



**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**
Friday 6th December 2024

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We are heading towards the final two weeks of term and I wanted to highlight the importance of students continuing to make a good effort in their studies. This is an extremely long term for both staff and students. As you may know, by the time the term ends in two weeks we will have covered half of the academic year – for those students with exams in Year 11 and 13 they are nearly 50% of the way through their 'year'.

As a result, despite the distractions of the forthcoming festive season it's extremely important that students continue to maintain high standards both in the classroom and around the school. Year 11 students have their trial exams starting from Monday 13th of January so it is important that they remain focused in these last few weeks.

We have lots of exciting events planned for the final week, including our annual Christmas jumper non-uniform day on the last day of term where we will be raising money for Save The Children and the Pudsey Community Project.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Arrangements for final day of term

Advance notice – Christmas Jumper Day – further details to follow.

Please be aware that the school will be closing on Friday 20th December 2024 at 12.05pm and will re-open on Monday 6th January 2025 at the normal time.

Ms Frost
PA to the Headteacher

Food for Thought. Catering Survey – Chartwells

Chartwells - our school meal provider – is keen to gather feedback from both parents and students on the current menu and offer.

As a school, we are equally interested to hear your views on the catering provision. We meet every half term with the PFI contract team (the catering is provided through our PFI contract)



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so to have some feedback from students and parents that we can bring to the meeting will help inform discussions around quality, experience, menu choice, value for money etc.

Please share your thoughts by filling out their short survey by following the link:

https://smonitor.io/chartwells_secondary

Mrs Byrne
Director of Operations

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 18th December

Chartwells will be serving Christmas dinner to all students and staff on Wednesday 18th December. Please see link to the menu below. 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=1k760YZT4vd4CBSnYJCVfbk_EJGWgfTpy

Mrs Allman
Finance Manager

Book Swap - Monday 9th December

The Book Swap will be taking place after school on Monday 9th December in the Sports Hall. All students are welcome to come and take a book for free. Thank you to all students who brought in donations. Any last-minute donations must be given in to the library before Form time on Monday morning.

Ms Martin
School Librarian

Talk Consent Assembly – Year 7, 8 and 9

This week we welcomed in an external company called Talk Consent to lead assemblies with students in Years 7-9. The assemblies looked at what it means to be an active bystander. That collectively we all play a part in standing up to misogynistic behaviour and being a positive influence in our community. As a school our values of respect, compassion and integrity are key to this and shape the characteristics we want our young people to show.

Mr Sammons
Assistant Headteacher



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Year 7

Consent Workshop

This week Year 7 attended a consent workshop delivered by an external company. This workshop was a really valuable experience for all students who took part across KS3. It was a great opportunity to hear some very important messages. Year 7 contributed really well to the discussions and offered up some really good answers in the interactive parts of the workshop.

Progress Update

Next week you will be receiving the first progress update for Year 7. It will also be sent electronically as well as given to students during Form time. Please let me know if you do not receive this and I will arrange for another to be sent home. My email address is a.mitchell@pudseygrammar.co.uk.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 7 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Virtual Parents Evening following this week's progress reports. It was a valuable opportunity to discuss each student's individual progress. Students received their first progress reports on Wednesday during Form. The format is different to previous years, so if you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Mrs Kaye
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

Consent Assembly

This week Year 9 had a very powerful assembly on the issue of consent and sexual harassment. This covered some very serious and sensitive issues, and the year group tackled this maturely and interacted brilliantly with the outside provider. It was not the easiest of topics but hopefully it was engaging and informative and the students gained a lot from it.



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Progress Update

We are currently reviewing the data and progress reports and these will be sent out shortly both physically and through Parentmail.

Year 9 Immunisations

The Schools Immunisation Team will be visiting school on 30th January 2025 to deliver the Year 9 Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP) and Meningitis (Men ACWY) Immunisations.

How to give or refuse consent.

• Go to the website below or click on the following link. This will take you to the online teenage booster vaccination form.

<https://www.leedsimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP>

• Enter the unique school code for your child's school. The code for Pudsey Grammar School is EE108079 (please ensure you enter all letters and numbers).

Important: If you do not wish your child to receive the vaccinations, you are still required to complete the "refusal section" on the form so that we understand your wishes. If we do not receive a consent or refusal form, your child will be given an opportunity to consent for themselves on the day after being assessed by a nurse as Gillick competent to do so.

PROTECTING YOUR CHILD AGAINST SERIOUS DISEASES

In Year 9 your child is offered two vaccinations as part of the UK routine immunisation schedule. These are the Meningitis ACWY vaccine which helps to protect against Meningitis and Septicaemia, and the DTP (teenage booster) which helps to protect against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio. Your child may also be offered the MMR vaccine to protect against Measles, Mumps and Rubella if they did not receive this when they were younger.

You will receive an email confirmation when your child has received their vaccination(s) which will include information and advice about common reactions your child may experience.

Help with the online form:

If you experience any problems accessing or completing the online form, please call the Schools Nursing Team on 0113 84 33101.

Mr Lucas
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mrs Green
Year 9 Leader



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YEAR 10

Well done Year 10 - Keep going!

We are so proud of the progress made by the Year 10 cohort this term. They have completed their assessments with great determination, and I am looking forward to looking at these results to see where the cohort are at in the first milestone moment of their 2 year courses. We are currently working on target grades and then will have progress reports prepared and delivered in January. In the meantime, if you have any questions in regard to a specific subject, please contact the relevant subject leader.

Keep going Year 10 - you've done so well!

Mr Syed
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

Starting next week, many of our Year 11 students will have their Sixth Form interviews. On Monday 2nd December, Mr. Burkinshaw held an assembly to explain the format and purpose of these interviews.

It is essential that students attend their allocated meeting slots. Most students will have received a slip during Form time with this on. This ensures there is sufficient time to discuss entry requirements for specific courses and to select subjects within the appropriate option blocks.

In cases where subject choices clash, students will be asked to select an alternative. While these choices are not final and there is some flexibility at this stage, it is important that students have carefully considered their options and discussed them at home before their interview.

Additionally, students have received an overview of the January mock exams. Mock exams commence on the 13th January. This timetable allows them to highlight which exams they will sit, on what day, and at what time. Please encourage them to use this to plan their revision effectively.

Miss Legg
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 11 Leader



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SIXTH FORM

Bon Voyage to our Year 13 Students!

This Monday, 40 of our Year 13 students will be embarking on an unforgettable adventure to New York City! They have an incredible week ahead filled with visits to iconic landmarks such as the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, and the exciting Friends Experience. They'll also be enjoying the magic of a Broadway show. We wish them safe travels and hope they have an absolutely fabulous time. We can't wait to hear all about their trip and see the fantastic photos they'll bring back!

Year 13 Tutorials: Attendance Reminder

Please remember to attend your tutorial sessions where they are marked as mandatory. Attendance is essential, so be sure to check your schedule on Arbor to confirm whether you have any mandatory sessions. Thank you for your cooperation and see you in tutorial!

Countdown to the Christmas Break: UCAS Reminder

With just two weeks left until the Christmas break, we have some exciting news—universities are responding to applications faster than ever this year!

While this is fantastic, it also means university places across the UK are filling up quickly. It's absolutely crucial for Year 13 students to submit their applications before the end of the December break to remain competitive.

If you need help starting or progressing with your application, please see your Form tutor for guidance. Once your application is ready, Miss Robinson and Mr Burkinshaw will give it a final check and send it off together.

Mrs Smith
Post 16 Director of Studies

Miss Hart
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Miss Robinson
Post 16 Administrator

Miss Kenny
Careers and Enrichment Lead