



PUDSEY
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
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PROSPECTUS



★ RESPECT ★ RESILIENCE ★ INTEGRITY ★ COMPASSION ★ AMBITION

HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME



Our school has been proud to serve Pudsey and the surrounding area for 119 years. We ensure that our students are provided with an education which encompasses the very best knowledge from previous generations alongside the most up to date information to allow them to lead a fulfilling life when they eventually leave school.

For the first time in the school's history, in April 2024 we achieved our second successive Ofsted inspection judgement of being a good school. This is a fantastic achievement and it is testament to the consistently high quality of education which the school provides for all of our students. It is one of the reasons why the school is one of the most popular across the city of Leeds with over 900 applications for 215 places.

The school is also one of only 20 prestigious Department for Education National Behaviour Hub Lead Schools across the country. The school achieved this due to having an 'exemplary behaviour culture' and it has supported ten schools across the North of England to improve their behaviour systems over the past two years. In addition, we are expanding our successful Post 16 provision with our new £4 million Sixth Form building. This will be opening in September 2025.

The school is consistently graded as good by Ofsted and this was confirmed in April 2024.

Our exam results are consistently above national average and we ensure that by the time students leave us, they are fully prepared for the next stage of their lives. We are completely focussed on building on this progress to make Pudsey Grammar School one of the best in the region.

We are the only secondary school in the west of Leeds which has a large and popular Sixth Form of over 230 students taught in a state of the art multi-million pound building.

This means that students at Pudsey Grammar School do not need to endure the disruption of switching to another school or college to continue their education after Year 11.

We currently offer twenty A levels and six Applied General Courses to our Post 16 students, many of whom go on to secure places at top universities, high calibre apprenticeships or excellent college places. It also means that our staff are not pigeonholed into teaching just one group of students. The same staff who are teaching A levels are inspiring our Year 7s and, as a result, they can highlight to them how the subject has an impact on the wider world.

Our excellent House system which is modelled on the best practice from the private school system and will create smaller communities of students across the school, encourage them to try activities they may not have considered previously, boost their confidence and support healthy competition across the school.

The extra-curricular activities and trips we offer students is exceptional with trips in the Sixth Form going to Paris and New York, a Year 9 trip to Shanghai and closer to home a residential for all Year 7 students each summer to name but a few.

Our pastoral system is excellent and provides students with support, guidance and care whatever age they are and whatever their needs or ambitions. All students have a Form Tutor that they meet with regularly throughout the week alongside a Head of Year who deals with more complex issues and a Director of Studies who focusses on supporting the academic progress of each student. In addition, we are developing and expanding our provision for SEND students.

I hope you find the rest of the information in our prospectus of use. Please see our website for more details.



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**'SAFEGUARDING IS
VERY WELL LED AND
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OUR VALUES

OUR VISION

Pudsey Grammar School is a truly inspirational and caring community of learning where everyone within it is developed and supported to achieve their very best. Our students leave with great resilience, excellent knowledge, skills and the cultural capital which allows them to lead a happy and fulfilling life.

A culture of excellence across the entire school captivates students and results in them exceeding the high expectations which the school has embedded in previous years.

OUR VALUES

Pudsey Grammar School is a truly inspirational and caring community of learning where everyone within it is developed and supported to achieve their very best.

★ **RESPECT** - we show respect for ourselves, others and for people who are different from us. We show respect for the building, our local and wider environments. We are mutually respectful, treating others the way we want to be treated ourselves.

★ **RESILIENCE** - we have a clear self belief, determination and understand that making mistakes is a key part of learning. We know that the more effort we put in, the better we will become.

★ **INTEGRITY** - we are trustworthy and honest, true to our word and take responsibility for our actions.

★ **COMPASSION** - we care and are considerate towards others. We value kindness, empathy and understanding and have a strong desire to make the world a better place.

★ **AMBITION** - we value educational achievement, have high expectations of ourselves and aim to be the best person we can. No matter how good we are, we always strive for improvement.





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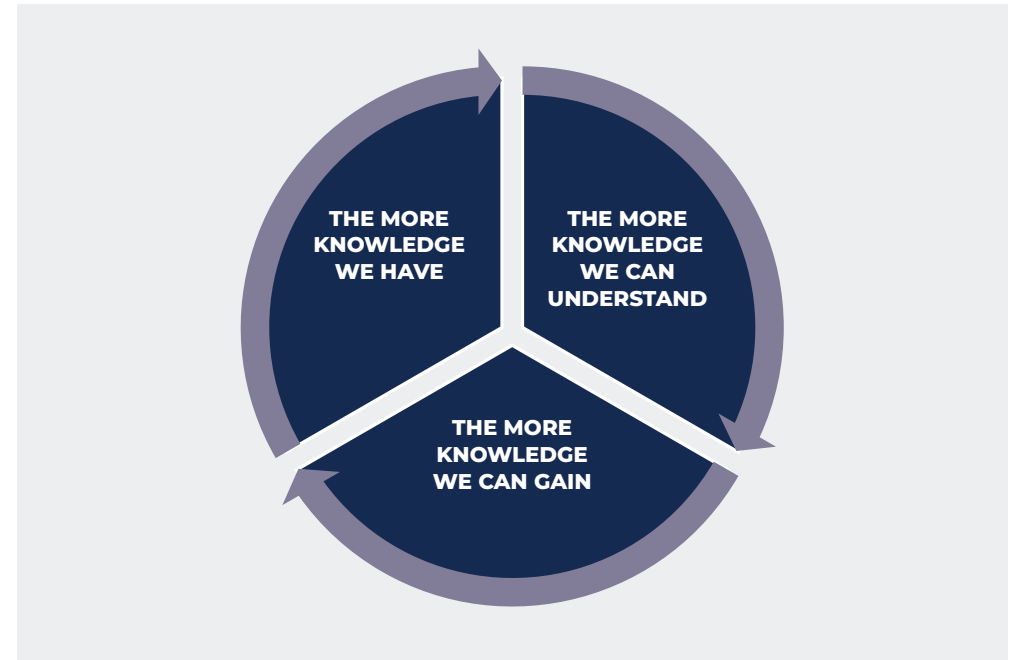


CURRICULUM

We have redesigned our school curriculum to ensure that our students gain the knowledge and skills which allows them to lead a happy, successful and fulfilling life. The world is a rapidly evolving place and we want to ensure that our students are informed about the latest developments alongside being taught the best of previous generations' knowledge. We also want our students to have a wide range of opportunities and experiences to develop their skills through our extensive extra-curricular provision.

Our curriculum is broad and goes well beyond the National Curriculum and exam requirements. Our lessons are carefully sequenced and planned to build on work that has been taught before. Lessons are also organised across different subjects to help students make the links that ties the curriculum together.

Our school offers a wide range of courses to our students and as we have a large, popular Sixth Form we are one of the few schools which can provide a high quality and wide ranging education from Year 7 through to Year 13 without the need for students to move schools at the end of Year 11. All students are provided with knowledge organisers to keep which equip them with all of the key knowledge they need for each subject. The knowledge organisers are used as the basis of homework and revision exercises to ensure that students retain knowledge. Our curriculum philosophy is based on the following cycle.





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STUDENT WELLBEING

The school has a comprehensive structure which ensures that students are supported and cared for at every stage. Each student will have a Form Tutor who will meet with them every morning – this provides consistent support and advice for the student. In addition, each year group is supported by a Year Leader who deals with any complex/sensitive pastoral issues. Each year group also has a Director of Studies who monitors and supports each students' academic progress throughout the year. A member of the Senior Leadership Team is also assigned to each year group to provide additional support.

The ethos of the school ensures that bullying is not tolerated and as a result the number of such instances are low and dealt with swiftly. We also have a small team of child protection staff who support students' wellbeing and safety.

We pride ourselves in being a highly inclusive school. We have an extensive team of support staff led by our Director of Special Educational Needs who ensure that the needs of every student are fully met. This team work very closely with students and their families to support them throughout their time at Pudsey Grammar School.

We have our own full time Attendance Officers who works closely with the Deputy Headteacher to ensure that our students have excellent attendance and to support both students and families in achieving this goal. We also run sessions for both parents and students regarding e-safety.





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ACTIVITIES

Student achievement and effort features highly at Pudsey Grammar School with thousands of achievement points being awarded across the school each week and regular year group rewards assemblies.

Through our House system we are creating smaller communities for all students and staff, providing exciting and fun opportunities for students to compete against each other, gain confidence and win valuable House points. These are celebrated in our House Assemblies which take place every three weeks and the winning House Team is awarded the Pudsey Grammar School Victor Ludorum cup which was gifted to the school in 1943.

We also have an annual prize-giving ceremony for each year group. The school offers a massive variety of extra-curricular activities for students to get involved in. We have a strong record in sport with our students featuring in both local, regional, national and in some cases international sporting events.

Our PE team run a variety of clubs after school which the students can freely participate in. We have a strong Performing Arts faculty who work hard to ensure that a significant number of our students have the opportunity of learning key skills relating to performing. The annual school production is a highlight of our year and is a highly professional experience for both cast, crew and the audience.

Opportunities for our students to participate in a wide range of experiences outside the classroom are plentiful. Examples include visits to Poland, Paris, Austria, Iceland, China, Holland, New York and many more rewards trips. Current Year 7 are looking forward to the residential to North Yorkshire this summer.

The school has a strong reputation in the field of science and we work closely with higher education partners and charities such as the Ogden Trust to promote scientific education to all of our students. The school is also part of the Royal Society's Schools' Network which provides us with additional materials from one of the world's most prestigious scientific organisations.





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SIXTH FORM

Our Sixth Form is the only large school-based Sixth Form in the west of Leeds with over 250 students studying a wide range of courses. We have invested heavily in our Sixth Form in recent years and this allows us to provide an excellent education to all of our Post 16 students.

We have increased the teaching time allocated to each student by 20%. In addition, we provide a dedicated study space for all of our Post 16 students with support available beyond the end of the school day. We also have a dedicated Careers Advisor who organises half termly meetings with each student to focus on their goals and ensure that they are on track to achieve them. Our Pastoral Leader provides support and guidance to the students while a Director of Studies is devoted to overseeing the academic progress of all students.

Our Sixth Form team ensure that students are educated beyond the classroom. Our enrichment falls into the two categories of academic enrichment and pastoral enrichment. Academic enrichment provides students with inspirational talks from experts around the world in a wide range of roles. We have been privileged to welcome a plethora of prestigious guests including Richard Bilton (BBC Panorama Journalist), Andrew Greenall (Tribologist at Mercedes AMG High Performance Powertrains) and Lisa Holdsworth (TV and Theatre writer and Vice Chair of the Royal Television Society for Yorkshire) to name but a few.

In addition to this, we run cultural trips to Paris and New York.





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