



## Weekly Bulletin for Parents & Carers

Week commencing Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

### Principal's Message

It has been an extremely fast half term and I know that the students and staff are looking forward to some time off next week (although we do have some revision sessions running for our year 11 students during the holiday – please see the Year 11 section of this bulletin or our website for details).

We had a stall at the Pudsey Carnival last Saturday to promote the school. We are the longest established school in the town and it was great to be part of this fantastic community event. Along with our Open Evening we were keen to promote the fact that we are the only school with a Sixth Form which is rated as good in the entire West of the city. This means that our students can start Year 7 secure in the knowledge that they do not have to leave the school to receive a good education after they sit their GCSEs.

We have always been proud to be a school at the heart of the town and we were pleased to support the Carnival and their Defibrillator fund once more.

I am sure that you will have a good half term week planned but I thought it was worthwhile sharing the attached link to the Leeds List website which provides some ideas of local attractions which are worth a visit.

<https://leeds-list.com/family/22-fabulous-things-to-do-with-the-kids-in-leeds/>

Whatever you do next week, I hope you have a relaxing time with your children.

The school will re-open at the normal time on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

**Mark McKelvie**  
**Principal**

### Year 7 and 8

#### Key Dates for after Half Term

Year 7 Bush Craft Student Meeting – During Form Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Year 7 Bush Craft – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 Visit Days – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Day – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Year 7 and 8 Awards Evening – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

PSHCE Day – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Open Evening - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Year 7 and 8 GrangeFest – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July (Provisional Date)



### Revision for End of Year Assessments

The focus for Year 7 and 8 students in the final half term will be towards their end of year assessments. Students will receive revision material from different subject areas and will be expected to revise at home and in Form time. Within Form students will be taught different revision techniques and guided on which methods have been proven to be effective. Students will be given a number of different revision methods to use in preparation for their assessments.

We aim to embed an ethos of hard work and revision across our KS3 students. Students will sit a 50-60 minute June summative assessment to test the acquisition of knowledge and skills from across the academic year. The assessments are scheduled to take place between 10<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June. Students will sit their English, Maths and Science exams in the main hall between the 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June.

### Year 7 Bush Craft Residential

Bush Craft is now just 1 month away and it is clear that students and staff are looking forward to the residential. There will be a meeting for students in the Sports Hall during Form time on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June to check students are prepared and have everything they need. Let's hope for some nice weather!!!

### Year 8 Guided Choices

We have met with nearly all Year 8 students to discuss their guided choices. The remaining interviews will take place in the first week back after half term. We've been extremely impressed by how Year 8 students have approached the interviews in such a mature manner. Students have discussed some fantastic aspirations and their GCSE choices will set them up for these in the future. Once again thank you to all parents/carers for the support you have given students, it is extremely valuable when making these decisions.

*Mr Matthews – Year 7 and 8 Director of Studies*

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## Year 9

### Year 9 Assessments

All Year 9 students have been made aware of the upcoming summative end-of-year assessments students will sit in mid-June. We aim to embed an ethos of hard work and revision across all our students.

Students will sit a 50-60 minute June summative assessment to test the acquisition of knowledge and skills from across the academic year. They will get the opportunity to revise in Form and at home using techniques and resources provided by school.

The assessments are scheduled to take place between 10<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June. Students will sit their English, Maths and Science exams in the main hall between the 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June.

### Positive Feedback from Visiting Speaker

All of Year 9 students are currently involved in a series of workshops run by the charity Stop Hate. This week the guest speaker praised our students for their outstanding contributions and respect shown to each other. Well done to all students involved so far.

*Mr Sammons – Year 9 Director of Studies*

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## Year 10

### Year 10 trial results

We will be holding a trial results day in order to give our Year 10 students their exam results. This is to formalise the process and give the students a taste of what their real GCSE results day will be like. Parents will be informed of the date after Spring Bank Holiday.

*Mrs Ricketts – Year 10 Director of Studies*



## Year 11

### Year 11 Half Term Sessions

By the time you read this Year 11 will have completed the first two weeks of their exams and hopefully they'll be enjoying a very well earned break. We're very proud of how well students have conducted themselves over the last two weeks and we know they'll be able to replicate this again across the two weeks of June.

We are running extra sessions over half term from Tuesday to Saturday and we would like all students to attend as we know that teacher guidance will support students' independent revision. Students are not expected to wear uniform during the half term holiday when in school but must register on arrival.

From June 3<sup>rd</sup> students will only come into school for their exams, pre-exam revision sessions and the daily extra sessions. If students do not have an exam or an extra sessions they are not expected to be in (though they may choose to come in and revise in the library). When students are in school they must wear their full uniform and must sign in at the main school entrance.

For a schedule of the sessions please open the "Extra Year 11 Sessions" document on the website: <http://www.pudseygrangefield.co.uk/years-7-11/year-11/>

*Mr Rand – Assistant Principal*

## Post 16

### Year 12 Progression

Over the next half term Year 12 students will begin to look at various progression routes using Unifrog. Students will be supported to research opportunities in Higher Education and Apprenticeships, as well as gaining further knowledge of the UCAS application process.

### Year 12 work Placement

All Year 12 students are expected to have a work experience placement secured for the 1st-5th July. If you require any further support with this please contact Miss Fisher at [h.fisher@pudseygrangefield.co.uk](mailto:h.fisher@pudseygrangefield.co.uk).

### Year 12 Philosophy and Religious Studies Trip - Friday 14th June

Students should have received a letter regarding the trip to Leeds Trinity University. Reply slips need to be returned to Miss Fisher by Wednesday 5th June.

### UCAS HE Conference

All year 12 students are invited to attend the UCAS HE Conference at Leeds Beckett University on Wednesday 19th June. Reply slips need to be returned to Miss Fisher by Wednesday 5th June.

### Sixth Form Dress Code

Within the Sixth Form we recognise the importance of setting an example to younger students in school and the surrounding community. Therefore, Sixth Form students are expected adhere to the following guidelines:

- Skirts and shorts should be modest – just above knee length or below
- Shoulders and midribs should be covered
- Hats should not be worn when in school
- Lanyards must be worn at all times
- Ripped Jeans are allowed until the end of this academic year\*
- Clothing with an inappropriate low neckline will be asked to be covered.

If students come into school wearing inappropriate clothing they will be asked to go home to get changed.

\*The dress code will be reviewed for September 2019.

*Miss Fisher – Post 16 Pastoral Support & Careers Leader*



## General Notices

### **Year 7-9 End of Year Assessments**

Students will have received some revision resources in class this week to assist them with preparation for end of year exams. These can also be located through the school website by clicking into the Year 7-11 tab and selecting the relevant year group. Here, students can log into RM unify and access materials through one of the tiles on the launch pad to support their revision in the coming weeks.

*Mr Burkinshaw – Assistant Principal*