

**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**
Friday 17th July 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It was my privilege to lead the Awards Evening celebrations which took place earlier this week. We have such fantastic students at the school and it is fitting that their efforts and achievements are recognised in this way. Our Sports Day earlier this week was a real success as were the rewards trips and events.

Congratulations Polaris! It was my privilege to award them the Victor Ludorum House Cup to the House Leader, Miss Mathie, earlier today. It was an extremely close finish between them and XXXX and proves that students participating in as many events as they can really does make the difference in winning the competition.

The academic year has been a real success for us as a school. I am looking forward to seeing lots of happy faces on the exam results days over the summer amongst our Year 11 and 13 students.

I hope you and your family enjoy some time together over the summer holiday and I will look forward to welcoming all of our students back on Wednesday 2nd September (please see General Notices for timings or visit the school website).

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Start of Term Arrangements – September 2026

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



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

Training Days 2026/27

Training Day 1	Tuesday 1 st September 2026
Training Day 2	Friday 23 rd October 2026
Training Day 3	Friday 27 th November 2026
Training Day 4	Monday 4 th January 2027
Training Day 5	Thursday 22 nd July 2027

Miss Frost
PA to the Headteacher
& Communications Manager

Preparing for September: Uniform and Equipment Expectations

As we look forward to welcoming students back for the new academic year in September, we would like to remind all parents and carers to visit the school website and review our current uniform, appearance and equipment expectations before the first day of term.

Please ensure that students arrive fully prepared and in line with school expectations from the start of the academic year.

Uniform

Students should return wearing the Autumn/Winter uniform.

School blazers are compulsory and must be worn at all times unless otherwise directed by staff.

Please check the school website for full details of the uniform requirements.

Students should not bring spare trainers into school for social times, they must stay in their leather school shoes.

Student Appearance

To maintain our high standards, please ensure that:

- False acrylic nails are not permitted and must be removed before students return to school.
- Eyelashes should be natural and not false.
- Hair should be of a natural colour only and no two tone dyed hair.
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted, including shaved patterns, lines, designs or other markings cut into the hair.

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Students who do not meet these expectations will be required to rectify the issue before returning to lessons.

Equipment

A school bag is required every day. This ensures that students can safely store their learning equipment, mobile phones and other personal belongings throughout the school day.

Students should also arrive on the first day with all required learning equipment. A full equipment list can be found on the school website.

We recognise that some families may require support with the purchase of equipment. Any students who are entitled to this support will be identified and spoken to during September, and assistance will be provided where required to ensure they are equipped and ready for learning.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain high standards and ensuring a positive start to the new academic year. We wish all our families a restful summer break and look forward to welcoming students back in September.

Mr McCroakam
Assistant Headteacher

Important SEND Update

From September any student who requires a fidget tool to aid their focus and concentration can use a small piece of blu tac.

We have found this year that a number of fidget tools used by students have caused distraction in lessons - in particular gel filled squishes, fidget spinners and stretchy worms.

We understand the importance of a fidget for some students and are aware when used appropriately these can aid concentration, however we want to prevent distraction for students in the classroom. We therefore ask that any student requiring a fidget uses a small piece of blu tac that can be used discreetly in the palm of their hand remaining out of site for other students.

From September staff will confiscate other fidget tools that are used in lesson.

Mrs Matthews
Assistant Headteacher (SEND)

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Please see below link to the letter regarding the NHS Pharmacy First Service.

The NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to

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advise and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment.

There is no need to make an appointment with the pharmacy and parents or carers can pop into their local pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

All Pharmacy First patients have a private consultation with a pharmacist, who provides advice and, if clinically appropriate, offer to supply treatment for the condition*. Should the pharmacist be unable to help, they will direct the person to their GP surgery or other healthcare professional as appropriate.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1nVDygfwsuH3AvZI75IEagOSlyxwbcgNF>

Medical Information

This is a reminder for all parents and carers to please check the medical information that we hold for your child in Arbor.

You can do this in the Arbor app by tapping the three horizontal lines in the bottom-left corner, selecting Profile, and scrolling down to the Medical section.

Please ensure this information is kept up to date, as accurate medical information is essential for your child's health, safety, and wellbeing while at school.

If any details need updating, please make the necessary changes or contact the school for assistance at info@pudseygrammar.co.uk.

Seasonal Flu Immunisations – Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

The seasonal flu vaccination programme, will take place in school on 22nd September 2026 and 5th October 2026.

Action required: Please complete the online form by 3.00pm at least 7 days before the vaccination dates by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.leedsimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

School Code: EE108079

It is important that all parents/carers complete the form, whether you are giving consent or declining the vaccination.

This ensures that the School Immunisation Team has a record of your decision and can plan the vaccination sessions effectively.

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We would be grateful if you could complete the form as soon as possible to avoid any last-minute reminders or delays.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Mrs Marsh
Lead First Aider

Leeds Rhinos 50% off Tickets Offer

Leeds Rhinos are delighted to offer supporters 50% off tickets for their match against Toulouse on Friday 31st July 2026.

With the team currently in first place in the league table we would love for you to join us to cheer the team on. Whether you are a regular supporter, or would be attending for the first time, we would be delighted for you and your family to come and experience the unique atmosphere of a match at AMT Headingley Stadium.

Prices start from just £13 for adults and £7 for juniors aged 16 and under.

To book your tickets visit: <https://tickets.therhinos.co.uk/content>
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1nQphZltPQQoC6Cwvh6r8xXF_mNqo5Mvn

Year 7

We want to congratulate Year 7 on a fantastic first year at PGS. Students have adapted brilliantly to life in secondary school and progressing brilliantly throughout the Year. I hope everyone really enjoys and embraces the 6 weeks off and come back for a fresh challenge as Year 8s!

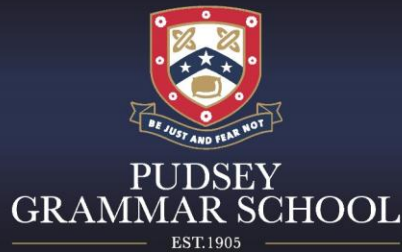
Mr Lucas
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss White
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

As we reach the end of another successful school year, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and to celebrate everything our Year 8 students have achieved.

I have been incredibly impressed with the progress the year group has made, both academically and personally. They have approached challenges with resilience, worked hard



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in lessons, and should be proud of everything they have accomplished this year. It has been wonderful to see so many students grow in confidence, maturity and independence.

A huge well done to all of our Year 8 students for their positive attitude, commitment to learning, and the way they have represented the school throughout the year. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed, and they should all feel proud of what they have achieved.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for your ongoing encouragement and support. Your support has played an important role in helping our students succeed.

We look forward to welcoming our students back in September as they begin Year 9.

Have a fantastic summer, and we look forward to seeing you all in September!

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 on s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk

Miss Mathie as Year Leader on e.mathie@pudseygrammar.co.uk

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We both look forward to working with the students over the next two years!

Mr Sohaib
Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year Leader

Last Friday, I had the pleasure of taking 16 students to Vistry in Wakefield for a work experience day. The students were a real credit to the school and represented us fantastically throughout the visit. Their enthusiasm, professionalism and engagement were praised by members of the Vistry team, and I was incredibly proud of them all.

By now, you should have received your child's school report and option choices for next year. If you have not received either of these documents, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to help.

As we come to the end of another busy and successful year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on some recent highlights.

Our Sports Day was a fantastic event, and it was wonderful to see so many Year 9 students taking part with enthusiasm, determination and excellent team spirit. Whether competing, supporting their peers or simply giving their best effort, all students should be proud of their participation. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success.

This week, we also celebrated our students' achievements through our Rewards Assembly and Rewards Evening. It was a pleasure to recognise the hard work, resilience and commitment that so many of our young people have demonstrated throughout the year. Congratulations to all those who received awards, and thank you to the families who joined us in celebrating these well-deserved successes.

As we approach the final week of the academic year, I would also like to share a personal note. After two years as your child's Director of Studies, I will be stepping down from the role at the end of this year and returning to full-time classroom teaching. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with your children over the past two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed supporting this year group, celebrating their successes and helping them overcome challenges along the way. Thank you for your continued support during this time. I am incredibly proud of everything the students have achieved and look forward to seeing them continue to thrive in the future.

Finally, I would like to say a sincere thank you to Mr Inman for his dedication and commitment as Year 9 Leader. We are incredibly grateful for everything he has done in the role and wish him every success in his new role.

Mrs Kaye
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mr Inman
Year 9 Leader

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YEAR 10

What a wonderful final week it has been for Year 10! Myself, Mrs Green and Mr Eaton have never been prouder of the way our students conducted themselves throughout the week.

Sports Day was a fantastic success, with so many students getting involved, competing in numerous events and pushing themselves outside of their comfort zones. The atmosphere was brilliant, and it was wonderful to see students supporting one another and representing the year group so positively.

On Wednesday morning, students enjoyed our end-of-year inflatable reward event. It was fantastic to see everyone having fun, spending time with friends and celebrating a successful year together. They thoroughly deserved the opportunity after all of their hard work.

We wish all of our Year 10 students a restful and enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming them back in September, refreshed and ready to begin Year 11.

Finally, a reminder that our Year 11 Rewards Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach will take place on Monday 12th October. As in previous years, students will need to meet the following criteria to attend:

- No suspensions from September until the date of the trip.
- Attendance of 92% or above.
- No more than 7 late morning marks.
- No more than 7 lesson removals.

We are excited to see what this fantastic year group can achieve in Year 11 and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

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.

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

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

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

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, we would like to share some of the highlights from the past week and provide some important information for the summer and the start of the new academic year.

Paris Residential

We are delighted to report that our students and staff had a fantastic time on last week's residential visit to Paris. During their trip, students visited many of the city's iconic attractions, including the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Notre-Dame Cathedral, and the Louvre Museum. They also enjoyed a relaxing cruise along the River Seine, offering spectacular views of the city's famous landmarks, before rounding off the visit with an amazing day at Disneyland Paris, where they created memories that will last a lifetime. Our thanks go to all the staff who gave their time to make the trip such a success.

Work Placements

This week, the majority of our students have been completing their Work Placements. We know this has been an invaluable opportunity to develop workplace skills, build confidence and gain experience in a range of professions. We look forward to hearing all about their experiences when they return in September.

Students who have remained in school have been equally impressive, supporting our Reception team, helping with Sports Day and assisting with a variety of activities across the school. They have represented the Sixth Form brilliantly, and we thank them for their enthusiasm and willingness to help.

Summer and September Reminders

**Applied Exam Results - Results will be emailed to students and their primary guardians on Thursday 13th August.

**GCSE English & Maths Result - Results will be emailed to students and their primary guardians on Thursday 20th August.

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****Arrangements for the Start of Term**

Tuesday 1st September - Training Day – Staff only

Wednesday 2nd September - Years 7–12 attend.

Friday 4th September – Year 13

Students arrive from 8.20am via the Sixth Form Side Entrance and register with Form Tutors.
8.30am – 8.50am: Year 13 Assembly.

Thank You

As another academic year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students for their hard work, commitment and resilience throughout the year. They have much to be proud of, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. I would also like to extend my thanks to all of our parents and carers for your continued encouragement and support. Working together has played a vital role in helping our students succeed.

If you have any questions regarding the return to school, please do not hesitate to contact us at sixthform@pudseygrammar.co.uk.

We wish all of our students, parents and carers a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting and successful year.

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