



**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**
Friday 10th July 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

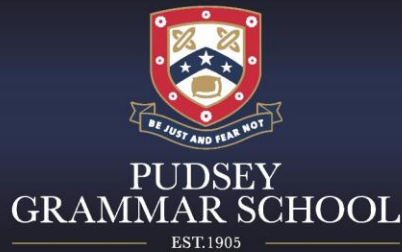
We held our annual Open Evening last night on one of the warmest days of the year. It was a testament to staff and our excellent student volunteers that it was a fantastic success. Being able to showcase what we do to over 900 people is a real privilege. The school has been heavily oversubscribed for many years but this is not something we take for granted. Choosing which secondary school to send your child to is a massive decision and we are pleased that people in Pudsey and beyond appreciate the breadth of education we provide along with the excellent support for our students.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Extra-Curricular Activities w/c 13th July 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 Bosher	
	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	
	Craft Club 3.00pm - 4.00pm Room: 007 Staff: Mrs Harrington	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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Thank You to PGS Student Ambassadors – Open Evening

A huge thank you to our amazing student ambassadors who supported the annual Open Evening event last night. Temperatures were high throughout the event but our fantastic students gave their all with wonderful smiles on their faces and showcased our school brilliantly.

School Uniform w/c 13th July 2026

Temperatures continue to be high next week and for the safety and comfort of our students they may continue to wear either the PGS PE kit or the school uniform without the tie or blazer.

A reminder that next Friday 17th July is non-uniform day. Donations made via Parentmail will go to the very worthy local charity, The Pudsey Community Project.

Start of Term Arrangements – September 2026

The school will close on Friday 17th July 2026 at 12.00pm. Grab bags will be available for students who

Tuesday 1st September 2026 is Training Day 1 and students should not attend school.

The start of term arrangements for Wednesday 2nd September 2026 are as follows:

Year 7	Arrive at 8.20am for a prompt 8.30am start
Year 8	Arrive at 10.10am for a prompt 10.20am start
Year 9	Arrive at 10.50am for a prompt 11.00am start
Year 10	Arrive at 11.50am for a prompt 12.00pm start
Year 11	Arrive at 12.10pm for a prompt 12.20pm start
Year 12	Arrive at 11.50am for a prompt 12.00pm start

Friday 4th September 2026

Year 13 Arrive at 8.20am for a prompt 8.30am start (assembly)

Miss Frost
PA to the Headteacher
& Communications Manager

Reading Over the Holiday

Please could you encourage your child to keep on reading over the Summer holidays. There are libraries in Pudsey, Bramley and Farsley where your child can access books and choose a title that interests them. They can register online to be part of the local library (if not already) and reserve books that they want to read. There is a recommended reading list in the Literacy

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section of the Parent Information part of the school website for each year group if your child wants some guidance as to what they might want to read for their next book.

Mrs Gough
Literacy Co-ordinator

Year 7

We have an exciting week next week with Sports Day and the Rewards day. Hopefully the good weather carries on to next week and we can really enjoy ourselves before the summer break. This is a great way to end a long but really positive first year.

Miss Birdsall

Miss Birdsall will be returning from her maternity leave starting from next week so if there are any pastoral concerns they need to be directed towards her rather than Miss White from Monday. Miss Birdsall's email address is a.birdsall@pudseygrammar.co.uk. It is fantastic to have Miss Birdsall back full time and she will be the point of contact going forward. I hope you all appreciated the hard work Miss White has done with the Year over the last 9 months, she will be missed. Miss White will be joining the Sixth Form team from next week.

PGL Residential

The students who attended PGL were brilliant! Hopefully they enjoyed their experience and found it really positive. There were a few items we brought back that were unclaimed but if you notice any missing items from your child please ask them to check the school's lost property.

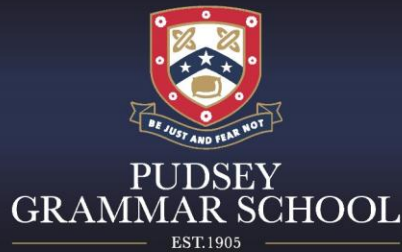
Mr Lucas
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss White
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

As we head into the final week of term, I would like to thank all of our Year 8 students for their continued hard work and positive attitude. There is still plenty to look forward to, with Sports Day and Awards Evening, so it's important that students continue to attend every day, arrive on time, and come to school fully prepared with the correct equipment and uniform.

With the warm weather continuing, please encourage your child to stay safe in the heat by bringing a refillable water bottle to school, wearing sun cream where appropriate, and staying well hydrated throughout the day.



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Next week we will also be holding our Year 8 Celebration Assembly, where we will recognise and celebrate the many achievements, successes, and positive contributions of our students over the past year. We are looking forward to ending the term on a high and celebrating everything Year 8 has accomplished.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope everyone has a fantastic final week of term!

Mrs Mitchell
Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

As we approach the end of another successful school year, we would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership. The summer holidays provide a well-earned opportunity for students to rest, recharge, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy the experiences that make this time of year so special.

As your child prepares to begin their GCSE journey, they are embarking on an exciting new chapter filled with opportunities for growth, discovery and achievement. While it is important to enjoy the summer break, we encourage students to return in September with a positive mindset, ready to embrace new challenges with resilience, ambition and determination. Success at GCSE is built through consistent effort, curiosity and a willingness to learn from both achievements and setbacks.

Together, by encouraging good habits, maintaining high aspirations and supporting one another, we can help every student approach this important stage with confidence and enthusiasm. We look forward to welcoming them back, refreshed and ready to make the most of the exciting journey ahead.

Moving forward please contact Mr Syed as Director of Studies at s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk and Miss Mathie as Year Leader at e.mathie@pudseygrammar.co.uk.

Mr Syed and Miss Mathie look forward to working with the students over the next two years!

Mrs Kaye
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mr Inman
Year 9 Leader

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YEAR 10

As we approach the end of the academic year, we would like to remind you of the exciting events still to come for our Year 10 students.

Awards Evening – Monday 13th July

We are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of our Year 10 students at our Awards Evening. Students who are receiving an award have already been notified, and we can't wait to recognise their hard work and success.

Year 10 Inflatables Morning – Wednesday 15th July

Students will be taking part in our end-of-year inflatables morning. They should come to school wearing their PE kit, which is suitable for the activities. With the warm weather set to continue next week, please ensure your child brings a refillable water bottle so they can stay hydrated throughout the morning and ensure they are wearing sun cream. Students not participating will follow a collapsed timetable.

End of Term – Friday 17th July

The summer break begins on Friday 17th July. We would like to thank all of our Year 10 students and their families for their continued support throughout the year. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

Although there is plenty to enjoy before the holidays, we are already looking ahead to Year 11. One event students can look forward to is the annual Year 11 Rewards Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach, which is planned for Monday 12th October. Further information, including the criteria for attending and booking details, will be shared with students and parents next week.

Miss Legg
Year 10 Director of Studies

Mrs Green
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

GCSE Results Day – 20th August 2026

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 or I, if you have any questions.

Mr Syed – Year 11 Director of Studies - s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk

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Mrs Smith – Post 16 Director of Studies - l.smith@pudseygrammar.co.uk

Mr Syed
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 11 Leader

SIXTH FORM

Work Experience Week

We hope the students who have secured a work experience placement have a fantastic week and make the most of the opportunities presented to them in the world of work.

The students who are remaining in school will be expected to attend for the full duration of Work Experience Week, from Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July, between 9.40am and 3.00pm each day.

During this time, they will take part in supervised study and will be expected to complete a range of activities designed to support their future education, career planning, and employment opportunities.

Attendance throughout the week is expected for all students who do not have a confirmed work experience placement. Students should attend each day, arrive on time, and be prepared to work independently throughout the day.

If a student secures a work experience placement before the start of the week, please inform the school immediately and provide the necessary details so that we can complete the required checks and update our records.

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

Mrs Benson
Administrative Support