



**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**
Thursday 28th November 2024

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We are about to enter the final three weeks of this long term, and it is a key time for many students. Our Year 11s are getting geared up for their trial exams which will take place after Christmas and our Year 13s are focusing on completing their courses as we begin 2025. In addition, we have our annual school show, Annie which takes place from Tuesday 17th to Thursday 19th December. The shows always sell out as they are an excellent opportunity to see how talented our students are. There are still tickets available so please see the link below under General Notices.

The school will also have a stall selling Christmas-related crafts that our students have made at Pudsey Christmas Lights Switch-on which takes place on Sunday 1st December, and we will be there from 2pm. Further information is available in this bulletin.

A reminder that the school is closed tomorrow and we will re-open at the normal time on Monday 2nd December.

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



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Celebrating Linda's 35th anniversary

A huge congratulations to Linda who has worked with us in the school kitchen for an incredible 35 years. Linda is well loved by all students and staff and is renowned for her fantastic baking. We look forward to many more years of Linda looking after us!

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 18th December

Chartwells will be serving Christmas dinner to all students and staff on Wednesday 18th December. Please see menu attached. The 'Festive Feast' will be served at the normal lunch times and will be charged at the standard hot meal price of £3.25. Please note there will only be pasta as an alternative hot choice that day but there will be the usual selection of sandwiches, salads and snacks available at the snack bar.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1NchxPTEHxSkWVjVtUkigiqM-X4OYmBk>

Mrs Allman
Finance & Premises Manager

Book Swap - Monday 9th December

After the great success of last summer's book swap, we will be holding another just in time for Christmas! The book swap will be held in the Sports Hall at 3pm on Monday 9th December. All students are welcome to come and take a book even if they haven't donated one. The swap will be running on a first come, first served basis. It's a fun and sustainable way for students to get "new" books to read over the Christmas holiday, and there'll be a huge variety of books on offer.

Students are encouraged to donate any unwanted books they have at home. These books should be in good condition and be aimed towards 11-16 year olds. Donations will be accepted until Friday 6th December and should be brought to the library.

EAL Book Club - Starts Thursday 5th December

EAL Book Club will start on Thursday 5th December 3-4pm in the library. Parents/carers of students that have been invited to join the club must sign the consent form on Parentmail



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before students attend on 5th December 2024. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Martin at h.martin@pudseygrammar.co.uk.

Ms Martin
School Librarian

Annie Tickets on sale

Click on the link below to book your tickets for Annie

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/seatingplan/zkapqxxwwakz>

Miss Wray
Subject Leader of Performing Arts

Duke of Edinburgh Parent Information Evening

The Parent Information evening for the Duke of Edinburgh Award will take place on Wednesday 4th December, from 5pm to 6pm. During this session, you will meet the Turnballs, who oversee the expeditions, and have the opportunity to collect and complete enrolment forms.

If you are unable to attend, enrolment forms will be distributed in Form rooms. Please ensure that completed enrolment and medical forms are returned to Miss Swithenbank by Wednesday 18th December.

Mrs Swithenbank
Assistant Headteacher

Pudsey Christmas Light Switch On – Sunday 1st December 2024

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. We have some beautiful Christmas themed pieces available for you to purchase. Please be aware that purchases are by cash only.

You can look at our Instagram page to get an idea of what will be available @pgsdesigntech.

Ms Snaith
Subject Leader of Design Technology



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Year 7

Uniform

Year 7 are doing very well this term and they are coming to school looking very smart and ready for learning. If students are missing any equipment, they can ask their tutor or it can be purchased from the school library.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 7 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

On Thursday 5th December it is virtual Parents Evening for Year 8. Each appointment will last 5 minutes. To help you make the most of your time with each teacher, please see a list of questions which you may want to ask the subject teacher.

How is my child progressing academically in this subject?
What are their strengths and areas for improvement?
Are there any particular topics or skills my child finds challenging?
What can I do at home to support my child's learning in this subject?
How does my child contribute to the class environment?
Are there any resources or strategies you would recommend for my child?

If you have any questions about Parents Evening or require assistance with booking appointments, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Mrs Kaye
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

We are now halfway through the second longest term and the effort from the year group has been really impressive and we want to keep it up for the rest of the term. Myself and Mrs Green have been particularly impressed by the standard of the uniform from the year. As the weather has taken a real cold turn, we would encourage as many students as possible to bring appropriate wear for the conditions.



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Yorkshire Water Workshop

This week Year 9 girls have had a great workshop from Yorkshire Water about the serious issue of period poverty. Hopefully the session was informative and enlightening for our students.

Mr Lucas
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mrs Green
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

Submitting NEA/Coursework in Year 10

This is a reminder that vocational subjects will be submitting work in Year 10 and this will contribute to the overall qualification grade in the subject. For example, Media students are finalising their work for their first unit and preparing for submission, this will account for 25% of their final qualification grade. BTEC subjects such as IT and Enterprise will begin their NEA/Coursework in January and prepare to submit in Spring.

Should you have any general questions in relation to NEA/coursework, please let me know or you can speak directly with the subject leader for a more detailed conversation specifically about their course.

Mr Syed
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

Year 11 Reports

We apologise for the delay in issuing the Year 11 reports. Students received a paper copy during Form this morning, and an electronic copy has been sent home.

The report outlines each student's current grade compared to their target grade, as well as their Attitude to Learning (AtL) score, which is categorised as Meeting, Exceeding, or Working Below expectations. For students working below expectations, we strongly encourage focusing on meeting homework deadlines and maintaining a positive attitude in class.

If you have concerns about a specific subject, please contact the relevant Head of Department directly. Their email addresses can be found here:

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



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Post-16 Interviews

During the week commencing 9th December, we will hold individual interviews with students to discuss their post-16 options. Each student will meet with one of the following staff members: Miss Legg, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Burkinshaw, Mr. Sammons, Miss Kenny, Miss Robinson, Miss Armitage, Mrs. Sidebottom, Mrs. McCaffrey, or Miss Hart.

Students will receive a letter during Form time confirming their meeting time slot.

Miss Legg
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 11 Leader

SIXTH FORM

Key Dates:

29/11/24	Training Day #3 - students are not to attend school
6/12/24	History Guest Speaker - Period 3, Dance Studio
9-13/12/24	Year 13 New York Residential
20/12/24	Sixth Form End of Term Celebration Assembly
6/01/25	Year 13 Parent Evening

Prestigious Speaker Event for History & Gov/Politics Students

Next week, all Year 12 and 13 History and Government and Politics students will participate in a prestigious *Speakers for Schools* talk featuring Sir Roderic Lyne, former British Ambassador to Russia.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Friday, 6th December
- **Time:** Period 3
- **Location:** Dance Studio

Attendance is mandatory for students enrolled in History and Government and Politics courses. Sixth Form students not studying these subjects are also welcome to attend this valuable and insightful session. Thank you for your support in encouraging your child to make the most of this opportunity.

New York Hoodies Ready for Collection:

New York hoodies are now available to collect from Miss Robinson. Please visit her in the Sixth Form offices on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday** to collect yours ahead of the trip.

Mrs Smith
Post 16 Director of Studies

Miss Hart
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Miss Robinson
Post 16 Administrator

Miss Kenny
Careers and Enrichment Lead