

**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**
Friday 11th October 2024

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Our Sixth Form Open Evening at Pudsey Grammar School takes place on Thursday 17th October, from 5pm to 7pm. This event is an excellent opportunity for prospective Year 11 students and their families to learn more about the extensive range of courses and programs we offer. Our dedicated staff will be available to discuss the academic and extracurricular opportunities that make our Sixth Form unique, and current Sixth Form students will also be on hand to share their experiences and answer any questions you may have.

We believe that a strong partnership between school and home is crucial for the success of our students, and this evening will provide valuable insights into how we can work together to support your child's continuing educational journey. We look forward to welcoming current Year 11 students and their families to discuss how Pudsey Grammar School can continue to help them achieve their full potential in a supportive and dynamic learning environment.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Black History Month in the library

For students who are interested in learning more about black history, the school library has a vast range of books available about the incredible contributions of black people throughout history. We particularly recommend David Olusoga's 'Black and British', which has been adapted for younger readers, and Alison Hammond's 'Black in Time'. Our full reading list can be seen on the Reading Cloud website.

Miss Martin
School Librarian

CORE PE boots reminder (KS4) – Year 10 and 11

This is a polite reminder that studded boots are required in KS4 (Year 10 and 11) for boys CORE PE. This is made clear on the school website under uniform. The curriculum requires the boys groups to take part in different activities on the grass fields. Student will be given a failure to bring PE kit sanction (2 failures to bring PE kit in a half term is an a 1 hour detention).

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If you require any financial support please contact the relevant year office to discuss how school can support the purchase of studded boots.

Mr McCroakam
Subject Leader of PE

House competitions

Last week saw the house netball competitions taking place, with Libertas, Sirius and Vega taking the top spots in the Lowers and Arcturus, Sirius and Deneb claiming the top three in the uppers. All teams played competitively but with the school value of respect being demonstrated by all players throughout.

This week we have been running 'poetry by heart'. This involves students composing a poem about their house and reciting it in front of competitors from other houses. Again, the quality of the poems has been very high and students have shown a great deal of confidence to perform to their peers. Sirius, Canopus and Libertas took the top three spots in the Lowers, while Libertas, Arcturus and Deneb did likewise in the Uppers. At the time of writing, the Senior poetry competition has yet to take place. Results will be in next week's bulletin.

Next week, we also have the chess competition for Lowers, Uppers and Seniors. Again, results will follow in next week's bulletin.

Mr Robottom
House Leader

Year 7

Arbor

Please let Form tutors know if students are not logged on to Arbor yet. Students have been sent an email for a reset password link on their school email and they all should be able to login and choose a new password.

Restart a Heart

Wednesday 16th October all Year 7 will be taking part in the Restart a Heart campaign with an external agency. This is a great opportunity to learn a valuable life skill.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 7 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 7 Leader

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YEAR 8

My message to Year 8 this week is to remind students of the basic expectations of our students.

If Year 8 can consistently get the 'small things' right, they will continue to succeed.

- Arrive on time for school, lessons and registration
- Wear your uniform correctly at all times
- Be fully equipped for each lesson
- Be helpful and do as asked by members of staff
- Contribute to a positive learning environment
- Be polite and respectful of others
- Do your homework and hand it in on time. Science and Geography homework is set of Educake. Students have a sticker in their planners with the log in details. If they do not have this please get your child to ask their subject teacher.
- Participate in house competitions. There is a wide range of exciting competitions that our year 8 students can participate in.

Mrs Kaye
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

Jet 2 Assembly

This week we had a guest speaker from Jet 2 come in to do a special assembly about career opportunities within the company. I am sure this was a really positive experience for Year 9 and gave them some ideas and aspirations. I spoke to some students and the feedback was very positive. As mentioned in the Parent Information Evening we are wanting to try and drive career thoughts and aspirations throughout the year.

Mr Lucas
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mrs Green
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

Year 10 Assessment Week 1

From 11th November 2024 the Year 10 students will be taking assessments in their classrooms throughout the week in their various subjects. Teachers will let students know how to best prepare for these assessments and what content will be covered.

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During Form time, we will also introduce students to effective revision techniques/routines that they can use to help them prepare. Please look out for resources in next week's bulletin.

As you will know, these assessments are a key milestone in their Key Stage 4 journey and will inform the progress reports which will follow.

If you have any questions in regard to the assessments, please speak with the relevant subject leader. You can find the email addresses below:

<https://www.pudseygrammar.co.uk/contact-us/subject-leaders/>

Mr Syed
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

Revision guides are now available to purchase through Parentmail. These guides are an essential revision tool, and staff have recommended them to help with revision. Guides will be distributed in school, the deadline for purchase is 18th October.

We also have Science, English and Math's intervention sessions running on different evenings after school. We strongly encourage all students to attend these sessions, where refreshments will be provided. If a student attends one of these intervention sessions their detention will be marked as completed.

Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 17th October from 5.00pm

We are excited to welcome Year 11 students and parents/carers to our Sixth Form Open Evening. The evening will commence with a welcome from the Headteacher, Mr McKelvie and the Director of Sixth Form, Mr Burkinshaw. Visitors will then be given time to tour the school and explore departments where subject specialist staff and students will be available to answer any questions you may have. Exciting activities will be available to give you more of a flavour of the subject to inspire you further.

The evening is open for current Year 11 students and students who would be new to the school so please pass this message on if you feel a Year 11 student from another school would benefit.

If you would like to book onto the evening please visit our website at www.pudseygrammar.co.uk.

Miss Legg
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 11 Leader

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SIXTH FORM

Important Dates

Year 12

w/c Monday 14th October Assessment Week #1 (in class)
w/c Monday 21st October Data Capture #1 ATL only

Year 13

w/c Monday 14th October - Assessment Week (in class)
w/c Monday 21st October - Data Capture #1 ATL (attitude to learning) only
w/c Monday 18th November - Trial Exam Week #1 (main hall)
w/c Monday 9th December - Data Capture #2 Followed by Parents Evening on Thursday 9th January

Year 12 EPQ Students Visit University of Leeds

On Thursday, 40 of our EPQ students had the exciting opportunity to visit the University of Leeds, one of the leading institutions and part of the prestigious Russell Group. The students gained valuable insight into university-level research and studies, while also having access to the university's world-class libraries. They were able to tour the campus and learn more about university life. It was a highly informative day that will provide our students with the tools and knowledge to support them as they continue their EPQ studies. We are proud of how engaged and enthusiastic they were throughout the visit.

Year 13 Personal Statement Clinic

For the past two weeks, we have been running a Year 13 Personal Statement Clinic after school, and it has been very well attended. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to dedicate focused time to working on their university applications, with support on hand from the Sixth Form team to help craft their personal statements. The clinic takes place every Wednesday from 3:00pm to 4:00pm in the main hall and will continue until January 2025. We encourage students to make the most of this session as they prepare for their next steps in higher education.

Best wishes,

Mrs Smith
Post 16 Director of Studies

Miss Hart
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Miss Robinson
Post 16 Administrator

Miss Kenny
Careers and Enrichment Lead