



**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**
Friday 22nd November 2024

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to be able to share the success of our recent charity non-uniform day, which took place last Friday. Through the generosity of parents, students and staff, we managed to raise £1272.

We are pleased to inform you that the total amount raised will be split between two very deserving causes: BBC Children in Need and the Pudsey Community Partnership. This contribution will support a wide range of projects and initiatives that make a tangible difference in the lives of children and communities in need. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generosity in supporting this event.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Training Day - Friday 29th November 2024

A reminder that the next Training Day will take place on Friday 29th November 2024 and the school will be closed for students on this day. The school will re-open on Monday 2nd December 2024 at the normal time.

Miss Frost
PA to the Headteacher

Writing Club - Wednesday 27th November

Writing Club will start on Wednesday 27th November in the library 3-4pm. Whether they'd like to improve their creative writing skills or work on their own projects, students from all year groups are welcome to join.

All students who wish to attend must see Ms Martin who will then send a consent form via Parentmail. Consent forms must be signed before attending.

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PGS's Little Free Library

You might have noticed the Little Free Libraries all around the streets of Leeds where the public can take and donate books as they feel. Now, PGS has its own version of a Little Free Library! Students will be able to take books for free as well as donate books they no longer want. The little library will be in the school library to protect it from the weather. Many thanks to the wonderful Mr Roome for putting this together for us.

Ms Martin
School Librarian



Annie Tickets on sale

Tickets for the school production, Annie, are now on sale. Please purchase your tickets from the below link.

Link to tickets: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/pgs/e-eybalo>

If your child would like to be involved in the show, there is still time for them to be part of it. They can attend this Tuesday's rehearsal till 4.30pm and we will add them to the cast list.

Christmas Crafts

The Design Technology department and students at school have been manufacturing some Christmas themed crafts to sell. We will have a stall at the Pudsey Christmas Light Switch on (in the market) on 1st December at 2pm. We would love for you to pop by and have a look at some of the wonderful products that the staff and students have been working on.

Below are a few photographs of some of the products that we will be selling.

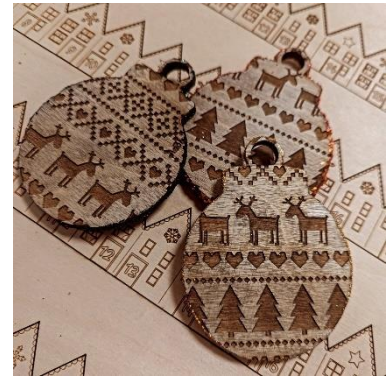
You can also look at our Instagram page too for more @pgsdesigntech.



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Thank you and Happy Christmas

From the Design Technology Department



Year 7

Indoor Athletics

Well done to all the students who took part in the indoor athletics competition this week. This was an interschool event and both the boys' and girls' teams qualified to the next round.

Boots/School Shoes

As the weather has been bad this week a number of students have attended school in boots. Please be advised that boots are not part of the school uniform so once students arrive at school they will need to change into the correct footwear.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 7 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 7 Leader



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YEAR 8

As I mentioned last week, the Year 8 Parents Evening will take place on 5th December. This event will be held virtually.

The booking system opens at 10am on Monday 25th November. Instructions on how to book will be sent out in due course, but please be aware there is a link at the bottom of the school website that will take you to the booking system.

There are 9 appointments available. I would advise to make appointments for English, Maths and Science and up to 6 other subjects.

There will be some subjects where staff availability is limited, you can add your name to a waiting list if an appointment is not available and will receive feedback from that subject within the next 10 working days.

If you have already booked 9 appointments and would like to make a change, you will need to delete one of the appointments before being able to book a new one.

Any issues with logging in/booking appointments, please contact the Main Reception team so that we can support in resolving these.

Mrs Kaye
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

Data Capture

We have had our first data capture point for Year 9 this week. It will have students' current grade and their ATL based off Arbor scores. Reports will be printed and sent out via Parentmail shortly.

Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh information should have been sent out via Parentmail. If you haven't received anything and your child is interested please get in touch.

Mr Lucas
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mrs Green
Year 9 Leader



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YEAR 10

Year 10 Progress Reports

I am looking forward to sharing the first progress reports for Year 10 in the coming weeks. I will inform parents once the reports are ready. This is a key milestone point in their journey through Key Stage 4 and represents the starting point for students in their subjects. We will reflect on this data in Form/assemblies and will also encourage conversations to take place at home to also reflect and look at how we can continue to make progress moving forward. Again, a huge well done to all the students for their efforts during assessment week.

Just for information, Parents Evening is on 1st May 2025 and there will be another assessment week for Year 10 in February 2025. More details will follow closer to the time.

Mr Syed
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

Walking Talking Mocks: English

Well done to X-Band for their engagement and performance during the English Walking Talking Mock on Wednesday morning. Hopefully you found this very useful.

Y-Band will have their Walking Talking Mock on Wednesday 27th. Students in Y-Band should go directly to the main hall on Wednesday morning. The session will run into their English lesson during period 1.

Revision Guides

If your child still needs to collect their revision guides, these are available from the Finance office on Floor 0 during school hours.

Detentions and Core Interventions

A reminder that if a student has a detention scheduled on the same evening as a core intervention, they should attend the intervention session first. When the detention member of staff visits the intervention room, students should make themselves visible to ensure they are marked as attended.

Please remind students to check their Arbor account each morning to see if they have a detention scheduled for that evening.



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Year 11 Sixth Form Open Morning – Limited Slots Available

We are delighted to offer a **Sixth Form Open Morning** for those who were unable to attend our October Open Evening. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the exciting opportunities available in our Sixth Form. Secure your ticket by visiting the homepage of our website.

Date: Tuesday, 26th November

Time: 8:30am – 10:00am

Miss Legg
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 11 Leader

SIXTH FORM

Important Dates:

6/12/24 - Internal UCAS Deadline

9-13/12/24 - Y13 New York Residential

20/12/24 - Sixth Form Celebration Assembly

Year 13 Trial Exams and UCAS Applications

This week was Year 13 trial exam week, and we are incredibly proud of our students' conduct. Attendance was excellent, and students conducted themselves brilliantly throughout the process, demonstrating maturity and dedication to their studies.

As we move forward, our focus shifts to completing UCAS applications for university. A reminder that our internal deadline for submission is **Wednesday, 6th December**. We encourage all students to make the most of the support available to them during this crucial time. For any additional guidance or advice, students can reach out to Miss Robinson and Miss Kenny in the Careers Team, who are available to help with all aspects of the application process. Thank you for your continued support as we help our students take these important next steps in their education journey.

Mrs Smith
Post 16 Director of Studies

Miss Hart
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Miss Robinson
Post 16 Administrator

Miss Kenny
Careers and Enrichment Lead