



**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**

Friday 15th May 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We are fully into the exam season with GCSEs and the A levels in full swing. Our Year 11 students are facing their first set of national exams and I have been extremely pleased at their focus and dedication. We are seeing record levels of attendance for the revision sessions and I am sure this will pay dividends when they receive their results in August.

The Year 13s are also focusing well on their exams as they will lead them on to the next phase of their lives beyond Pudsey Grammar School.

I am sure you will join me in taking this opportunity to wish them all success in their remaining exams.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

May Spring Bank Holiday

The school will close on Friday 22nd May 2026 and re-open on Monday 1st June 2026 at the normal time.

Miss Frost
PA to the Headteacher



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Extra-Curricular Activities w/c 18th May 2026

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | 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 | |
| | | Art Club 3.00pm - 4.00pm Room: 031/033 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: 207 Staff: Miss Hornsby | House Competitions - Rounders Thursday 7th May 2026 | |

National Year of Reading 2026

As mentioned previously, this year is the National Year of Reading and we are encouraging our students to 'Go All In'. They have had assemblies to promote the idea of reading more widely for pleasure and I would like to encourage students to read more widely at home. We have reading lists for each year group on the 'Literacy' section of the Parents Information tab on the website to inspire students to read a genre they may not be familiar with or simply to read a book that appeals to them - <https://www.pudseygrammar.co.uk/for-parents-carers/literacy/>.

Students can access the Library at school every morning 8.20-8.30 and Tuesday lunchtime. Alternatively, there are a number of libraries in the local area which have a wide variety of books to choose from.

Mrs Gough
Literacy Lead



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Year 7

Year 7 have had a tough week completing their summative assessments in every subject. We have been impressed by the attitude and application by the year and how they have approached the tests. This will ultimately be a rewarding experience and lay the foundations down for the years to come. Those who have put the effort in will get fantastic results. We hope they use the weekend to recover and come back for the final week of term refreshed. If a student has missed any assessment the class teacher will rearrange an opportunity to complete it at some point.

Mr Lucas
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss White
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

Assessment Week

A reminder that next week is Assessment Week for all Year 8 students. Assessments will take place throughout the week in a range of subjects and will help teachers identify progress and areas for further support.

We would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to:

- Attend school every day and arrive on time
- Bring the correct equipment, including pens, pencils and calculators where needed
- Revise key topics and complete any revision tasks set by teachers

Please reassure students that these assessments are an opportunity to show what they have learned this term.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

We would like to extend our thanks to all Year 9 students who attended Wednesday's assembly focused on career options. Stuart from Vistry delivered an engaging presentation



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on growth industries and the various pathways available for entry into different careers. Students who participated in the speed networking event represented the school exceptionally well. They demonstrated maturity, confidence, and professionalism when speaking with external guests, who in turn spoke very highly of our students. Well done to everyone involved.

Assessment Week Reminder

A friendly reminder that Assessment Week begins Monday 1st June.

Science Assessment

Students will complete one GCSE-style assessment covering Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. There will be both Higher Tier and Foundation Tier papers—students should check with their class teacher if they are unsure which tier they will be sitting.

Topics to revise:

Cell Biology

Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table

Energy

Students are encouraged to use BBC Bitesize as a starting point for revision:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z2mttv4>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcckk2p>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z89ddxs>

The Year 9 Maths assessment will take place on Thursday 4th June. This will be a non-calculator test.

Topics covered:

Ratio and proportion

Straight line graphs

Percentages

Expanding and factorising (single and double brackets)

Solving equations

Directed number

Factors, multiples and primes

Mrs Kaye

Year 9 Director of Studies

Mr Inman

Year 9 Leader



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YEAR 10

Year 10 Trial Exams – 15th June to 26th June

These exams are an important opportunity for students to experience formal exam conditions and help identify strengths and areas for development ahead of Year 11.

Please note that some students may have exam clashes. If this happens, students will be allocated an alternative exam slot and will be informed in advance.

The full exam timetable has been attached to this bulletin. Information outlining the content that will be assessed in each subject was shared in last week's bulletin.

To support revision, every Year 10 student has been provided with a pack of revision flash cards to help them get started. Form tutors have also delivered a tutorial on how to use flash cards effectively as part of revision and retrieval practice. Every Friday form time leading up to the exams will be dedicated to creating and reviewing flash cards for upcoming subjects.

We encourage all students to begin revising little and often over the coming weeks and to make full use of the support and resources available to them.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=18gzF8Pb-v4oMTqBWs7a8rszCmAsW-MpR>

Miss Legg
Year 10 Director of Studies

Mrs Green
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

We would like to congratulate all of our Year 11 students on the outstanding start they have made to their first week of exams in the exam hall. They have demonstrated exceptional focus, ambition, resilience and engagement throughout the week, and we are incredibly proud of the mature and determined approach they have shown. Their positive attitude and commitment to success have been evident in every exam.

Over the weekend, we encourage all students to balance their revision with time to relax and enjoy activities they value. Taking breaks, spending time with family and friends, and doing something enjoyable will help students recharge and prepare positively for the week ahead.

One particularly important task this weekend is to complete a full equipment check to ensure every student is fully prepared for next week's exams. Key items to check include scientific calculators, multiple black pens, pencils and clear pencil cases. If you are unsure about what is needed, please contact the relevant subject leader for guidance.



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Once again, we would like to praise our Year 11 students for the excellent start they have made. Their hard work and determination have been impressive, and being organised and fully prepared over the weekend will play a vital role in helping them continue this success next week.

Exams Next Week

- ✦ Monday - AM Chemistry, PM Mandarin and Urdu
- ✦ Tuesday - AM English Lit, PM Comp Science
- ✦ Wednesday - AM French, PM RE
- ✦ Thursday - AM English Language, PM Business
- ✦ Friday - AM PE

Year 11 Exam Plan

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15Z7bAVrKFIMwo6YyxlfvokPtMnrd9Rsh5QyOWa9fUMg/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

This has been an incredibly challenging week for many of our students (and for our Exams Team!) due to the high number of examinations that have taken place. A massive well done to all Year 12 and Year 13 students for their conduct and application throughout each exam, particularly those students who unfortunately had exam clashes and therefore had to be supervised during lunchtime. We really appreciate students' understanding and maturity during these times.

Looking ahead, Year 12 students are now focusing on UCAS applications, personal statements, and CVs. We will all be attending the UCAS Discovery Fair on **Thursday 18th June**, which is always a great afternoon out of school. Please ensure your child has signed up - information was sent out via email.



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A reminder regarding attendance expectations for Year 13 students

Attendance to all lessons, P16 study sessions, and form time remains mandatory up until **Friday 22nd May**. If a student has completed all exams/coursework before 22nd May, please ask them to come and speak to us. After half term, students are only required to attend lessons where they still have remaining exams or coursework.

Friday 22nd May - Year 13 Information

There will not be an assembly or form time on Friday morning. Students are expected to attend lessons Periods 1, 2, and 3. Our Final Celebration Assembly will begin at 12:00pm. We will then move onto the field for the inflatables. Students should bring snacks, refreshments, and blankets to sit on and there will also be an opportunity to purchase food from a pizza van (cash or card accepted). We are really looking forward to seeing all our Year 13 students at our Final Assembly and enjoying time together as a year group on the inflatables (hopefully in the sunshine ☀️☀️☀️!)

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

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