



## Weekly Bulletin for Parents & Carers

Week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### Principal's Message

We pride ourselves on ensuring that our students gain experiences at school which take them well beyond what the exams require them to do. I would like to highlight two of these experiences which give you a flavour of what we offer.

We currently have a group of Year 10 students who are undertaking work experience at world class engineering laboratories at the University of Leeds. The students are participating in challenging tasks which will demonstrate to them the real life applications of some of the maths and science they are learning at school. The students are gaining an insight into life at university and meeting some of the Professors and PhD students.

In addition to this, we have been successful in our application to become part of the government's Mandarin Excellence Programme. This is a major initiative to significantly increase the number of students in schools who are taught Chinese – it is an important goal given the increasing strategic importance of China in the global economy. The programme is run by University College London in association with the British Council and will involve twenty lucky students from our new Year 7 cohort. We are currently recruiting for a Mandarin Chinese teacher and although the closing date is soon we have had a large number of applications.

As you can see both of these are experiences which go well beyond the usual school curriculum and are just two examples which illustrate this important aspect of our school which is to give all of our students a fantastic experience during their time at Pudsey Grangefield School.

**Mark McKelvie**  
*Principal*

### Year 7 and 8

#### **New Year 7 Parents Evening**

Once again the main hall was packed full as we welcomed our new cohort of Year 7 students for next year. Students and parents received some really valuable messages regarding logistical information and our school systems. A large number of parents commented on how much their child is looking forward to starting and how impressed they were with our student ambassadors. Year 7 and 8 students represented themselves extremely well as they greeted parents and modelled the school uniform.

Thank you to our uniform model students:

Harry Airey  
Rehan Afsar  
Ami Akroyd  
Madeline Armistead

A huge thank you also goes to our School Council for supporting the event.

#### **Sports Day**

All Year 7 and 8 Form Groups have been selecting their Form Teams for Sports Day. Students will represent their Form and compete in the following events: 60m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and relay races. We hope all students will participate in at least one event and wish all students and forms the best of luck.



### Positive Feedback Regarding Assessments

Year 7 and 8 students conducted themselves extremely well when completing their assessments in the main hall. All students kept to the exam conditions and behaved in a very mature manner. It was also evident how hard students have worked in preparation for and when completing the assessments. A massive thank you to parents and carers for your support in preparing students for the assessments.

### Year 7 Bush Craft

All packed and ready to go? All Year 7 students on the Bush Craft trip will meet on Monday morning. We will be checking all students are ready to go and building some excitement for the experience. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask. If you require a kit list students can collect this from the Main Office.

### Year 8 Guided Choices Letter

All students will receive their Guided Choices letter next week. This will confirm their option choices for next year. We are impressed with how students have handled the process and appreciate the support they have received from parents/carers.

### Key Dates

Year 7 Bush Craft	Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th June
Year 6 Visit Days	Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th July
Sports Day	Friday 5th July
PSHEE Day	Tuesday 9th July
Open Evening	Wednesday 10th July
Year 7 & 8 Awards Evening	Tuesday 16th July
Year 7 & 8 GrangeFest	Wednesday 17th July (Provisional Date)

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

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## Year 9

### End of Year Exams

Well done to all Year 9 students on how they have conducted themselves in the exams that have taken place in the Main Hall this week. Assessments are still taking place in option subjects next week, but students have shown great focus and maturity in how they have approached the exams this week.

### Key Dates

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition	27th-28th June (let's hope for some drier weather!)
Sports Day	5th July
PSHEE Day	9th July
Open Evening	10th July

It would be great to see so many year 9s involved in showcasing the school this evening.

Year 9 Awards Evening	15th July
Alton Towers Rewards Trip	16th July

*Mr Sammons – Year 9 Director of Studies*

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## Year 10

### C.V. Workshop

Year 10 students have taken part in a C.V. workshop run by a representative from the Department for Work and Pensions. Students were asked to complete a C.V. which will be used for their interview. C.Vs must be finished at home and handed to form tutors by Friday 28th June.

*Mrs Ricketts – Year 10 Director of Studies*

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### Key Dates

Year 12 Work Placement	1 <sup>st</sup> July
New Year 12 WELCOME Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Year 12 Higher Education Information Evening	11 <sup>th</sup> July
End of Term	19 <sup>th</sup> July
External GCE Exam Results	15 <sup>th</sup> August
GCSE Exam Results	22 <sup>nd</sup> August

### Tutor Time

Year 12 will continue to work on career progression, learning about the University Application process and discovering the UCAS website. Parents can learn more by signing up to the UCAS newsletter: <https://wwwucas.com/parents-signup>.

Key student tasks over the next couple of weeks:

- [UCAS website](#) – students will be using the search tool and beginning the UCAS application by registering on APPLY
- Students should be starting to write their personal statements (4000 characters)
- All students have been issued with a UCAS booklet – read and enjoy!
- Students should research potential courses by visiting university websites, reading prospectuses and using the UNISTATS website
- Plan to visit Open Days: [www.opendays.com](http://www.opendays.com)

### Work Placement – week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July

A reminder that any student who has not secured a place is expected to attend school from 9.00am to 2.30pm each day during work experience week for supervised guided learning.

*Mrs Smith*  
Year 12 Director of Studies

*Mr Williams*  
Year 13 Director of Studies

*Miss Fisher*  
Sixth Form Pastoral Support & Careers Lead

## General Notice

### May Bank Holiday 2020

You may be aware that the government announced last week an official change to the early May bank holiday in 2020. The bank holiday will move from Monday 4th to Friday 8th May to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE day. The early May bank holiday was also changed 25 years ago on the 50th anniversary of VE day.