



**PARENT & CARER  
WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

The week started off with the disappointing news regarding the Sixth Form building project but despite this, I have been constantly reminded about the great school we have here and how amazing our students are. I wanted to congratulate all of the students who participated in our annual show, Annie over the past three nights. They performed extremely well and have shown a significant amount of resilience at the end of such a long term.

Over the past term we have given out over two million Attitude to Learning points and these are going to students who attend the school on a regular basis, behave well and try their best in lessons. As a teacher these are the most important characteristics which ensure a student gets the most out of school and sets themselves up for their future adult life. It is good to see such a vast number of students who do this every single day being recognised and rewarded.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over this past term. I hope you all have a merry Christmas and I want to wish you all the best for 2025.

A reminder that we will open to all students at the unusual time on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of January.

**Mark McKelvie**  
Headteacher

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## GENERAL NOTICES

### Arrangements for final day of term

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

Ms Frost  
PA to the Headteacher

### PE Kit from January onwards

From January, PE for students across KS3 and KS4 will be predominantly using our outside facilities. Please ensure that your son/daughter is prepared for the cold weather by having plenty of layers to go under their Pudsey Grammar School PE kit. Students should also bring studded boots for all lessons after Christmas and are advised to wear woolly hats and gloves while taking part in PE outside.



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As a reminder students are not permitted to wear coats or jackets over the top of their school PE kit.

We hope students have a restful Christmas and New Year.

PE Department

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### **Year 7**

#### **January return**

Just a reminder that when we return to school, it will be week B. Please support students when getting organised for the first week back and that they are checking the right week when packing their bags.

#### **Uniform and equipment**

Year 7 have had high standards with their uniform this term, please can you use the break to make sure that students have full equipment for when they return in January. This includes the stationary they need for lessons, they should be attending school with a school bag daily. If you need any support with equipment, please contact Form tutors and they can collect some from me.

#### **Merry Christmas**

Finally, I just want to say well done to Year 7 who have all done really well in their first full term at Pudsey Grammar School.

Students have done brilliantly adjusting to a high school setting and it has been a pleasure getting to know them better.

We are really looking forward to next term and making even more progress as a year group.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful Christmas break.

Mrs Mitchell  
Year 7 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank  
Year 7 Leader

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### **YEAR 8**

Well done to all the students for getting through a long and busy term! I hope they all have a wonderful and restful Christmas and New Year.

Looking ahead to the first week back, the students will be taking part in a half-day session with Human Eutopia. Additionally, on Thursday, they will complete a science assessment in class. All relevant information regarding these assessments has been uploaded to Arbor.

Mrs Kaye  
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie  
Year 8 Leader

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### **YEAR 9**

We want to wish all of Year 9 a Merry Christmas and to enjoy their two weeks off. It has been a very long and hard term and everybody is ready for a well-earned rest. The year group have made a fantastic start and we want everyone to come back refreshed ready for an important time leading into GCSE options.

I also want to remind everyone that it will be week 2/B when we return.

Mr Lucas  
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mrs Green  
Year 9 Leader

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### **YEAR 10**

What a fantastic first term of Key Stage 4 for our students! Students have begun their qualifications with zeal and passion. Media students have completed their first projects for their coursework and are ready for submissions. Students studying BTECs have been preparing for their NEAs that will take place in the new year. We are at about 20% completion of the qualifications, and we are looking forward to continuing our support for the students as they continue their journey.

We would like to wish all students and their families a Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

Mr Syed  
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Exley  
Year 10 Leader

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### YEAR 11

It was wonderful to have our festive celebration assembly in the Main Hall on Monday morning, where some of our students were recognised for their achievements in the following categories:

- 100% Attendance
- Improved Attendance
- Zero Heroes (no negatives or sanctions)
- Demonstrating the School Values

Congratulations to all the award winners!

I have encouraged the students to take some time off over the holidays to unwind and reset. Staff have set revision topics on Arbor to help guide students in preparing for the upcoming mocks, which commence on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful holiday season!

Miss Legg  
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall  
Year 11 Leader

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### SIXTH FORM

As we approach the end of term, we would like to share a few updates and reminders for our Post-16 students:

#### **Exam Timetables:**

Exam timetables for Applied Science and Media have now been sent out. Please encourage students to check their schedules and prepare accordingly over the holiday period.

#### **Criminology Controlled Assessment:**

A huge well done to our Criminology students for successfully completing their controlled assessment earlier this week! We are proud of their hard work and dedication.

#### **Year 13 Tutorials:**

A reminder that compulsory tutorials for Year 13 will take place in January. Letters have been sent out with further details. Please ensure students attend as these sessions are vital for their progression.



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Finally, we would like to wish all our students and families a wonderful Christmas break and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support throughout this term, and we look forward to a successful 2024!

Mrs Lea  
Acting Post 16 Director of Studies

Miss Hart  
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Miss Robinson  
Post 16 Administrator

Miss Kenny  
Careers and Enrichment Lead

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