



**PARENT & CARER
WEEKLY BULLETIN**
Friday 28th March 2025

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

One aspect which can be challenging for parents and carers of students in secondary schools is having an overview of what your child is being taught in school. In contrast to primary school pupils, when we direct the question 'What did you do at school today?' to our own secondary school children, it can sometimes be met with the adolescent response of 'not much!' This is rarely the case given that students have been in six lessons across the day and Year 11 or 13 students will also have after school tutorials.

If you are interested in an overview of what your child is studying, our Knowledge Organisers are a good place to start. Each Year 7-11 student is given a new Knowledge Organiser at the start of each academic year. They are also available on our website via the Curriculum tab. (We do not issue Knowledge Organisers to Sixth Form students as we offer a significant number of Post 16 courses but each student only studies three or in some cases four courses. The Sixth Form tab on the website contains more detailed information about our Post 16 courses).

The Knowledge Organiser is basically a summary of the key knowledge students need to learn in each subject each year. If you have a browse through the document will give you an overview of what your child is studying, and it will allow you to ask about the specific topics they are tackling. You may even want to test out your child's basic knowledge using the document to support them in the run up to any assessments.

Mark McKelvie
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

School Holiday

The school will be closed from Friday 4th April 2025 and will re-open at the usual time on Tuesday 22nd April 2025.

Ms Frost
PA to the Headteacher



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Religious Observance Requests

Please can you notify the Attendance Team in advance if you will be taking your child out of school to celebrate Eid. We can be contacted directly via email at attendance@pudseygrammar.co.uk or 0113 386 9122. If you have the Arbor app, you can also inform us of the absence via this service.

Planned Absences During the School Day

Can we politely ask that parents/carers inform the Attendance Team in advance of any absences that will take place during the school day. This can be communicated via email at attendance@pudseygrammar.co.uk, calling directly on 0113 386 9122 or using the Arbor app to update a planned absence.

Supporting evidence such as a medical/dental appointment reminder/college interview invite is required to authorise an absence during school time. We do not authorise absences without supporting evidence.

Mrs Bennett
Attendance Team

Returning school library books - Friday 4th April

All school library books must be returned to the library by Friday 4th April. This is to allow us to do a stock check and ensure all our library resources and systems are up to date before we return in Easter. If students would like something to read over the Easter break, we encourage them to either use our little free library or visit their local library. Thank you for your support in getting these books back in.

Free creative technology sessions at Leeds Central Library

If you have a child aged 11-14 who is interested in coding, game/app development, robotics, AI, 3D printing and more, Leeds Central Library is offering free creative technology sessions to develop their skills. This offer is available to students who qualify for free school meals. Please see the poster attached for more information. Visit this website to sign up: <https://healthyholidays.leeds.gov.uk/>

Ms Martin
School Librarian

Year 7-10 Reward Trips

Please be reminded that the deadline to sign up to the reward trips is Monday 21st April.

This can be done via Parentmail.

Students will continue to earn points towards these trips up until May half term, when final lists will be confirmed.



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Many thanks to everyone who has already signed up.

Mr Sammons
Associate Assistant Headteacher

Year 7

Residential

Next week we will be delivering an assembly to Year 7 about the residential. We will be in touch after Easter with a date for the Parent Information Evening. There are still places available for students on the waiting list, if you would like your child to be added on to the waiting list please send me an email to a.mitchell@pudseygrammar.co.uk.

Mrs Mitchell
Year 7 Director of Studies

Mrs Swithenbank
Year 7 Leader

YEAR 8

Please may all students return any library books by Friday 4th April, this is so the library can conduct a stock check over the Easter holiday. If your child still wants to read over the Easter break please use local little libraries or visit your local library.

Mrs Kaye
Year 8 Director of Studies

Miss Mathie
Year 8 Leader

YEAR 9

Guided Choices Form

Thank you for everyone who has already completed the Guided Choices form, we have had a really good uptake so far. The deadline was for today so if you haven't completed it yet, please can you do so. This will help us start looking at option blocks and formulating the classes for next year.

Mr Lucas
Year 9 Director of Studies

Mrs Green
Year 9 Leader



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YEAR 10

Discipline, Consistency, Belief

In assembly this week, I spoke about needing 3 things to continue progressing in the latter part of Year 10.

Discipline - Show resilience, if you don't feel like it at that moment.

Consistency - We're in a marathon not a sprint, every lesson counts.

Belief - We believe in our students' ability to achieve, trust yourself.

I also gave a reminder about our theme at the start of the year; making small incremental improvements can have a great cumulative impact in the future. I'm very pleased to see our students pushing themselves and embodying the messages above.

Guest Speaker: Careers in AI and digital technologies

This Tuesday, 100 of our Year 10 students had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a Sixth Form-led talk delivered by Dr. Alistair Edwards, Erasmus Chair and former Senior Lecturer at the University of York. The session focused on careers in AI and digital technologies, providing students with valuable insights into this rapidly evolving field. We are incredibly proud of our Year 10 students, who conducted themselves impeccably throughout the session. They asked insightful and thought-provoking questions, demonstrating genuine curiosity and engagement.

It was a thoroughly enriching experience, and we are grateful to Dr. Edwards for delivering such an inspiring and informative session.

Mr Syed
Year 10 Director of Studies

Miss Exley
Year 10 Leader

YEAR 11

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Exam Success Evening on Tuesday 25th March. We hope you found the session informative and helpful as we approach the exam period.

For those who were unable to attend, we have attached the presentations from Mr. Basset, MindMate, and myself. Students have also received the information packs distributed on the evening.



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I have attached a copy of the Easter revision sessions that are taking place. Students have been told to arrive and exit through main reception. Students will not need to wear uniform for these sessions.

Please take note of the following key dates:

- 4th April – Easter Holidays Begin
- 28th & 29th April – Art GCSE All-Day Exam
- 30th April – Photography Exam (Day 1)
- 1st May – Photography Exam (Day 2)
- 13th May – Study Leave Begins (Students are welcome to use the main hall study space)
- 5th May – 20th June – GCSE Exams
- 1st – 3rd June – Year 11 Celebration Week

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If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Miss Legg
Year 11 Director of Studies

Miss Birdsall
Year 11 Leader

SIXTH FORM

General Notices:

Success & Finance Evening – 27th March

Thank you to all who attended. All information shared during the event will be uploaded to the Google Classroom for reference.

Well Done to Criminology Students

Congratulations to those who sat their Criminology exams this week for their hard work and dedication.

Easter Revision Sessions for Year 13

A timetable of available sessions is attached. Please encourage your child to attend where relevant.

Year 12 Careers Appointments Starting Next Week

Year 12 careers appointments will commence next week, beginning week commencing 31st March. These appointments will take place with Miss Robinson in the Careers Office, located



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near the Sixth Form kitchen area. Appointments will take place every week until May half term to ensure all Year 12 students receive an appointment.

How Students Can Check Their Appointment Time:

Speak with their Form Tutor.

Check the Careers Appointment Timetable displayed outside the Careers Office and in Supervised Study (updated weekly).

View their Arbor Timetable, where appointments will appear as a 20-minute intervention.

Appointment Notifications:

Appointment times will be emailed to both parents and students via their school email addresses in advance of the day, along with pre-appointment guidance to help students prepare. Appointment times will also be shared with form tutors two weeks before appointments to share with students in tutorials.

Feedback from appointments will be shared with students and parents via email within 5 working days.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Robinson.

Reminders:

Year 12 Work Experience (WEX) – Students should be securing their placements now. Opportunities are regularly posted on Google Classroom.

Year 13 Hoodies – Final chance to order! The online shop closes on 28th March.

Student Finance Applications – Ensure your child applies as soon as possible to secure their funding for university.

Year 12 Parents' Evening – 3rd April – Booking details have been shared; please confirm your appointment.

Prom – 28th June – Tickets are now on sale.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=17YJNkaZtwBrjce2gWrRDTh1BccP682Pn>

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Lea
Acting Post 16 Director of Studies

Miss Hart
Attendance and Pastoral Support

Miss Robinson
Post 16 Administrator



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