



**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN
Friday 8th May 2026**

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It is with great sadness that I pass on the news that my predecessor, Ken Cornforth, died on Wednesday. Ken had been diagnosed with MND two years ago. Ken was Principal of the school from 1996 until 2014 and he played a key part in the design of our current building. Leading a large secondary school for 16 years is an immense achievement and this is a significant testament to Ken's character and resilience.

I know that many of you will remember Ken from your days as a student at Pudsey Grangefield School, either as your Principal or possibly even as your maths teacher. We have many colleagues who want to pass on their condolences to Ken's widow, so we are going to organise a card and I will send flowers on behalf of us all.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Extra-Curricular Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Art Club 3.00pm - 4.00pm Room: 031/033 Staff: Mrs Lewis	Strategy Club 3.00pm - 4.30pm Room: 213 Staff: Mr Pugh & Miss Ingle	Vocal Group 3.00pm - 4.30pm Room: Staff: Miss Boshier	
	Rounders, Cricket, Athletics and Softball Clubs 3.00pm - 3.45pm School Field Staff: All PE staff	Debating Club 3.00pm - 4.00pm Room 211 Staff: Mr Connor	Art Club 3.00pm - 4.00pm Room: 031/033 Staff: Miss Chappell	
	History Club 3.10pm - 4.00pm Room 114 Staff: Mr Alderson	Art Club 3.00pm - 4.00pm Room: 031/033 Staff: Mrs Newby	Japanese Club Week A Only 3.00pm - 4.30pm Room 011 Staff Mr Pugh & Miss Hornsby	

House Competition – Wednesday 13th May 2026 – Gaming Round 3. Please speak to your Form Tutor, House Leader or Mr Conway for more information.



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Year 7

Summative Assessments

Next week will be the assessment week for Year 7 and will incorporate learning from all of the year. Year 7 will have been set homework and will have been carrying out revision sessions in lessons in preparation. It will be a challenging week for the year, but ultimately a rewarding and vital experience. Please support your child with revision and helping them through the week.

PGL

We will be holding a PGL meeting next half term in preparation for the trip with more information about what will happen on the trip. I wanted to attach a list of clothes that PGL recommend to give you an early idea of what is needed.

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Mr Lucas
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss White
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

Assessment Week

Year 8 will have their assessment week starting the 18th May.

These assessments will be carried out in students' usual lessons and will be an indicator to how they have progressed throughout the year. Staff will prepare students for these assessments and let them know what they need to be revising ahead of them.

Any support you can provide students at home will be very much appreciated.

Summer Uniform

A reminder that summer uniform is in place. This means students do not need to wear their blazers if they do not want to. However, if the weather is colder then blazers cannot be replaced with hoodies or coats around school.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 8 Leader



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YEAR 9

On Wednesday 13th May, the entire year group will take part in an assembly led by an external speaker, focusing on work experience and career skills development.

Following the assembly, students from Miss Wilkinson's Food Technology class (Period 1), Mrs Snaith's Design Technology class, and Mr Sammons' Media class (Period 3) will participate in a speed networking session. During this session, students will be grouped into small teams of three to four and will have the opportunity to ask questions to external guests representing organisations such as the Ministry of Justice, Bradford College, Leeds Building Society and Wise Owl Films.

Unfortunately, it is not possible for the entire year group to take part in the speed networking event. However, students across KS4 are given many opportunities to explore careers and develop employability skills throughout the year. All forms have still been involved in the preparation for the event by creating questions during form time on 8th May, ensuring that every student has contributed. In addition, all students will participate in the assembly, allowing the whole year group to benefit from the input of the external speaker.

Mrs Kaye
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mr Inman
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

Year 10 trial examinations will take place from Monday 15th June to Friday 26th June. These exams are an important opportunity for students to assess their progress and prepare for their GCSE courses moving into Year 11.

Below is an overview of the exams taking place:

Core Subjects

-Maths (Non-Calculator & Calculator) – 2 exams, each 1 hour 30 minutes

*Content: All Year 10 topics (specific focus areas are available in exercise books and on Arbor, tailored to each class)

-English Language – 1 exam, 1 hour 45 minutes

*Content: Paper 1 – Explorations in Creative Reading & Writing

-English Literature – 1 exam, 50 minutes



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-Science – 3 exams

*Length: 1 hour 15 minutes (Combined) / 1 hour 45 minutes (Triple)

*Content: Paper 1 topics across Biology, Chemistry, and Physics

Humanities

-History – 1 exam, 1 hour 30 minutes

*Content: Weimar and Nazi Germany

-Geography – 1 exam, 1 hour 30 minutes

*Content: Resource Management, Rivers and Coasts, Urban Issues

-Religious Education – 1 exam, 1 hour 45 minutes

*Content: Christian Beliefs and Practices, and Themes

Other Subjects

-Art – 1 exam 10 hour mock exam

-Business Studies – 1 exam, 1 hour 45 minutes

*Content: All Year 10 content (revision materials on Google Classroom)

-ICT – 1 exam, 1 hour 30 minutes

*Content: Component 3 topics

-Computing – 1 exam, 1 hour 30 minutes

*Content: Paper 1 – Computer Systems

-Modern Foreign Languages (French, Spanish, Mandarin) – 1 exam

*Content: Paper 4 – Writing (length varies by tier)

-Photography – 10-hour mock exam

*Content: Coursework – Unit 1 (Still Life & Portraits)

-Construction – 1 exam, 1 hour 30 minutes

*Content: Unit 1 – Constructing the Built Environment

-Hospitality & Catering – 1 exam, 1 hour 20 minutes

*Content: Unit 1

-PE (GCSE) – 1 exam, 1 hour

*Content: Paper 1 – Physical factors affecting performance

-Product Design – 1 exam, 2 hours

*Content: Unit 1 – Design and Technology in the 21st Century



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Subjects with No Exam

- Enterprise – Students are completing their first PSA
- Media – Coursework unit (Characters and Comics) begins in June
- Child Development – Coursework unit in progress
- Health & Social Care – Completing first PSA

Students will receive further guidance from their subject teachers, including revision materials and support in lessons. We encourage all students to begin revising early and to make use of the resources provided.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 10 Team. We hope to share the timetable with you next week.

Miss Legg
Year 10 Director of Studies

Mrs Green
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all of our Year 11 students who completed their Health and Social Care, Enterprise, Child Development and Drama exams this week. We are incredibly proud of the mature, focused and positive way they approached these assessments. Next week marks the beginning of the main examination period, starting with English Literature in the morning, followed by Business Studies and Mandarin Reading and Listening in the afternoon. This is an important milestone and an opportunity for students to demonstrate all of the hard work, resilience and determination they have shown throughout the year. We encourage every student to believe in their abilities, stay positive and remember that consistent effort and preparation make a real difference.

It is vital that students arrive fully prepared and equipped for every exam with the correct stationery, equipment and a positive mindset. This weekend provides an excellent opportunity for effective revision and careful preparation. We encourage students to create a clear revision timetable, revise in short focused sessions with regular breaks, test themselves using flashcards or practice questions, and ensure they get plenty of sleep and eat well before each exam. Even small amounts of focused revision can build confidence, and staying calm and organised will help students perform at their very best.

All students should continue to arrive at school for the normal start time of 8.20am. Students with exams will attend a pre-exam session with their teachers, so attendance at these sessions



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is extremely important. Following exams, students will continue to attend lessons as normal, with the school day ending at 3.00pm unless attending a revision session, which will finish at 4.00pm. Please see the plan linked below for further timings and information. We wish all Year 11 students the very best of luck for their exams next week — work hard, stay focused and remember that everyone at school is supporting you to succeed.

Exams Next Week

Monday - AM English Lit, PM Business and Mandarin
 Tuesday - AM RE, PM Biology
 Wednesday - AM Geography, PM Computer Science
 Thursday - AM Maths
 Friday - AM History

Year 11 Exam Plan

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15Z7bAVrKFIMwo6YyxfvokPtMnrd9Rsh5QyOWa9fUMg/edit?usp=sharing>

Other Key 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 & Sixth Form Enrolment – Thursday 20th August, further details to follow.

Mr Syed
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 11 Leader

SIXTH FORM

MindMate Assembly – Managing Stress and Anxiety During Exam Season

Today, we welcomed the MindMate Support Team to deliver an assembly focused on managing stress and anxiety ahead of the summer exam period.

The session explored:

- How stress can sometimes be positive and motivating, helping young people prepare and achieve goals
- How excessive stress can become overwhelming and affect wellbeing, mood, concentration and behaviour
- The body's natural "fight, flight or freeze" response and how stress can trigger physical symptoms such as a racing heart, tense muscles and rapid breathing
- Recognising early warning signs of stress using the "stress bucket" analogy



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Students were also introduced to a range of practical coping strategies, including:

- Breathing exercises and grounding techniques
- Progressive muscle relaxation
- Challenging unhelpful “thinking traps”
- The importance of routines, rest and healthy wellbeing habits
- Creating personal wellbeing plans and knowing when to ask for support

A key message from the assembly was that stress is a normal experience and everyone responds differently. Students were encouraged to practice coping strategies regularly and seek help from school staff, family or trusted adults if they are struggling. As exams approach, we encourage families to continue open conversations at home and support students in maintaining healthy routines, including sleep, nutrition, exercise and relaxation time.

Dates for 2026

Year 12

Tuesday 7th July to Friday 10th – Year 12 Paris Trip
w/c 13th July – Year 12 Work Experience

Year 13

Thursday 25th June – Year 13 Awards Ceremony & Prom
Thursday 13th August - A Level Results Day
Thursday 20th August - GCSE Results Day

As always, thank you for your continued support at home. If you have any questions, concerns, or require further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Smith
Assistant Director of Sixth Form

Miss Robinson
Careers and Progression Manager

Miss Duffy
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Mrs Scott
Supervised Study Co-Ordinator