students who are using their phone during social times also have their phone confiscated. The only difference being if it's confiscated during social times the phone will be returned to the student at the end of the day.

The new policy will come into force on Monday 30th March.

If you need any further details please refer to my letter which you can find via this link <https://www.pudseygrammar.co.uk/parent-information/parental-communication/letters-home/>

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Website update: Contact and FAQ section

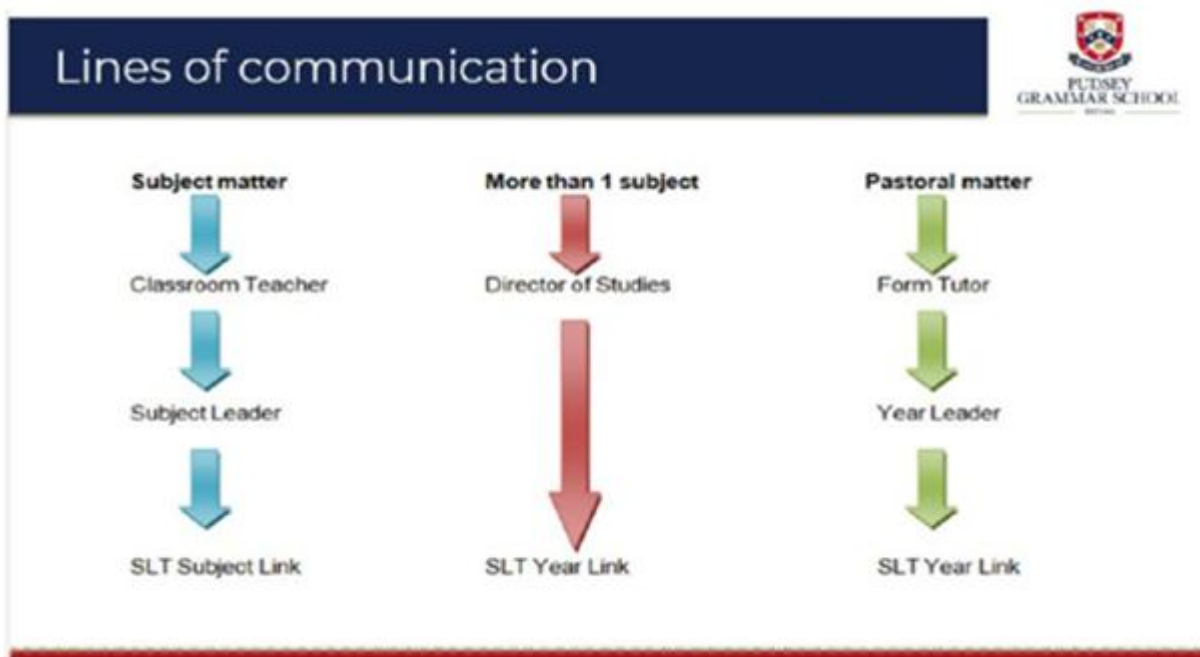
The Contact section of our website offers clear guidance on the best ways to get in touch with us, along with a useful Frequently Asked Questions section.

Before sending an email or making a call, we encourage you to check the updated Contact page – it may save you time and help you find the answer you need more quickly. Visit the updated Contact section here – <https://www.pudseygrammar.co.uk/contact/>.



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Below is a diagram outlining who you should contact if you have an enquiry. As a reminder, we aim to respond to all enquiries within 48 hours.



Miss Frost
PA to the Headteacher

Year 7

End of Year Rewards

As part of our ongoing efforts to celebrate hard work, positive behaviour and commitment to learning, we are organising a reward event for Year 7 at the end of the academic year. Students who have demonstrated an excellent attitude to learning and strong attendance throughout the academic year. As Year 7 has the PGL trip our end of year reward will be inflatables and an ice cream van on the school fields at the end of the summer term. It is a great time for our students to have fun. Details of this has been sent as a Parentmail to you with everything required.

Football Team

I know Mr McKelvie also highlighted how well our Year 7 sports teams have been doing this year last week and I want to further that. The boys have been undefeated this year only

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conceding 1 goal all season. The girls have also been undefeated this year with Miss Secker describing them as one of the best teams she's had!

Mr Lucas
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss White
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

Rewards Trip

As part of our ongoing efforts to celebrate hard work, positive behaviour and commitment to learning, we are organising a reward trip to Flamingo Land. This trip will provide an exciting and well-deserved day out for students who have demonstrated excellent attitude to learning and strong attendance throughout the academic year.

Eligibility criteria will include attitude to learning and attendance. A letter will be sent via Parentmail with all the details.

The trip is designed to reward students who show a consistent and positive approach to their education and we are confident it will motivate them to continue excelling.

Mobile Phone Policy

A reminder that the changes to the Phone Policy in school will be in place as of 30th March. Students are not permitted to have their phones out at all during the school day. Phones need to be kept in the student's bag while they are on school grounds. Please see the General Notices section for more information on the Mobile Phone policy.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

Thank you for attending the Guided Choices Evening.

This week, students will be selecting their option subjects during form time. Each student will need to choose one subject from each option block, as well as two reserve choices.



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Please see the schedule below showing the order of forms and the rooms where students will make their selections:

Monday 23rd – Mr Coady (Room 005) and Mr Khan (Room 018)

Tuesday 24th – Mr Barnes (Room 005) and Mr Aicken (Room 018)

Wednesday 25th – Mr Durno (Room 005) and Miss Kaur (Room 018)

Thursday 26th – Miss Salmon (Room 005) and Mr Garnett (Room 018)

Please note that options are not allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If any students miss their allocated form slot, there is no need to worry as catch-up sessions will be arranged.

Mrs Kaye
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mr Inman
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

Progress reports have now been sent home. If you have any queries regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the relevant subject leaders, who will be happy to support further.

As a reminder, Attitude to Learning (ATL) scores are closely linked to attendance. Where ATL scores are low, we strongly advise that students make a concerted effort to improve their attendance, as this has a direct impact on their progress and engagement in lessons.

Payment for our end-of-year rewards day is now open on Parentmail. This will be our popular inflatables day, which also includes ice cream for students to enjoy. Access to this reward is dependent on ATL scores and overall behaviour. Students who do not meet expectations in lessons or around school may be at risk of not participating.

We also have further reward trips planned early in Year 11, and we will share more information about these at the end of next half term.

Finally, a note regarding careers appointments: due to the absence of our Careers Advisor, we are currently running approximately one week behind schedule. This has now been updated, and appointments will appear on the timetables of students in 10AHMI and 10ATPH. All other form groups will be seen before the end of the academic year.

Miss Legg
Year 10 Director of Studies

Mrs Green
Year 10 Leader



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YEAR 11

I would like to inform you that students successfully completed their English Literature and Science exams this week. We are very proud of the way they approached these assessments—they showed excellent effort, focus, and determination throughout. Their behaviour and engagement have been particularly commendable, and they have represented the school wonderfully during this exam period. As we look ahead to the summer exams, please could you ensure that your child has all the necessary equipment (such as pens, pencils, rulers, and calculators where appropriate) and take the time to replenish anything that may be missing. We also look forward to meeting you on Tuesday next week for the exams success evening which will help inform parents of GCSE related topics and allow for any questions.

✦ *Year 11 Exam Success Evening* (parents/carers invited to school)
24th March – 5.00pm – 6.00pm

📅 Break for Easter Holidays - Thursday 2nd April (Bank holiday on Friday 3rd April)

📅 Return to school - 20th April

✦ English Walking Talking Mock
Y Band - 21st April
X Band - 24th April

✦ ***GCSE EXAMS*** (some smaller exams may be sooner)
Monday 4th May - Friday 19th 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.

✦ Year 11 Leavers Assembly (final goodbyes in school)
Friday 19th June – 1.00pm – 3.30pm

✦ Year 11 into Year 12 Induction Days - 22nd - 23rd June

✦ Year 11 Prom! - Thursday 2nd July

✦ GCSE Results Day & 6th Form Enrolment – Thursday 20th August, further details to follow.

Mr Syed
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 11 Leader



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SIXTH FORM

Year 13 Tutorials – Reminder

A reminder that we have two more weeks of Year 13 tutorials and therefore 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 27th April to Friday 1st May.

Exam details will be added to students' Arbor accounts, and a copy of the overall timetable has been discussed and shared during form time this week. This timetable includes details of any additional revision sessions and coursework support sessions available to students.

Students in Year 13 who study Core Maths, GCSE English, GCSE Maths & GCSE Science will be involved in exams and revision sessions - and will be sent information of dates and times via their school email.

Easter Holidays

During the Easter holidays, we will be running a range of subject-specific intervention sessions. These will be discussed during form next week and will continue to be highlighted in the lead-up to the break. We encourage as many students as possible to attend, where appropriate, to support their preparation for the summer exam period.

	Mon 6th April	Tues 7th April	Wed 8th April	Thurs 9th April	Fri 10th April
AM 10.00-12.00		Y13 History OBI/RAN Rm114 Y13 HSC GWN Rm134 Y13 Biology BLD Rm004	Y13 Applied Science PCN Rm004 Y13 A Level Business SBS Rm203 Y13 BTEC Business MST Rm220	Y13 Economics MST Rm203	Y12 & Y13 GCSE Maths ENS Rm106
PM 1.00-3.00		Year 13 History 114 RAN			
	Mon 13th April	Tues 14th April	Wed 15th April	Thurs 16th April	Fri 17th April
AM 10.00-12.00		Y12 & Y13 Criminology KST Rm13/114 Y13 English Literature SCR Rm211 Coursework Intervention Y13 English Language SCR Rm211 Coursework Intervention	Y13 Psychology #3 KST Rm135	Y13 Applied Science HMN Rm004	Y13 Photography NBR Rm034 & 035
PM 1.00-3.00		Y13 Psychology #1 OWP Rm135 Y12 & Y13 Criminology KST Rm13/114 Y13 English Literature SCR Rm211 Coursework Intervention Y13 English Language SCR Rm211 Coursework Intervention	Y13 Psychology #2 KST Rm135 Y13 Physics RHE Rm005 Y13 Chemistry LHN Rm007	Y13 Chemistry HMN Rm004	Y13 Photography NBR Rm034 & 035



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Upcoming Parent Events

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

- Year 13 Exam Success Evening – Thursday 26th March (in school)

Information on the evening and how to book a ticket was sent out on Monday 16th March

- Year 12 Parents' Evening – Wednesday 1st April (online)

Information has been sent out today with instructions on how to book onto the event. The booking system will go 'Live' on Monday 23rd March @ 10.00am.

Punctuality to School and Lessons

We all understand the challenges of getting to places on time; however, punctuality has recently become a concern for many of our students. Each time a student arrives late to a lesson, they not only delay their own learning but also disrupt the learning of others.

We discussed the importance of punctuality in assembly today and reinforced the expectations for all students. Parents and carers can view their child's attendance and punctuality on Arbor. If your child has accumulated several 'L' codes, we would really appreciate your support in addressing this.

Warm Weather – Dress Code

As we move into the warmer months, please remember that the Sixth Form dress code remains in place to reflect the professional environment of the school. Students are expected to dress in appropriate, workplace-style attire at all times. Items such as flip flops, crop tops, and cropped shorts are not permitted. Sunglasses and hats should also not be worn inside the building. Students who are considered to be dressed inappropriately for a school environment will be asked to go home and change.

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a professional and respectful atmosphere.

Dates for 2026

Year 12

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

Year 13

Thursday 26th March – Year 13 Exam Success Evening
w/c Tuesday 5th May - Exam Season Commences
Thursday 25th June – Year 13 Awards Ceremony & Prom



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Thursday 13th August - A Level Results Day
Thursday 20th August - GCSE Results Day

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
