



**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**
Friday 5th July 2024

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Two recent trips highlight the excellent opportunities we offer our students. Our Year 7 residential trip took place earlier this week. The trip was a great opportunity for the students to develop their teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving skills through a range of outdoor activities. The trip was a success and the students showed great enthusiasm, resilience, and cooperation throughout. They also gained valuable skills and experiences that will help them in their academic and personal development.

The Mandarin Excellence Programme trip to Shanghai is currently underway and will last until the 13th of July. The trip is a fantastic opportunity for the students to immerse themselves in the Chinese culture and language, and to enhance their communication and intercultural skills. The students are staying in a hotel, attending lessons at a local school in the morning and visiting cultural attractions in the afternoon.

The trip is going well and the students are having an amazing time. They are showing great interest, curiosity, and respect for the Chinese culture and language. They are also making good progress in their Mandarin skills and confidence.

We will keep you updated on the rest of the trip.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Early finish - Thursday 11th July Late start - Friday 12th July 2024

We will be holding our annual Open Evening on Thursday 11th July, to welcome parents/carers of Year 5 students who will be considering which secondary school to choose for a September 2025 start. The event involves all staff and a large number of student ambassadors to make the evening a great success. To aid in the preparation for the evening the school will close at the earlier time of 12.20pm for all students. The school will re-open at the slightly later time on Friday 12th July as follows:-

Year 8 & 9 students to arrive from 9.50am for a prompt 10.00am start
Year 12 students to arrive from 9.50am for a prompt 10.00am start



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Year 7 & 10 students to arrive at 10.10am for a prompt 10.20am start

Thank you for your kind support and co-operation.

Ms Frost

PA to the Headteacher & Communications/Office Manager

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 8th July - "Short Films of South Asia: Exploring Influence and Innovation in Media" - 114 (Mr Alderson)

Tuesday 9th 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 10th 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 History

Healthy Holidays

Leeds City Council have launched a website that parents/carers can access that brings together Healthy Holidays activities across the city: <https://healthyholidays.leeds.gov.uk/>
Over the summer holidays, children who are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals can access a fantastic range of exciting activities, alongside a delicious meal, for free.

The available activities will be shown on the site from the 1st July, and parents/carers can browse events and book on to activities that are appropriate.



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Please see attached leaflet for more information.

Healthy Holidays Team
Leeds City Council

Book Swap - Wednesday 17th July

We will be holding a school-wide book swap on Wednesday the 17th July after school in the playground (in the library if there is bad weather). It will be run on a first come, first served basis. Students don't have to donate a book in order to take a book at the book swap - all are welcome - but donating is encouraged!

Donations to the book swap should be made from Monday the 8th of July to Friday the 12th of July. Any books that are donated should be in good condition, and aimed towards 11-16 year olds. Students should obtain permission from their parents/carers before bringing books into school, as there is no guarantee that they will get their books back.

Book swaps are a sustainable way for students to get 'new' books for free, and a great opportunity to engage in book-talk. We hope that as many students as possible will go away with a 'new' book to read over the summer!

Ms Martin
Librarian

NO FEE SCHOOL UNIFORM - URGENT PLEA FOR UNWANTED, GOOD QUALITY UNIFORM & PE KIT

We are keen to get the uniform shop well stocked to enable our parents/carers to benefit from great quality uniform at no cost and encourage sustainability by limiting the amount of uniform going to landfill. We rely on the kind donations of our parents and carers to stock the uniform store.

We would be grateful if you could please donate any good quality uniform that you no longer require. We are reaching out to all our parents and carers to ask for ongoing donations to help make this project a success.

Donations – We would ask that uniform and PE items (including football boots) be handed in to Reception.

We are working hard to reduce waste, promote the benefits of recycling unwanted clothing to help our environment and support families in our community during the cost of living crisis. The initiative is non-profit for school and there is no cost to our parents/carers. Donated items will be laundered and placed on our website. Parents/carers can go onto the website and select the items they would like. Uniform can be collected from the school Reception. This helps us to ensure the key message of sustainability (avoiding good quality clothing going to landfill sites) can sit at the heart of the project.



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Uniform will be available to purchase on our uniform website, UniformD, at <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/193> when we have sufficient stock.

Thank you for your continued support.
The Office Team

Annie Auditions

We held the auditions for Annie last week and this week. The students had to perform an extract, sing as a group and sing a solo. There were many nervous people, but they all did it and should be very proud of themselves. Please congratulate your child for making it into the cast.

There is still time for your child to be in the cast of Annie. Please get them to come and see Miss Wray or Miss O'Gorman, we will share the Google Classroom code with them and add them to the cast list - No audition required!

We will be sharing the final cast list soon. Watch this space!

The Performing Arts Team

Student Absence Notifications

It is now possible to record student absences on the Parent Portal or Arbor App. You can only record same-day absences, so for any extended or future absences please follow the usual procedure. To record an absence, click on the Quick Actions button, and choose Attendance from the menu. Click the green Log Absence button in the top-right of the page. Once you've added the absence details, click Log Absence which will send details to the attendance team. Approved absences will appear in the Attendance tab of the Parent Portal or Arbor App.

Please contact the main office if you have yet to set up your account.

Mrs Collinge
Data Manager

YEAR 7

The Year 7 students returned from their residential on Wednesday. Gauging feedback from the students, it seems they had a wonderful time and managed to gain some fantastic experiences. Some particular favourites were the giant swing, abseiling and the laser tag! We hope that some of the memories that Year 7 created whilst away on the residential, last a lifetime.



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WEEKLY RITUAL

Looking forward, Year 7 have Sports Day coming up in the last week of the term. This is a great opportunity for students to get involved and represent their houses in a number of different athletic events. Although we want as many students to participate as possible, there may be some students that don't, but they will also get the opportunity to support and cheer for the other students in their houses during the events!

Mr Leigh
Year 7 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

We sent out a letter by email to parents about the end of year celebration inflatables treat for Year 8. This is a reward for Year 8 good behaviour. Hopefully, we will have nice weather so Year 8 can have a really enjoyable morning. There is a link on Parentmail where you can purchase and confirm your child's place. This needs to be done by Monday 8th July. If you have any issues purchasing please can you contact the Finance Team. finance@pudseygrammar.co.uk

Mr Lucas
Year 8 Director of Studies

Mrs Mincher
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

Year 9 Reports

The Year 9 reports will be with you shortly. Please take time to review these with your child once you have them. It is worth reflecting on the year and discussing ways to move forward whilst also considering the subject choices for next year. We're keen for students to make a strong start to their GCSE/Vocational subjects in Year 10 so please let me know if you have any questions on s.syed@pudseygrammar.co.uk Mr Syed Director of Studies for Year 10 2024-2025

Mrs Mitchell
Year 9 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

We have had a push on uniform standards this past week as standards had been starting to drop. A smart uniform contributes to a positive classroom and work environment. Please ensure your child is sensibly dressed for school, with skirts of an appropriate length, smart



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tailored shorts or trousers, and no leggings. Failure to comply will result in students borrowing uniform or being sent to isolation. We have already seen an improvement in how smart Year 10 are looking, and they really are setting an example for the rest of the school.

A final reminder about detentions: students can now check if they have a 60-minute detention after school by logging on to their Arbor account. Please let us know if they are unable to access this.

Miss Legg
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

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.

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

W/c Monday 8th July The timetable will run as normal (except for students who are on the trip to Paris who will attend MONDAY only)

Monday 15th July - Friday 19th July Year 12 Work Experience Week

A polite reminder that Year 12 work experience is taking place **w/c 15th July**. Students who do not have a placement, will remain in school and will be taking part in a variety of different employability workshops as well as completing a compulsory online virtual work experience placement on Springpod. To find out more about Springpod's virtual work experience opportunities, please visit: <https://www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience> Students can also use this time in school to complete coursework. If you have any questions regarding work experience, please email Miss Kenny on: e.kenny@pudseygrammar.co.uk



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A Level Results Day 15th August

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.

GCSE Results Day 22nd August

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.

Open Evening

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Y13 Awards Ceremony & Prom

The Year 13 awards ceremony and end of year prom took place last Friday at the Headingley Cricket Ground. The evening began with an award ceremony attended by students, staff and parents. The ceremony celebrated the achievements and milestones of our Year 13 students in a beautiful setting. Following the awards, the prom itself was held in a separate venue within the cricket ground. The night was filled with fun, and lots of dancing. It was great to see not just the students, but even some of the staff, enjoying themselves on the dance floor. Thank you to everyone who attended and made the evening unforgettable and a special thank you goes out to Max Anderson, our talented Year 12 photographer, who did an exceptional job in supporting the event.

Year 12 Trial Exam Week

Thank you to all our Year 12 students for their attendance and exemplary conduct during the Trial exams and additional coursework sessions this week. The final progress report will be sent out before the end of term to all parents and carers.

Opportunities

Internal Live Apprenticeships

We have 2 fantastic live apprenticeships available here at PGS! More information on both apprenticeships can be found below:

Apprentice Academic Support Tutor

Expected duration: 18 Months A1 £22,366 - £22,737 (Actual salary £19,236 - £19,555) Term-time + 5 days / 37 hours per week Start date: September 2024 Working pattern to be confirmed (the school will operate an early finish on Fridays from September 2024)



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Main duties:

- Assist students individually and in groups with their work following the direction and guidance of the Teacher to enable them to complete the work to their full ability.
- Work with pupils both inside the classroom and elsewhere to encourage independence, maintain personal confidence and enable full potential to be reached ultimately with the minimum of supervision.
- Support and assist students with social integration advising them on strategies to deal with problems they encounter, seek appropriate professional help when necessary referring to appropriate teaching staff for advice.
- Help the teaching staff in the preparation of lessons in advance to identify necessary preparation for the lesson, to gain familiarity with the work to be covered and design appropriate teaching
- Create learning materials as agreed with the teacher following guidance to ensure maximum access to the lesson material for students.
- Identify issues of concern and positive feedback to be shared with teaching staff.
- Liaise with teaching staff, therapy staff and parents/carers creating an effective team who share knowledge and information. · Keep a record of events and progress, bringing issues of concern to the class teacher to ensure full pupil data is available to inform pupils' assessment and future planning.
- Support basic administrative duties such as photocopying, filing, arranging and management of resources, routine marking, display work, record keeping and collation of basic data.
- Supervise students when required during non-teaching times of the day to ensure their health and safety.
- Undertake other reasonable duties of a similar level and nature to the post as requested.

Apprentice Science Technician

Expected duration: 18 Months At £22,366 - £22,737 (Actual salary £19,236 - £19,555) Term-time + 5 days / 37 hours per week Start date: September 2024 Working pattern to be confirmed (the school will operate an early finish on Fridays from September 2024)

Main duties:

- Working alongside and under management of a mentor and learning all aspects of Science Technician work ·
- Help the teaching staff in the preparation of lessons in advance to identify necessary preparation for the lesson, to gain familiarity with the work to be covered and design appropriate teaching
- Learning the preparation and layout in classrooms for practical exercises and running trials of experiments
- Ensuring equipment and materials prepared for lessons are to the specification of the teacher requirements
- Learn the proper use of equipment and the correct way to safely carry out learning activities · Advising staff on Health and Safety issues and ensuring compliance



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- Assisting in the safety, repair and general maintenance of all resources, equipment and tools
 - Assisting with stock keeping
 - Undertaking safety checks and risk assessments
 - Assisting in ensuring that all equipment and materials are stored safely, securely and in good condition
 - Safe disposal of used chemicals/hazardous waste and ensuring that hygiene and health and safety standards are maintained in the laboratory and preparation areas
 - Undertaking basic maintenance and cleaning of equipment
 - Assisting in keeping areas neat, clean, tidy and in a safe condition in readiness for lesson
 - Undertake other reasonable duties of a similar level and nature to the post as requested
- If you are interested in either roles, please get in touch with Mrs Smith:-

(l.smith@pudseygrammar.co.uk)

Free First Aid Qualification:

We are excited to offer a unique opportunity for those **not attending a work placement** during Work Experience Week to participate in a StreetDoctors First Aid Workshop on the 18th of July. We have 27 spaces available for this course and spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

StreetDoctors is a national charity dedicated to training young people across the UK in lifesaving skills, particularly in situations involving violent crimes or unconsciousness. This year's emergency first aid training focuses on both the physical and psychological consequences of street violence. The programme aims to boost young people's confidence and willingness to protect themselves and others.

Benefits of attending:

- Learn vital lifesaving skills..
- Enhance your CV and UCAS applications with an accredited certificate.
- Gain valuable experience for those considering careers in medicine, healthcare, or community work.

Students should see Miss Robinson to sign up.

Leeds Inclusive Growth - Employability Events

To find out about upcoming Employability Events in Leeds please visit: <https://www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com/news/upcoming-events>

Free Event: Farsley Sunnybank Mills - Art Exhibition, Saturday 6th July

Visit the Gallery on the first day of our new exhibition for a piece of cake, tasty creations by Edible Archives & a first look at the show! Visit the Gallery between 10am & 4pm for the launch of our summer exhibition all about food

<https://www.sunnybankmills.co.uk/event/dont-play-with-your-food-exhibition-launch-day/>



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Free Event: Pudsey Art Workshop

Pudsey Art Workshop - Mon 5th August, Pudsey Wellbeing Centre - Robin Lane

FREE art workshop for all abilities. If you are a beginner or interested in developing your skills, get in touch, all paint and materials are provided.

<https://pudseywellbeing.com/blog/>

Mrs Smith
Post 16 Director of Studies

Ms Nota
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Miss Robinson
Post 16 Administrator

Miss Kenny
Careers and Enrichment Lead
