



**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**
Friday 24th April 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It has been great to welcome all the students back at the start of the summer term. I led the assembly on Monday for the whole school and praised the students on how well they had coped with the recent ban on mobile phones at break and lunchtime. I think most students have welcomed this move as we all know how harmful excessive use of mobile phones can be to both children and adults.

I also emphasised to the students that they will all have assessments at some point this term whether it is GCSEs, A levels or subject tests. Whatever level the students are working on, the key aspect is that they must use their previous assessments to pick out the areas of each course where they know they could have done better in. These are the areas to focus on between now and their assessments. I also emphasised that it was important that they aimed high. I finished with a quote from Michelangelo who said the danger is not in aiming too high and failing to achieve the mark. The danger is in aiming too low and hitting the target.

I finished by wishing all of our students a successful summer term.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Weekly Email Updates

We will shortly be launching a weekly email update with your child's attendance and attitude to learning scores.

Our aim is that students achieve 97% attendance. Being present in lessons is also key to them achieving ATL points, with points being earned each lesson. To put the ATL score into context, students can earn 136 points per week by being in school and working hard in lessons. All students start a lesson with 4 ATL points and can achieve a 5 for outstanding work.

We hope this email will enable you to celebrate your child's success each week.

Whilst this information is available on your Parent Arbor account, the email will help signpost how your child has done during the previous week.



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The plan is that this will start at the end of next week (Friday 1st May). Please do check your junk emails if the email does not arrive.

Mr Sammons
Assistant Headteacher

Year 7

We hope that everyone had a great Easter break and enjoyed the time off. Year 7 have come back into school refreshed and showing a great attitude since returning. We have moved onto our summer uniform policy where students no longer need their blazers but the rest of the uniform expectations are exactly the same.

End of Year Rewards

Year 7 end of year rewards will be on the field and will involve inflatables and ice cream van. It is a great opportunity for Year 7 to enjoy themselves and have a well earned reward for all their hard work. The vast majority of Year 7 will qualify for this as they have excellent ATLs and attendance throughout the year. We have extended the deadline to over the weekend so please sign up as we want as many Year 7 students to have the opportunity as possible.

Mr Lucas
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss White
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

Year 8 HPV Immunisations

If you have not already completed the online form which has been sent via email regarding the Year 8 Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Immunisations, then please do as soon as possible.

If you do not consent to your child having the immunisation in school please complete the "refusal" section of the form.

If a consent or refusal form is not received, your child may be given an opportunity to consent for themselves on the day after being assessed by a nurse as Gillick Competent to do so. Gillick competence is where a child is believed to have enough intelligence, competence and understanding to fully appreciate what's involved in their treatment.



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More information and the online form can be found by following this link:

<https://www.leedsimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/HPV>

The School code for Pudsey Grammar is: EE108079

You will receive an email confirmation on completion of the form.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Marsh
Lead First Aid

Welcome back to all our Year 8 students!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. It has been wonderful to see the Year 8 students return with such a positive attitude and ready to get back into their learning.

I would also like to take a moment to recognise how well the year group have settled back into school routines. Their effort in lessons and mature approach has been great to see, and we are looking forward to a successful half term ahead.

A quick reminder about our Flamingo Land rewards trip—students who meet the criteria are now able to sign up and pay via Parentmail, and we would love as many students as possible to take part. It's a fantastic way to celebrate their hard work and achievements and a lovely day out at the end of the academic year.

As the weather (hopefully) becomes warmer, we are now moving into summer uniform. Blazers are no longer required, however students should still attend in full, correct uniform and maintain a smart appearance.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

Myself and Miss Robinson would like to inform you that on Wednesday 13th May, we will be running the Equalex Year 9 Programme, which your child will be a part of. This is a valuable opportunity focused on work experience, employability skills, and career exploration.



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The programme is delivered in partnership with Vistry and AHEAD Partnership, providing students with insight into the construction and housing sector and the wider world of work.

As part of the programme, students will take part in:

Guest Speaker Talk (All Year 9 Students)

A representative from Vistry will deliver an engaging session introducing students to the company, the sector, and future career opportunities.

Work Experience Networking Session (Half of the Year Group)

During Periods 1, 2, or 3 (within their usual timetabled lessons), half of the year group will take part in a classroom-based session with Vistry professionals. Activities will include:

Meeting employees and learning about different job roles

Exploring what the workplace is like

Taking part in a hands-on "Give it a Go" task

Completing a team design challenge

Receiving feedback on key skills such as teamwork, communication, and problem solving.

Mrs Kaye

Year 9 Director of Studies

Mr Inman

Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

It has been a pleasure to welcome Year 10 back after the Easter break. They have returned well rested and ready to take on the summer term, which is fantastic to see.

Please find below some key dates for your diaries this term:

Thursday 30th April – Virtual Parents' Evening

Monday 15th June – Friday 26th June – End of Year Exams

Thursday 2nd July – Sixth Form Taster Day

Monday 13th July – Year 9 & 10 Prize Night

Wednesday 15th July – Inflatables Reward Day

The payment deadline for the inflatables end of year reward has been extended. Parents and carers can book their child's place on the relevant trip via Parentmail. The final closing date for this will be Tuesday 28th April at 12.00pm. After this date we will not be able to accept any further bookings.

Miss Legg

Year 10 Director of Studies

Mrs Green

Year 10 Leader



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YEAR 11

As we approach the start of the examination period, I would like to take a moment to recognise and celebrate the incredible effort our Year 11 students have shown. Since the beginning of Year 10, they have worked with determination, resilience, and focus to prepare for this important stage in their education. They should feel proud of how far they have come.

We have been particularly impressed with the maturity and commitment students demonstrated during their MFL speaking exams. Staff commented on their confidence, preparation, and positive attitude—this is a real testament to the effort students have invested.

In addition, students have recently taken part in “walking, talking mocks” for English. These sessions have provided valuable guidance and strategies, helping to build confidence ahead of the English exam on 11th May. We hope students found these experiences supportive and reassuring as they refine their exam technique.

As we move into the exam period, your support at home remains vital. A few small but important routines can make a significant difference:

- ✦ **Revision:** Encourage short, focused revision sessions with regular breaks. Revisiting key topics little and often is far more effective than last-minute cramming.
- ✦ **Sleep:** A consistent sleep routine is essential. Aim for a good night’s rest each evening, as this greatly impacts concentration, memory, and overall wellbeing.
- ✦ **Screen Time:** Limiting unnecessary screen time—especially late in the evening—can help students stay focused and improve sleep quality. Creating a calm, distraction-free study environment can also support effective revision.
- ✦ **Attendance:** Students are expected to continue attending school and lessons throughout this half term as usual. The plan in place will support students before and after exams.

This is a demanding time, but it is also an opportunity for students to demonstrate everything they have learned. With the right balance of preparation, rest, and encouragement, they are well placed to succeed.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish all of our Year 11 students the very best of luck—they have worked hard and are ready for this challenge.



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Key Dates & Reminders

✦ ***GCSE EXAMS***

Please refer to the exam timetables that were handed out for exact exams and times. Here are a few for reference:

- 📅 Mon 27th and Tue 28th April - Photography exam
- 📅 Wed 29th and Thur 30th April - Art exam
- 📅 Fri 1st May - IT exam
- 📅 Tue 5th May - Health & Social Care exam
- 📅 Wed 6th May - Enterprise exam
- 📅 Fri 8th May - Child Development and Drama exams
- 📅 WC Monday 11th May - Main exam period begins with English Literature

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

Welcome back to all our students following what we hope was a relaxing (and productive) Easter holiday.

We would like to extend our thanks and congratulations to all students who attended school over the break to take advantage of the in-school revision and coursework support offered by staff. We hope this proved both useful and productive.

This week students have returned with a positive attitude, a strong work ethic, and most importantly, a constructive approach to the challenges and opportunities of the term ahead. On Monday, Year 12 students begin their Trial Exams. During this period, students are only required to attend school for their scheduled exams in the Sports Hall, as well as any coursework or revision sessions. It is essential that students are aware of when they need to be in school and are familiar with the overall schedule.

Year 13 students are continuing to finalise coursework and prepare for the summer examination season. Information regarding the full timetable and additional revision sessions was shared prior to the Easter holiday. Copies are also available in the P16 Office and on the Year 13 Google Classroom.

The key to success for all students is to be well prepared and organised, ensuring they understand what they should be doing at all times. If there is any uncertainty, we strongly encourage them to ask for guidance and speak to a member of the P16 Team.

Despite the pressures of the examination period, there is much to look forward to this term, including the Year 12 trip to Paris and Work Experience placements, as well as Year 13's Final Assembly, Inflatables, Awards Ceremony, and Prom in June.

As always, we remain committed to supporting students throughout this intense and demanding period. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch...we are here to help.

Dates for 2026

Year 12

w/c Monday 27th - Year 12 Trial Exam Week (Sports Hall)

Tuesday 7th July to Friday 10th July – Year 12 Paris Trip

w/c 13th July – Year 12 Work Experience

Year 13

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
