



**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**
Friday 24th January 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This week we were delighted to welcome Richard Dimery, who runs the Pudsey Community Project (PCP), to lead our school assemblies. Richard shared with our students the mission and activities of PCP, emphasising the importance of community involvement and support. Through engaging presentations, Richard highlighted the significant impact that collective efforts can have in enriching our local area and supporting those in need.

This link provides details of all their programmes:

[PROGRAMMES | Pudsey Community Pro](#)

We are proud of our association with PCP which we raise money for throughout the year. We are grateful for your ongoing support and look forward to seeing the positive impact we can achieve together.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

Years 9, 11 and 12 - Duke of Edinburgh

Apologies for the short notice regarding the cancellation of last week's after-school session for Duke of Edinburgh. We have now rescheduled the sessions as follows:

Silver DofE:

Date: Tuesday 21st January

Time: Period 1 (immediately after the assembly)

Location: Main Hall

Students will remain in the hall to log into eDofE and set up their profiles. Students will log into their DofE profiles, select their choices for skill, physical, and volunteering activities, and decide on the timescales for completion.

Bronze DofE:

Date: Thursday 23rd January

Time: Period 1 (immediately after the assembly)

Location: Main Hall

Students will log into their DofE profiles, select their choices for skill, physical, and volunteering activities, and decide on the timescales for completion. During these sessions, we will also confirm practice expedition dates for Bronze participants.



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Expeditions will take place on either 1st–2nd February or 8th–9th February, and we will check which group each student is in.

Additionally, the session with the Turnballs (expedition coordinators) has been rescheduled to Monday 27th January, during period 1 in the main hall. This session is for all Bronze, Silver, and Gold participants and will also take place during school time.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Miss Legg
Director of Studies – Year 11

Year 7

Parents Evening - Thursday 6th February

We have Year 7 Parents Evening this half term. This is held virtually and details of how to book appointments will be sent out.

We usually advise prioritising English, Maths and Science and then choosing up to six other subjects. Some subjects will have limited appointments as their class teachers teach multiple classes. When all 9 appointments are booked, you will not be able to add any other appointments until one of the appointments has been removed.

If there are any issues with the booking system, please contact our Main Reception team so we can support.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 7 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

PE Extra Curricular

- Tuesday is boy and girls football on the field
- Wednesday is badminton and basketball in the sports hall
- Thursday is netball in the sports hall

Parents/guardians need to ensure the consent tab is ticked on Parentmail.



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Leeds Book Awards

If your child is interested in voting in the Leeds Book Award there is a meeting in the library on Monday 27th January.

Step into the NHS Competition

I would like to enter Year 8 students into a NHS competition.

The competition is asking students to create a job advertisement showcasing one NHS role of their choice. The advert should include the key responsibilities of their chosen role, along with any qualifications, skills and experience.

Students can enter individually or in teams of up to four.

If you think your child would be interested in completing and entering this competition, please get them to speak to me on the doors in the morning.

Mrs Kaye
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Lavan
Acting Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

Immunisations

Year 9 will be having immunisations next Thursday 30th January by a team of nurses from the NHS Immunisation Team. This will involve all students in the year and they will be given appointment times next week. There will be first aid on hand throughout the day.

Guided Choices Evening

Following on from last week's message, I just wanted to point out the Guided Choices Evening will be taking place on the 20th March. There will be a letter sent out on Parentmail closer to the time with all the details. We want students to be thinking about their choices now so when they come to the evening, they have an idea of the subjects they want to find out more about.

Mr Lucas
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mrs Green
Year 9 Leader

YEAR 10

Year 10 Progress Report 1

Thank you for your patience around progress reports. We are expecting these to be with you by Wednesday. Please note that the reports cover current grades and targets. This means the



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report will reflect where students are at now (at the start of the course) and where we aspire for them to get to by the end of the course.

As always, if you have any questions in relation to a specific subject, please contact the subject leader. If you have multiple concerns across subjects, please let me know.

Assessment Week 2: 3rd - 7th February

Please be aware that the second Year 10 assessment week will take place between Monday 3rd February and Friday 7th February. Teachers have added information and resources on Arbor to support students in their preparation for these assessments that will take place in their classroom. Parents/carers are welcome to discuss these at home by viewing the student's Arbor. I am looking forward to seeing students build on their excellent start to their courses. Best of luck to Year 10!

Mr Syed
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

Next week, students taking Art, Graphics, and Photography will sit their mock exams, these will be full days off timetable. For students not completing the above subject lessons will return as normal.

Over the coming weeks, students will receive feedback in lessons based on the mock exams. This feedback is crucial for identifying areas for improvement, and we strongly encourage students to reflect on it and use it effectively as they prepare for their final exams starting in May.

Key Dates for Your Diary:

MFL Speaking Exams: Friday, 31st January – Wednesday, 5th February

English Walking Talking Mocks:

X-band: Wednesday, 12th February (during their English lessons in the hall)

Y-band: Wednesday, 26th February (after half term, during their English lessons in the hall)

Maths and Science Walking Talking Mocks: Dates to be confirmed

The walking talking mocks are carefully scheduled during lesson times to ensure minimal disruption to students' learning.

Miss Legg
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 11 Leader



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SIXTH FORM

Welcome to this week's Post-16 bulletin. Here's a summary of key updates and upcoming events:

Assembly with Richard Dimmery

Today, students attended an insightful assembly with Pudsey Community Project founder Richard Dimmery, who shared the vital work being done within the community.

Criminology Controlled Assessment

A reminder that the Criminology controlled assessment will take place next week. Please encourage your young person to stay organised and well-prepared for this important assessment.

Student Council

The second meeting of the Student Council took place this week. These meetings occur every Thursday, and students are encouraged to get involved in shaping the school's Post-16 experience. It's a great opportunity for developing leadership and teamwork skills.

World Book Day – 6th March

We are excited to celebrate World Book Day on 6th March. More information on planned activities will follow soon, but we encourage all students to reflect on their favourite books and the joy of reading. In Post 16 we are currently reading: *Where the Crawdads Sing* (Miss Hart), *Find Me Among Them* (Miss Robinson), *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* (Mrs. Lea).

Countdown

- 6 weeks until Year 13 Trial Exams 10th March
- 2 weeks until 10th February Assessment week
- 15 weeks until the start of 12 and 13 External Exams (Monday 12th May)
- 15 weeks until Leaver's Assembly and Inflatables
- 3 weeks until half term
- 22 weeks until the start of Y12 Trial Exams
- 25 weeks until the end of the Academic Year

Thank you for your continued support, and please do not hesitate to contact the Post-16 team if you have any questions or concerns.

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