



**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN
Friday 1st May 2026**

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Attendance at school is extremely important for students no matter what their age or ability. Since the pandemic, nationally there has been a significant drop in school attendance which is a huge concern. I am pleased that from next week we will be starting a new initiative with our Form Tutors to support and engage with some parents and carers of children in their forms. The initiative is designed to explore the barriers to those students whose attendance is not as high as we want it to be and to work with parents to remove those barriers.

I have been in education for 33 years and I have not met a parent or carer yet who does not want their child to do as well as they possibly can at school and to be happy. I am confident that this new initiative led by our Form Tutors and Directors of Studies will go some way to achieving these goals.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Extra-Curricular Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Art Club 3.00pm - 4.00pm Room: Art Staff: Mrs Lewis	Strategy Club 3.00pm - 4.30pm Room: 213 Staff: Mr Pugh & Miss Ingle	Vocal Group 3.00pm - 4.30pm Room: See Miss Boshier 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: Art Staff: Miss Chappell	
		Art Club 3.00pm - 4.00pm Room: Art Staff: Mrs Newby	Cyber Trailblazers Week B Only 3.00pm - 4.00pm Room 011 Staff: Mr Pugh	
		Dutch Club Week B Only 3.00pm - 4.00pm Room: Staff: Miss Hornby	House Competitions – Rounders Thursday 7th May 2026	



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School telephone number

From Tuesday 5th May, you may see the number 0333 335 6550 appear on your phone. This will be a call from your child's Form Tutor, so please do answer if you are able.

We are introducing a new initiative to strengthen communication between Form Tutors and parents/carers, so you may receive a call from time to time.

Please note that this number cannot receive incoming calls or messages. If you need to contact the school, please continue to use the main school number 0113 255 8277.

Mr Tierney
Deputy Headteacher

Operation Encompass

West Yorkshire police have rolled out Operation Encompass to all Leeds schools from 30th April. Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

Further details can be found in the Student Wellbeing section of our school website - <https://www.pudseygrammar.co.uk/key-information/student-wellbeing/>.

Mrs Williams
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Neurodiversity - Assessment Forms

If your child is undergoing a neurodevelopmental assessment (for example, Autism or ADHD), we are always happy to support this process. To help us complete any required forms as quickly as possible, please ensure that requests from external providers are sent directly to the appropriate member of staff. Please ensure these are sent at least 3 weeks in advance of the appointment, to allow forms to be completed beforehand. Requests can be sent to the school contacts below:

Key Stage 3 - Miss Shepherd - c.shepherd@pudseygrammar.co.uk

Key Stage 4 and Sixth Form - Mr Haley - n.haley@pudseygrammar.co.uk

Miss Shepherd
KS3 Deputy SENCO

Mr Haley
KS4 Deputy SENCO



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Fidget Tools

We recognise the importance of fidget tools in supporting some learners with additional needs in the classroom. However, to ensure that the learning of all students is not disrupted, we ask that any fidget tools brought into school are small and discreet. These should fit comfortably in the palm of your child's hand and must not make any noise.

Miss Shepherd
KS3 Deputy SENCO

Mr Haley
KS4 Deputy SENCO

Active Travel to School

With the change in weather, it has been lovely to see so many of our students opting to cycle to school in recent weeks.

We encourage all our students to find ways to actively travel to school, whether that is walking, scooting or cycling. If students are cycling to school it is important that they take appropriate measures to do this safely. In particular, students should wear helmets and be mindful of other road users and pedestrians when cycling to school.

Mr Sammons
Assistant Headteacher

Year 7

Year 7 have their summative assessments coming up the week starting 11th May. You will see on Arbor homework based around revision and we will have focus in form time on different activities regarding this. These assessments will encompass a lot of the different topics they have covered and will take place in the classroom. This will be a new experience for the year in terms of amounts of different assessments happening but an invaluable one that they can take forward in school. Please support your child by helping them to revise in a manageable way and helping them through a difficult week at school.

Mr Lucas
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss White
Year 7 Leader



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YEAR 8

Firstly, I would like to say what a great first week back Year 8 have had.

A reminder that summer uniform is now in place. Students are not required to wear blazers during this period, helping them stay cool while maintaining a smart and appropriate appearance for school.

With the warmer weather, it is also essential that students bring a water bottle with them each day. Staying hydrated is key to maintaining focus and wellbeing throughout the school day.

We are also looking forward to our upcoming Flamingo Land rewards trip on Tuesday 30th June 2026. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate students' hard work and positive contributions.

We also have a parents evening coming up for Year 8 on 14th May, so please be aware the booking system will be open the week prior.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

Summer Assessment Week will take place during the week beginning 1st June. Assessments will be completed in class.

Please note that some subjects may need to assess outside of this week due to timetable constraints. If this applies, subject teachers will inform your child directly. Assessment topics will be shared on Arbor. If your child is experiencing any difficulties accessing Arbor, they were informed during assembly that they must speak to me so I can provide support.

Mrs Kaye
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mr Inman
Year 9 Leader



YEAR 10

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Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to book and attend our recent Parents' Evening. We hope you found the discussions useful and that they provided helpful guidance at this important stage in your child's GCSE course. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Subject Leader.

Subject Leaders have now begun putting together the list of topics that will be assessed in the June examinations. I will be able to share this information with you next week to support revision planning at home.

Finally, a lovely message from Mrs Secker about our girls' rounders team:

"They were a pleasure to be with. Every teacher from the other schools commented on how lovely our girls were; friendly, polite, showed great sportsmanship and were good fun. All the girls had fantastic attitudes."

We are incredibly proud of how they represented the school!

Miss Legg
Year 10 Director of Studies

Mrs Green
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

We are incredibly proud of our students for the commitment and focus they have shown during their photography and art exams. The first exam in the hall, IT, ran smoothly, and students approached it with maturity and determination—well done to everyone involved. It has also been fantastic to see so many of our students dedicating time to revision, both in school and at home; this momentum is making a real difference, and we encourage students to keep it going over the Bank Holiday. Remember: "Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." Keep pushing forward—you are capable of achieving great things, and all your hard work now will pay off.

Please remember to support with equipment and organisation so this is something that students don't need to worry about. Pens do run out so they will need an ample supply and backups!

Exams Next Week

- ◆ Tuesday - Health and Social Care (AM)
- ◆ Wednesday - Enterprise (AM)
- ◆ Thursday - No Exams, normal lessons
- ◆ Friday - Child Development and Drama (PM)



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Please click the link for the exam plan:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15Z7bAVrKFIMwo6YyxIfvokPtMnrd9Rsh5QyOWa9fUMg/edit?usp=sharing>

Locker Keys

Students have been asked to empty their lockers and keys will be returned on Thursday. Please remind students to empty their lockers and take their belongings home. Keys that are returned will then result in a refund on their deposits.

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

I am pleased to share that the Year 12 trial exam week has gone very well. Students have behaved impeccably and approached the process with maturity, which has been greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead, students will soon receive a third data capture. This will contribute towards their UCAS predicted grades and Year 13 employment/apprenticeship applications. For those who may not have performed as well as hoped, there will be an opportunity to re-sit exams in July.

Our focus now is on:

**Completing personal statements (for all students, both UCAS and non-UCAS routes).

**Securing a work placement for the final week of term.

If students have any questions or need support, they should speak to their tutor in the first instance, and then Miss Robinson for further guidance.

Year 13 students have been working in a focused and committed manner, completing



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coursework and preparing for the exam season, which begins on Tuesday 5th May. Students should:

**Check the Year 13 Google Classroom at the start of each week for exam and revision sessions.

**Access subject-specific revision resources via Google Classroom.

A reminder that students are expected to attend all lessons, form time, and assemblies up to Friday 22nd May. After the half-term holiday, students only need to attend lessons for subjects in which they still have exams.

Additionally, please remember:

**Prom tickets (£22.96) must be paid by Friday 22nd May.

**Prom will take place on Thursday 25th June.

This is always a fantastic event, and we hope as many students as possible will join us to celebrate their time at Pudsey Grammar Sixth Form.

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

w/c Tuesday 5th May - Exam Season Commences
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