

PARENT & CARER WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 3rd July 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We have a busy week ahead in the school. We have a Year 9 trip which leaves for Beijing on Saturday as part of the Mandarin Excellence programme partly funded by the British Council. In addition, we have a Year 12 trip which is going to Paris and finally we have a Year 7 residential on Monday to Wednesday. We are delighted that we can provide these excellent experiences for our students as these are the aspects of school which they will remember for a significant amount of time.

You will also have noticed that we have chosen to have a slightly delayed start on Monday on account of the World Cup football match. We appreciate that this decision may pose some difficulties for some parents and carers but we felt on balance it was a good compromise to ensure all students can attend school on Monday. The timings are as follows:

- **9.20am** School gates open
- **9.30am** Form time begins (for 10 minutes)
- **9.40 AM** Period 2 begins, and the day continues as normal

For students who normally attend Breakfast Club, this will open at 9.00am.

Year 7 students attending the PGL Residential – Please make your way directly to the main hall on arrival.

Year 12 students to go straight to their Period 2 lesson at 9.40am.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher



PUDSEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

EST.1905

PARENT & CARER WEEKLY BULLETIN

GENERAL NOTICES

Extra-Curricular Activities – w/c 6th 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 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	

Important – Change to Start Times – Friday 10th July 2026

The school will close early on Thursday 9th July 2026 to accommodate Open Evening. All students will leave the site at 12.40pm. Grab bags will be available for children who are entitled to free school meals.

As Year 7 have now moved their lunch time, it has been necessary to amend the times published last week in the Parent/Carer Bulletin for the late start on Friday 10th July 2026.

The revised start times for Friday 10th July 2026 are as follows:

Years 8, 10 and 12 Arrive at 9.30am for a prompt 9.40am start
Years 7 and 9 Arrive at 9.50am for a prompt 10.00am start

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

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.

PARENT & CARER WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

Final Day of Term – Friday 17th July 2026

The final day of term will be non-uniform for students and staff. This day allows us to raise lots of money for Pudsey Community Project, an outstanding local charity, and also gives students an opportunity to donate items of unwanted uniform. Unwanted uniform will be donated to our friends at Pudsey Community Project who will ensure that the uniform is reused.

Please donate to this day on ParentMail.

Mr Sammons
Assistant Headteacher

Year 7

We are approaching the end of the term and Year 7 have coped well with all of the different events and the recent heatwave keeping up excellent attendance and standards. Next week we have the PGL residential and there will be a number of the year group away. For those remaining in school, engaging and meaningful lessons will be taught.

PGL Residential

A reminder for students going on the PGL residential that they need to come in their clothes ready for the trip and bring all their bags and sleeping bags with them to the main hall at the start of the day. Students will need a packed lunch for the first day and the weather forecast is looking good at the moment so we would recommend bringing a hat and sun cream with them.

PARENT & CARER WEEKLY BULLETIN

PGL Chapperone App

We have sent out instructions to join the Chapperone Pro app through email to aid in communication while we are there. I know there have been some difficulties for some parents. I have contacted the app and they have said to follow the instructions again as it has worked for some.

Mr Lucas
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss White
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

Flamingo Land

Firstly, a huge well done to all of our Year 8 students for the outstanding behaviour they demonstrated on our rewards trip to Flamingo Land. They were a real credit to themselves and the school. It was wonderful to see them enjoying a well-earned reward for all of their hard work this year and we are incredibly proud of them as a year team.

This week, students' Progress Update 3 reports were also released. Please take some time to read through your child's report and celebrate their successes, while also discussing any areas for development as they prepare for Year 9.

Reports have been sent via Arbor, so if you haven't already done so, please check your email account. If you have any difficulty accessing your child's report, please don't hesitate to contact the school office for support.

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year

Mrs Mitchell
Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

Year 9 Guided Choices – Confirmed

We are delighted to be able to communicate the guided choices for all of our Year 9 students today. Please look out for a letter that has been sent out via email from Arbor - this will have the subjects confirmed for each student.

PARENT & CARER WEEKLY BULLETIN

Please discuss this at home and the importance of starting these courses with excitement, resilience and, of course, discuss how important attendance will be for these 2 year courses. Key Stage 4 is a natural progression from Key Stage 3; and the demands will also be increasing. Students will need to rest over the summer break with a view to pushing themselves and being ambitious upon their return in September.

I am very much looking forward to supporting this year group as they move into Key Stage 4 and will be looking to working together with you all to support our students to get the best outcomes possible in 2 years' time.

For any queries that relate to guided choices and the subjects allocated, please contact Mr Syed directly on s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk

Mr Syed
Year 10 Director of Studies (from September 2026)

I would like to say well done to all students who attended the Flamingo Land trip. They were a credit to themselves and represented our school exceptionally well throughout the day.

Reports are currently being processed and, once completed, these will be emailed to parents/carers.

As many of you are aware, I am currently in the process of handing over the year group to our KS4 Director of Studies, Mr Syed. Going forward, please ensure that Mr Syed is included in any correspondence regarding your child.

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 on the fantastic way they approached our Sixth Form Experience Day. Their maturity, enthusiasm and excellent behaviour throughout the day were a real credit to themselves and the school.

It was wonderful to see so many students engaging positively with the opportunities available at post-16, asking thoughtful questions and embracing the chance to experience Sixth Form lessons and facilities. We hope the day has inspired many of them to consider continuing their journey with us in our Sixth Form.

PARENT & CARER WEEKLY BULLETIN

Awards Evening – Monday 13th July

Students who have been selected to receive an award have already been notified and invited to attend what promises to be a wonderful evening celebrating their achievements and contributions throughout the year.

Rewards Morning – Wednesday 15th July

Students who have met the rewards criteria will take part in our Rewards Morning, recognising their excellent attendance, behaviour and commitment throughout the year.

Students who have not met the criteria have already been informed, and a collapsed timetable has been arranged for them for the duration of the morning.

Miss Legg
Year 10 Director of Studies

Mrs Green
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

As Prom comes to an end, we wanted to say what a truly wonderful evening it was. It was fantastic to see everyone enjoying themselves, celebrating together, and making memories that will last for years to come. The students looked absolutely fabulous, and it was clear how much thought and excitement had gone into the occasion.

After all the hard work and dedication shown throughout their GCSEs, Prom was the perfect way to mark the end of this important chapter. It was a joy to see so many smiling faces, laughter, and friendships being celebrated in such a positive atmosphere.

A very special thank you goes to ****Miss Exley****, whose incredible organisation, planning, and attention to every detail made the evening such a resounding success. From the very first plans to the final touches, her hard work ensured that the students had a truly memorable night, and we are incredibly grateful for everything she did.

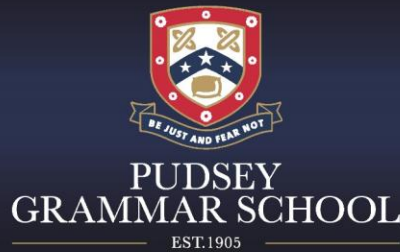
Thank you also to all the parents and carers for your support in helping make the evening so special. We hope the students will look back on Prom with great fondness as they begin the next exciting stage of their journey. We wish them every success and happiness for the future.

Final Key Date!

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.



PARENT & CARER WEEKLY BULLETIN

Contact Mrs Smith or I, if you have any questions.

Director of Studies – Year 11

s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk

Director of Studies – Sixth Form

l.smith@pudseygrammar.co.uk

Mr Syed

Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Exley

Year 11 Leader

SIXTH FORM

This week, Year 12 students came together for our end of year assembly, where we celebrated the hard work, commitment and achievements of students in the year group. It was a great opportunity to recognise students' successes and present prizes for outstanding effort and accomplishment. It was lovely to celebrate together as a year group, and there was plenty to be proud of!

Paris Reminder

Next week is our Paris residential. If your child is attending, students should arrive at PGS to check in with staff at 3.15am. Please do not forget your passport and any medication! The car park will be open. However, the school will not be open, therefore students will need to ensure that they go to the toilet before they leave home. Please ensure students have luggage to the correct size and weight limits as specified at our Paris Parents Evening. Please ensure students are signed up to the Chaperone app via the below link:

<https://app.gochapperone.com/trips/6a282b114c1092da102e738a>

which has further information about the visit including the itinerary and is the method of communication staff will be using with students and parents throughout the trip.

Work Experience Alternative Arrangements

As Work Experience Week is now only two weeks away, students should have organised a placement and completed the Unifrog paperwork. If a placement has not been secured, students will be expected to attend school for the full duration of Work Experience Week, from Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July, between 9.40am and 3.00pm. During this time, students will take part in supervised study and will be expected to complete a range of activities designed to support their future education and employment opportunities. Attendance during this week is an expectation for all students who do not have a confirmed work experience placement. Students should attend each day, on time, and be prepared to work independently throughout the day. If your son/daughter 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.

PARENT & CARER WEEKLY BULLETIN

Looking Ahead – UCAS Applications

As students prepare for Year 13, it is important that they are aware of the key UCAS application deadlines for September 2027 university entry:

15th October 2026 (6.00pm): Deadline for applications to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for most courses in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine/Science and Dentistry.

13th January 2027 (6.00pm): Deadline for the majority of university courses.

To support students in making strong applications, our internal school deadline is Friday 4th December 2026. Competitive applications submitted by this date are more likely to receive offers earlier in the admissions cycle, whereas applications submitted closer to the January deadline may not receive offers until May.

Over the summer, all students should begin preparing their personal statement, ready to submit to their tutor when they return to Year 13 in September.

Looking Ahead - Summer Examination Results

Students who completed external units for Applied courses this year will receive their results on A Level Results Day, Thursday 13th August. Results will be emailed out, so students do not need to come into school.

Students who sat GCSE examinations in Mathematics, English and/or Science will receive their results on GCSE Results Day, Thursday 20th August. These results will also be emailed out, and there is no need for students to attend school.

Looking Ahead - 16–19 Bursary Fund

Students who have received bursary funding this year will need to reapply over the summer in order to continue receiving financial support from September. Please visit the school website to check the current eligibility criteria, particularly if your family's circumstances have changed. If you believe your child is eligible, the online application form should be completed during August, along with the submission of the required supporting evidence.

As always, if you have any questions about the final weeks of the academic year, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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