

**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**
Friday 28th June 2024

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It has been one of the busiest weeks in our school year so far.

On Monday and Tuesday, we welcomed 182 Sixth Form students to our Year 12 induction days where they experienced a range of A level and BTEC courses and got to experience many other aspects of our Post 16 provision. The feedback from the students was extremely positive and we are looking forward to welcoming them all back in September to begin their studies with us.

We had our annual Year 9 rewards trip to Flamingo Land on Tuesday to which the students who qualified for thoroughly enjoyed.

Yesterday we welcomed our new Year 7 students up on their taster day. It was excellent to see so many excited (and some slightly nervous) Year 6 faces as they experienced a day at our school for the first time. The students had a great day and are also looking forward to starting the school in September.

We held our Year 11 Prom at the impressive function suite at Headingley Stadium. The room is spectacular and overlooks the Yorkshire County cricket pitch on one side and the Leeds Rhinos ground on the other. The students looked amazing and they were a credit to themselves and to our school. It was an absolute pleasure to supervise them last night and they were extremely grateful to all staff who gave up their evening to make the event possible.

We are back at Headingley again tonight for our Year 13 Awards Evening and Prom. For the first time we have decided to hold the Awards Evening before the Prom as it allows parents to participate in this part of the evening as we celebrate the students seven years at our school, look forward to their results in August and wish them all the best on the next part of their lives.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

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YEAR 7

With the Year 7 Residential just next week on Monday 1st July, I wanted to remind parents/carers of some key points:

- Students must bring their own bedding, this could be a sleeping bag or duvet but the student must carry this.
- Students will be in form and period 1 on Monday; they should be in their own clothes and may just need a pen for these lessons.
- Phones are not allowed on the trip. Should there be any issues; staff on the residential will get in touch with parents/carers.
- When collecting students on Wednesday 3rd July, we should arrive back for approximately 4:00pm. Please can parents/carers avoid parking in the car park to allow room for coaches to enter.

Mr Leigh
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

Uniform

We would like to clarify a couple of points around the changes to the uniform policy. Students are allowed to wear shorts but they must be tailored and similar to school trousers. Sports shorts and cargo shorts are not allowed and students will be asked to change into school trousers if these items are worn.

Skirts must be knee length and tailored, students are increasingly challenged on this as we have a number of students with rolled up skirts. If students roll up their skirts after being challenged, they will be placed into isolation. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Equipment

We have been monitoring equipment and many students are still maintaining their high standards, we would like to keep up the high standards through the last few weeks of term. If students are missing equipment, they can purchase through the library. A full list of equipment can be found on the school website.

Mr Lucas
Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Mincher
Year 8 Leader

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YEAR 9

Flamingo Land

We had a great day at Flamingo Land on Tuesday; the students were absolutely outstanding and represented the school wonderfully. We were so proud of them and really glad we got to finish the year with them in this way. A well-deserved reward for them.

Guided Choices

All students should have received their guided choices letter in the post this week. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mr Syed as he will be taking over as Director of Studies for the year group into Year 10.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 9 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

Our Year 10 students have done very well during their trial exams. It has been an intense week for many, but they have shown great maturity and resilience, especially given the warmer weather, which created quite sticky conditions in the sports hall.

Next week, our Year 10's will dive into the excitement of election week with a different session each morning in form. These sessions will cover the basics of what a general election is and the importance of voting. They will also explore the major political parties in a balanced way, focusing on their manifestos regarding the economy, education, and healthcare.

On Thursday, students will have the opportunity to vote in a mock PGS election.

Miss Legg
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

Prom was a resounding success and was such a lovely way to celebrate with the students as we brought this chapter of their journey to a close. So, what is next?

Results day is on Thursday 22nd August and the school will be open from 9:00am – 11:00am. 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 Sixth Form place.

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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.

Mr Syed
Year 11 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 11 Leader

SIXTH FORM

Sixth Form Induction Event

This week we hosted the Year 11 into Year 12 Induction. We had over 180 students attend, which is fantastic. It was a brilliant two days all round, and we hope it gave students an insight into Sixth Form life and the subjects they will be studying in September. We would appreciate student feedback on the event. Please encourage your child to complete the Induction Day Feedback Form at their earliest convenience via the link below:

<https://forms.gle/gTTCvgYiA26z8oh39>

For the summer bridging tasks, log in to the student intranet via the Pudsey Grammar School website and scroll down to find the "P16 Summer Bridging Task" tile, which contains the tasks and PowerPoints from the induction days. Thank you for your participation and support!

With only three weeks left of this academic year, we remain as busy as ever!

W/C Monday 1st July

- Year 12 Trial Exam Week
- All students will be on study leave throughout the week and only need to attend for an Exam or Coursework Session (students have already received a copy of their timetable). Students must continue to sign in/out of the school building and wear an ID badge at all times.

W/C Monday 8th July

- The timetable will run as normal (accept for students who are on the trip to Paris)

W/C Monday 15th July

- All students should be attending a work placement. Students without a work placement will be expected to attend school 9:00am – 15:00pm and work in P16 Study.



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Thursday 15th August - A Level Results Day

- Students who have sat external units for applied courses will receive their results this summer. Students do not need to come into school to collect them; the results will be posted home.

Thursday 22nd August - GCSE Results Day

- Students who have sat a GCSE in Maths and/or English will receive their results this summer. Students do not need to come into school to collect them; the results will be posted home.

Opportunities

Leeds Trinity University Open Day

Join Leeds Trinity University at their next undergraduate Open Day to discover what life is like at Leeds Trinity University - Horsforth Campus. You can register your attendance from 9:30am. During the day, you will be able to chat with the academics who will be teaching you and speak to our current students about their experiences studying at Leeds Trinity. You can also join a Campus Tour, check out our Main Campus accommodation options and chat with staff at our information points. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.leedstrinity.ac.uk/horsforth-schedule>

Leeds Beckett Open Event

Open Days are your opportunity to find out everything you would like to know about courses and teaching. You will learn about our commitment to giving you a future advantage in your career and how Beckett will support you every step of the way. You will also explore the incredible campus facilities and accommodation, and get answers to all your questions about student life at Leeds Beckett University. The next event takes place this summer on Wednesday 3rd July, 2024 - book your place now by completing the form on the link below.

<https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/undergraduate/open-days/>

Apprenticeship Information for Parents/Carers

If you would like some information on how you can support your child with apprenticeships, please visit the link below.

https://assets.ctfassets.net/8kbr1n52z8s2/3DBS7LRTsL4M6jlxmoisQ/fe9121043a5825d1f1ace07d884e624f/Parents_and_Carers_-_Pack_June_2024.pdf

Career Pilot - Parent/Carer Information

All things higher education explained for parents & carers. Please visit:

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/information/higher-education-at-18>



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Future Goals - Qualifications Explained

Support your child to make the right choice for them! Know your A-levels from your T-levels? How to get into University with a BTEC? This myth-busting guide will support you to understand the basics of different qualifications and how they can lead into a multitude of career routes to enable you to support your child to make the right choice for them when it comes to choosing the right qualification route for them. Please visit:

<https://www.futuregoals.co.uk/engage/parents-carers/qualifications-explained/>

Mrs Smith
Post 16 Director of Studies

Ms Nota
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Miss Robinson
Post 16 Administrator

Miss Kenny
Careers and Enrichment Lead
