



## Weekly Bulletin for Parents & Carers

Week commencing Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Principal's Message

This week we embraced World Languages Day as Year 7 were challenged to take part in a quiz on their multilingual teachers. Assemblies took place across year groups looking at the link between code breaking and languages. All students were encouraged to greet teachers from every subject in another language and during break time a Chinese traditional toy showcase was displayed. Students were also invited to try a traditional Chinese sport called Jianzi. Students and staff had great fun taking part in World Languages Day.

Today (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September) we held our Open Morning for Year 6 parents/carers and students as a final opportunity to find out what Pudsey Grangefield School is all about before they make their secondary school selection in October. Attendance for this event was record breaking and we had to put out more chairs in the main hall to accommodate our visitors. A special mention must go to our fantastic Year 8 students who helped welcome visitors and escorted groups to tour the school. It was a pleasure to see our young students conversing so confidently with visitors and they were a shining example of how amazing Pudsey Grangefield students are.

**Mark McKelvie**  
*Principal*

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### General Notices

#### **Pudsey Grangefield PE Twitter Account**

To keep up to date with PE news and extra-curricular information please follow us on the Pudsey Grangefield PE Twitter account @PGS\_Sport. You could sign up to follow us or ask your son/daughter to follow us on Twitter.

*Mr McCroakam - Subject Leader of PE*

#### **National Poetry Day**

It's National Poetry Day on Thursday 3rd October and the theme this year is 'Truth'. We will be exploring the idea of truth through poetry throughout the day and what this means to our students. There is a competition that we are running for students for them to create their own poem based on the idea of truth which they can hand into the Floor Two office by Friday 11th October.

*Mrs Gough – Teacher of English*



## Year 7 and 8

### **Year 7 Students Return to Primary School**

We have launched a new initiative which involves taking some of our Year 7 students back to their Primary School. The purpose of the visits are to help Year 6 students feel more comfortable with the transition experience, get some feedback from our Year 7 students on the process and improve our links with local Primary schools.

We have been hugely impressed with our Year 7 students and how they have communicated to other students about our school. We are sure the information they are providing will be hugely valuable to the students. This initiative will continue throughout this half term as we attempt to visit all our main feeder Primary Schools.

### **Assembly this Week**

The focus in assembly this week was on the importance of learning a language. Mrs Maloney delivered a very interesting assembly on how understanding different languages have helped us in the past and will continue to help us in the future. Please question students on the different languages they have covered this week!

### **Bush Craft Residential for Year 7 students**

We will be launching the Bush Craft residential over the next couple of weeks. Students will receive some information in assembly and a letter outlining the key details of the trip. We hope to take as many Year 7 students as possible. We received some excellent feedback from students and staff last year and hope this year's group will enjoy it just as much!

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

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## Year 9

### **Extra Curricular Parental Consent**

Please ensure that you have logged on to parent mail to give consent for your child to take part in extra curricular activities.

*"Consent for my child to take part in the extra-curricular programme. I also appreciate that by signing this consent, permission is given for all sporting activities in this academic year."* Students will not be able to attend sporting fixtures if permission is not given by parent mail.

### **Well Done 9PST**

Well done to 9PST for achieving the highest number of achievement points so far this term!

*Mrs A Mitchell – Year 9 Director of Studies*

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## Year 10 and 11

### Year 10 Form Time

In form time over the last few weeks Year 10 have been looking at the School values, key current affairs events and have been taking part in the Make Your Mark youth ballot.

### Year 11 Form Time

Over the last few weeks we have been looking at goal setting and setting targets for students to work towards. As of next week we will be starting preparation for the trial exams. We will start by preparing revision timetables and then look at different revision strategies that can be used.

### Year 10 & 11 Revision Guides

The window to buy revision guides for Year 10 and 11 students closes next Friday (4th October). Please ensure any orders are made via ParentMail before this date. We will then place the order and distribute guides as soon as they are available.

*Mr Sammons – Year 10 & 11 Director of Studies*

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## Post 16

### Post 16 Evening

Thank you to all the parents/careers who attended the Post 16 Evening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. It was great to see so many people attend and we hope that you received useful information to support your child in the next academic year.

All resources from the evening will be posted on the website for parents/careers who were unable to attend.

### Year 13 Personal Statement Drop In Session

Year 13 Personal Statement Drop In Session with Bradford University - 7th October 9am-12.30pm in the Library.

### Reach for Excellence

Reach for Excellence is designed to support and motivate young people who demonstrate potential but who may not have considered applying to a research intensive university. University of Leeds recruit participants in Year 12 and provide wide-ranging support alongside their studies in Year 12 and Year 13, which will help to strengthen their attainment and prepare them for making decisions about university. The deadline for all applications is 23:59 on Thursday 14th November 2019. More information about Reach for Excellence, including the eligibility criteria, can be found on their website - <https://studenttalentspotting.leeds.ac.uk/rfeapply/>.



### **Year 12 Work Experience - Monday 30th March - Friday 3rd April 2020**

All students are expected to complete a work experience placement in Year 12. Students are expected to try to find their own placement and complete an OP1 Form, available from the Post 16 office, by Friday 8th November 2019 to ensure that the placement is secured. Students will have access to a placement database as well as being able to use the employer links already in place through school to help secure a place.

### **Enrichment Opportunities**

#### **Sports**

Every Week 2 Mrs Smith will be running netball and five-a-side football games on a Friday Period 3. Open to all, regardless of ability. Takes place in the sports hall, bring your kit!

#### **Reading Mentors**

We are looking for Year 12 students to participate in being a reading mentor to a Year 7 student. This is a 10 week programme that requires you to dedicate an hour a week to reading with a lower school student. Full training provided by the English department.

#### **Mandarin Lessons**

This year we are offering Y12 students the unique opportunity to study Mandarin – the official language of China. We have a dedicated member of staff and you will gain Level 3 HSK - this means you will be able to “effectively communicate in your daily, academic, and professional life”. China is the world’s second largest economy in the world, can you ignore this job market? Any degree courses offer opportunities for a year’s study in China – only if you have this qualification.

Regional Open days. For nationwide search visit: [www.opendays.com](http://www.opendays.com)

#### **Progression Module (Year 12)**

Optional opportunity...will be led by Mrs Smith (8.30 - 8.50)

Students who complete the module have a CV, budget plan, UCAS/Apprenticeship early planning and a personal statement...plus 12 UCAS points. They also receive an invitation to collect their certificate of completion in person at Huddersfield University.

Deadline to show interest - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

*Mrs Smith – Year 12 & 13 Director of Studies      Miss Fisher – Post 16 Pastoral Support & Careers Lead*

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