



**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**
Friday 19th June 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I mentioned a while ago that our school is now an official Blood Donation centre. My late wife received several blood transfusions and I have donated regularly for five years. Although Pudsey Civic Hall is also a donor centre, we have been working with the NHS to ensure that we can become a donor centre for the town. The first day when people can donate blood in the school is Friday 2nd October 2026. Donations will be taken from late morning until early evening.

The most satisfying aspect of donating blood is actually three weeks later when you receive a text letting you know which hospital used your donation. I hope this new facility will encourage people across the town to donate blood and also for anyone who has not done it before I would strongly encourage you to come along and you can hopefully become a blood donor. It's a service which can literally save a life.

<https://www.blood.co.uk/>

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Extra-Curricular Activities – week commencing 22nd June 2026

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	
		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	
		Design Technology Club 3.00pm - 4.00pm Room 037 Staff: Miss Hepworth-Smith	Philosophy Club 3.00pm - 4.00pm Room: 115 Staff: Ms Bennett	



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End of Term/Start of Term Arrangements

Friday 17th July

Students will be dismissed from lessons at 12.00pm. Grab bags will be available for children entitled to free school meals.

The final day will be a non-uniform day for students and staff. Further details will follow.

Tuesday 1st September

Training Day 1

Wednesday 2nd September

Students return to school. Confirmation of start times will follow in due course.

Ms Frost

PA to the Headteacher

& Communications Manager

Advance notice of Open Evening – Thursday 9th July 2026

Early Finish/Late Start

We will be holding our annual Open Evening on Thursday 9th July for parents/carers and students who are considering their secondary school choices for September 2027. This is a significant event for the school and teachers, support staff, governors and students come together to showcase the very best that the school has to offer.

The event involves all staff and a large number of student ambassadors to make the evening a great success. To aid in the preparation for the evening the school will close at the earlier time of 12.40pm for all students. Grab bags will be available for free school meal children to collect.

The school will re-open at the slightly later time on Friday 10th July as follows:-

Years 7, 8 & 10 - students to arrive at 9.30am for a prompt 9.40am start

Year 9 – students to arrive from 9.50am for a prompt 10.00am start

Thank you for your kind support and co-operation.

Ms Frost

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Mandarin 2026/27 – Years 7 & 8

As mentioned previously, we have moved to a system in which parent/carers may request a switch out of Mandarin only at the end of each term. As such, as we approach the end of the summer term, please inform me at c.maloney@pudseygrammar.co.uk if you would like your



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child to be withdrawn from the Mandarin programme; this will mean they will not take part in lessons from September 2026 onwards.

Many thanks

Mrs Maloney
Subject Leader of MFL

Returning books to the Library

Just a reminder to all students that they need to return their Library books by Tuesday 30th June 2026. Please could you encourage your child to look for any outstanding Library books they may have and return them by this date. If any were due before Christmas, please can students bring them in. There will be no consequences as we just want all books returned.

Despite the school Library being closed over the Summer period, there are a number of local libraries that students can access. Please could you encourage your child to visit the local libraries over this period during this 'National Year of Reading' and keep their reading momentum going.

Many thanks for your support in encouraging reading.

Mrs Gough
Literacy Lead

Year 7

We have now sent out the final progress reports for the year. Looking over the year we are happy with the progress Year 7 students are generally making and the results set them up well in the long term. A reminder that ATLs are linked to attendance so it can affect the level.

PGL Residential

Thank you to all those who attended on Monday, I hope you found the meeting informative. For those who were unable to attend, the presentation is on the website along with Kit List and can be viewed at <https://www.pudseygrammar.co.uk/year-7-11/year-7/>.

Mr Lucas
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss White
Year 7 Leader



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YEAR 8

Rewards Trip – Tuesday 30th June

A reminder that our Year 8 Rewards Trip to Flamingo Land takes place on Tuesday 30th June. Students who have qualified for the trip should now be aware of the arrangements and form tutors will spend some time answering questions next week. We are looking forward to celebrating the excellent effort, attendance, and conduct demonstrated by so many students this year.

If your child receives free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided.

Students do not need to wear school uniform.

Attendance Matters

As we approach the end of term, attendance remains incredibly important. Every lesson counts and students continue to cover key learning that will support them as they move into Year 9. Thank you for ensuring your child attends school every day whenever possible and arrives on time, ready to learn.

Uniform and Equipment

Please continue to support us by checking that students arrive each day in full school uniform and with the correct equipment. Having the right resources and meeting our uniform expectations helps students feel prepared, focused, and ready for success.

Looking Ahead

The final weeks of term provide a fantastic opportunity for students to finish the year strongly. We encourage all Year 8 students to maintain high standards of effort, behaviour, and organisation as they prepare for the next stage of their school journey.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We are very proud of the progress Year 8 has made this year and look forward to ending the term on a positive note.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

Data & Reports

Staff have now entered all Year 9 data. Final reports will be completed and shared with families in the coming weeks.



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Flamingo Land Rewards Trip – Tuesday 30th June

The Year 9 rewards trip to Flamingo Land will take place on Tuesday 30th June.

Departure from PGS: 8.15am

Departure from Flamingo Land: 3.30pm

Please note that students will need to arrive before 8.15am to allow time for registration and boarding the coach. Exact arrival times will be confirmed in next week's Bulletin.

Mrs Kaye
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mr Inman
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

We would like to congratulate all of our Year 10 students for the excellent conduct and maturity they have shown during the first week of their trial examinations.

A particular mention must go to our Art and Photography students, who have produced some of the highest-quality work we have seen from a GCSE cohort. It has been a pleasure to walk around the Art area and see the creativity on display through their impressive masterpieces.

As we move into the second week of exams, please continue to encourage your child to maintain a good routine at home, including regular sleep patterns, healthy meals, and time for revision and preparation.

We would also like to remind families of the importance of punctuality. Students must arrive at school on time for all examinations, as we are unable to provide additional exam time for students who arrive late. A prompt start to the day helps students feel calm, organised, and ready to perform at their best.

Miss Legg
Year 10 Director of Studies

Mrs Green
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

Our Year 11 Leavers' Assembly was a fantastic occasion and was thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff alike. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many achievements, memories and experiences that have shaped this year group throughout their time with us.



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A special thank you goes to all the parents and carers who kindly sent in photographs for the assembly. The photo presentation was a real highlight of the event and was greatly appreciated by everyone. It brought back many fond memories and added a personal touch to a truly memorable celebration.

The entire Year Team is immensely proud of all that our Year 11 students have accomplished. They have shown resilience, determination and maturity, and it has been a privilege to support them on their journey.

I would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank all parents and carers for your support over the past two years. Working in partnership with you has played a vital role in helping our students achieve success, both academically and personally. Your encouragement, communication and commitment have made a real difference, and I am grateful for the positive relationships we have built together in supporting this wonderful year group.

We wish every student the very best for the future and look forward to hearing about their continued successes in the years to come.

Key Dates:

Year 11 into Year 12 Induction Days

 **Monday 22nd - Tuesday 23rd June**

Students who want to come to PGS Sixth Form only

Sixth Form dress code

Can leave building for lunch

Monday

Registration 9.20am - End 3.00pm

Tuesday

9.40am Start - End 12.00pm

Contact Mrs Smith if you have any questions l.smith@pudseygrammar.co.uk

*****Year 11 Prom*****

 **Thursday 2nd July**

Arrive at Village Hotel Otley Road at 6.30pm

During the evening, there will be a buffet served and there will be a DJ.

It is a cashless venue and all students will be searched before being allowed entry.

Photographer - £10 a print or 3 prints for £20 (please bring cash for these)

Students to be picked up at 10.30pm.



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GCSE Results Day & Sixth Form Enrolment

Thursday 20th August (AM)

This is an important day for students to attend. Please let us know if there are any issues in collecting results and we will advise on what to do.

Contact Mrs Smith if you have any questions l.smith@pudseygrammar.co.uk.

Mr Syed
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 11 Leader

SIXTH FORM

Year 12 Paris Information Evening

Thank you to all the parents, carers, and students who attended our Paris Information Evening this week. It was great to see so many families there as we shared important details about the upcoming trip and what students can expect. All of the information discussed during the evening has now been shared with parents and carers for future reference. If you were unable to attend, or if you have any questions after reviewing the information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Sixth Form Team.

Year 12 UCAS Discovery Fair

We would like to thank all of our Sixth Form students who attended today's UCAS Discovery Fair. We hope they found the experience valuable, made the most of the wide range of information and opportunities available, and enjoyed the chance to spend an afternoon exploring their future pathways beyond PGS.

Our students conducted themselves exceptionally well throughout the visit and were a real credit to the Sixth Form and the school. Their maturity and engagement were noted and greatly appreciated!

Over the coming weeks, students will be working on their personal statements and UCAS applications, and we hope that today's event has provided inspiration and practical guidance as they consider their next steps. Whether they are planning to apply to university, pursue an apprenticeship, or enter employment, we trust the experience has helped them make informed decisions about their future.

Year 13 Awards Ceremony & Prom – Thursday 25th June

We are very much looking forward to celebrating the achievements and successes of our Year 13 students at this special event.



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The Awards Ceremony and Prom will take place at **Headingley Stadium, St Michael's Lane, Leeds, LS6 3BR.**

- **Arrival:** 6.00pm for refreshments and photographs
- **Awards Ceremony:** 6.30pm–7.30pm in the Lewis Jones Suite
- **Prom:** From 8.00pm in the Directors Suite, finishing at 11.30pm

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
