



**PARENT & CARER  
WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We are making changes to our behaviour system as the current policy needs refining. The vast majority of our students behave extremely well every day which is reflected in the fact we are one of only 20 National Behaviour Hub Lead Schools. Under the current system staff have to manually input rewards points which sometimes means that students who are doing well don't get the recognition that they deserve.

Under the new system, all students will automatically receive four attitude to learning (ATL) points for each lesson that they attend, as long as they're working well and trying their best. These points will lead to termly rewards and also allow students to access our new end of year rewards trips which we have planned for next year. I've explained the new system in detail to all the students in assemblies and we're going to be consulting them in the weeks ahead regarding what meaningful rewards they would like to be given.

There are several additional changes which we're making to the policy. We are phasing in the changes so some basic ones will take place next week including increasing the length of detention to one hour. The rest will be implemented in September. From next week, if a student fails to attend a one hour detention it will be increased to an hour and a half the next evening. We have simplified what students can receive a detention for and the list is as follows:

- Removal from lesson
- Weekly ATL score falling below a certain value (determined during the summer term three weeks)
- 5 x lack of equipment
- 2 x PE kit not brought in
- 3 x late to lesson
- Late to school
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Detentions will run from 3- 4pm Monday – Thursdays and the 1.5 hour detentions will run until 4.30pm on the same evenings.

We are partially launching the system now as we want to get four weeks of data so that we can then decide the criteria for students to qualify for the end of term rewards in the autumn. I am looking forward to reading the students suggestions regarding the rewards they would like us to put in place – they will be completing a survey over the next two weeks. In the interim any student achieving 380 points or more between now and the end of term will be entered into a prize-draw on the last day of term.



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It's an exciting time in the school at the moment and we are looking forward to implementing this new system which will ensure that the vast majority of students are rewarded and recognised for the effort they are putting in.

**Mark McKelvie**  
Headteacher

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## **GENERAL NOTICES**

### **South Asian Heritage Month 2024 – Year 7- 10**

As part of Pudsey Grammar's ongoing celebration of diversity, from the 8th of July we will be celebrating South Asian Heritage Month. South Asian Heritage Month, which first took place in 2018, seeks to commemorate, mark and celebrate South Asian cultures, histories, and communities. The month seeks to cultivate an understanding of the diverse heritage and cultures that continue to link the UK with South Asia. Students from Year 7 to Year 10 will learn about the Month and more about this year's focus of Free to be me in assemblies.

Additionally, there will be a series of events going on after school, which will allow students to further explore South Asian Heritage. The events, and the dates on which they will occur as well as sign-up sheets for attendance to the event, are as follows:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July - "Flavours of South Asia: A Culinary Exploration of Tradition and Taste" - 136 (Miss Wilkinson)

Please fill in the following form to express your interest (<https://bit.ly/SAHMFoods>). A position at this event will be confirmed by Mr Alderson via email.

"Short Films of South Asia: Exploring Influence and Innovation in Media" - 114 (Mr Alderson)

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - "Diverse Faiths of South Asia: An Exploration of Religion, Culture, and Tradition" - 117 (Miss Lea)

"Mathematical Heritage of South Asia: Unveiling the Legacy and Innovations" - 104 (Miss Dann)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July - "Cricket in South Asia: Celebrating a Passionate Legacy" - PE Changing Rooms (PE Staff)

"Art of South Asia: Celebrating Creativity and Cultural Heritage" - Art Department (Miss Lewis)

We look forward to students engaging in this diverse culture and gaining a greater understanding of its heritage. If you have any further questions in regards to these events, please contact Mr Alderson.

Mr Alderson  
Subject Leader of Social Science



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### **Online Safety**

The online world is an essential part of our daily lives and learning how to use technology safely is an essential skill for young people. Apps and online gaming are extremely popular but risks are posed and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children and your role as a parent/carers can make a significant difference.

In order to support families to protect our students online we are working with the National College to provide you with a monthly resource. This will act as a useful short guide covering a range of topics that you may want to engage your child with. **This month offers insight for sharing photos online.**

We hope you find these useful each month across the academic year.

Mr Sammons  
Associate Assistant Headteacher

### **School Production**

Would you like to know what the school production is and how to audience?

Click on the link to find out:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1VARxrGpruZp21aFmF3MGbW6pu8DL748MqyWcWPG9Brk/edit#slide=id.p1>

Miss Wray  
Subject Leader of Performing Arts

### **Car Park Closure - Tuesday 25th June**

We have a Year 9 trip to Flamingo Land booked in for Tuesday 25th June and in order to safely manage the departure from school, we will be closing the car park from 8.00 am to 8.45 am. The coaches are scheduled to arrive at school for 8.00 am. This will allow the students and staff to safely board the coaches whilst also allowing sufficient space to manoeuvre safely around the turning circle for departure (we have had issues in the past when dealing with multiple coaches). The coaches will leave as soon as possible after school has started and the roads are quieter.

Parents/carers are therefore asked to note that the car park will be locked and not available at all for drop-offs during this time.



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If anyone requires assistance with parking for accessibility reasons, please contact reception to make arrangements.

Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs Byrne  
Director of Operations

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## **YEAR 7**

The Year 7 residential Information Evening was a great success and gave parents the chance to see what the students will be up to during the residential. Please be reminded of the following:

- Students must bring their own bedding (i.e. sleeping bag/duvet).
- Students will also be in lesson during period 1 on Monday 1st July, they may need minimal equipment for this (i.e. a pen).

Any further questions regarding the residential, please get in touch at:-

[j.leigh@pudseygrammar.co.uk](mailto:j.leigh@pudseygrammar.co.uk)

There was also a fantastic opportunity for a small group of Year 7 students this week who were able to receive some tennis coaching at the Lexus Ilkley Trophy. As well as this, students got the opportunity to watch some of the professionals playing tennis during the competition and even got to witness a tennis player who had recently beaten Serena Williams. The students had a fantastic day and thank you to Mr Connor for organising this trip.

Mr Leigh  
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie  
Year 7 Leader

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## **YEAR 8**

### **Language Preference**

Thank you for the help in returning the forms for student preferences of language in Year 9. We are currently reviewing how this would look for group changes for next year. It is a preference and we can't guarantee student's choices as we are reliant on staffing.



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**WEEKLY REPORT**

We will endeavour to make sure preferences are counted.

Mr Lucas  
Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Mincher  
Year 8 Leader

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## **YEAR 9**

### **Uniform**

The majority of our students look extremely smart and adhere to our uniform policy, Year 9 in particular make me very proud. We have noticed as a Year Team that standards are slipping.

Please be reminded that students are not permitted to have Acrylic nails or nail varnish on. Leggings and tube skirts are not permitted. Also sports trainers are not permitted. Students who we have noticed these issues on, have been spoken to and have been advised that these need to be corrected by Monday to prevent sanctions.

### **Flamingo Land**

Just a few last reminders:

- Students do not need to wear school uniform
- Money or a packed lunch will be required
- Only water allowed on the coaches, no food or drink.
- Students need to be at school by 8am - the gates to the main car park will be closed at 8am to allow space for the coaches. If you are dropping students off, you will not have access to the car park after 8am.
- We are expected to arrive back at school by 4:30pm

Mrs Mitchell  
Year 9 Director of Studies

Miss Exley  
Year 9 Leader

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## **YEAR 10**

This week, our Year 10 students participated in two exciting trips: a photography excursion and a geography trip to the coast. They represented our school brilliantly and were true role models. We are very proud of them.

Additionally, this week marks the start of the trial exams, which we know many students are anxious about. Please support them by reinforcing good routines at home, focusing on



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adequate sleep, a balanced diet, and consistent revision. Your support is crucial during this intense week.

Miss Legg  
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall  
Year 10 Leader

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## **YEAR 11**

### **GCSE Results Day**

This week we bid our Year 11s farewell in their final assembly. It was a moment filled with emotions but we hope to see as many students as possible at Prom to celebrate with them.

Results day is on Thursday 22nd August and the school will be open from 9am-11am. It is important that students come to collect their results and also take the opportunity to discuss their next steps and ask any questions they may have to the many teachers who will be available on the day. It will also be an opportunity to discuss their 6th form place.

If for any reason, your child is unable to collect their results in person, a family member is welcome to collect on their behalf.

If for any reason, nobody is available to collect their results, please let me know in advance on [s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk](mailto:s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk)

Mr Syed  
Year 11 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank  
Year 11 Leader

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## **SIXTH FORM**

### **Important Dates**

w/c 1st July – Year 12 Trial Exam Week

9th to 12th July – Year 12 Paris Trip

15th to 19th July - Work Placement

### **UCAS Fair:**

This week, all of Year 12 attended the annual UCAS Discovery Fair at Leeds Beckett Headingley. The event featured over 70 stalls representing a diverse range of universities, apprenticeship providers, and employers. Our students had a fantastic day exploring their future education and career options, gathering valuable information, and engaging in meaningful conversations. It was a productive and inspiring experience for everyone involved.





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### **Speakers Programme:**

Earlier this week, we had the pleasure of welcoming Professor Bill McCaffrey from the University of Leeds. He visited our Science, Geography, and Computing cohorts to share his journey as an Earth Scientist and Lecturer. Professor McCaffrey provided our students with valuable insights into his field and offered practical tips on how to maximise their A-level education to enhance their university applications and their individual, personal development. It was an inspiring and informative session for all who attended.

### **Opportunities**

West Yorkshire Combined Authority - Demystifying Apprenticeships - Parent/Carer Event  
West Yorkshire Careers Hub would like to invite parents and carers to the webinar "Demystifying Apprenticeships." Featuring leading employers including ASDA, Jet2, ITV and Forvis Mazars and Impellam Group, this event aims to provide valuable insights into apprenticeships opportunities, what they involve and the recruitment process.

Date: Wednesday 10 July

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

The session will cover the following topics:

\*An overview of apprenticeships and technical education

\*Where to find Apprenticeship opportunities

This event is hosted and delivered by the West Yorkshire Careers Hub Schools Partnership Team and is open to all parents and carers free of charge. To book please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/demystifying-apprenticeships-a-webinar-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-911215679627?aff=oddtcreator>

### **Higher Education Parent/Carer Guide - Go Higher West Yorkshire**

This guide will introduce you to the choices your child will face over the coming years. It will help you understand the journey your child is on, and how you can help them make decisions in an informed way; allowing them to explore and pursue Higher Education (HE), should it be the route they decide to take.

We know that HE can be complex, which is why we've provided a glossary of terms used throughout this guide.

To download, please visit:

<https://gohigherwestyorks.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Parent-Guide-Update-2023.pdf>

Mrs Smith  
Post 16 Director of Studies

Ms Nota  
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Miss Robinson  
Post 16 Administrator

Miss Kenny  
Careers and Enrichment Lead