



Weekly Bulletin for Parents & Carers

Week commencing Monday 14th October 2019

Principal's Message

Students have been working well across the school and staff are preparing for our Sixth Form Open Evening which takes place on Wednesday 16th October at 6pm.

We pleased to say that from September 2020 any Year 12 student who enrolls in our Sixth Form will only be taught entirely at Pudsey Grangefield School. In previous years some students have been taught at either Co-op Priesthorpe or Crawshaw Academies but we have decided that this arrangement does not allow us to provide the experience we would like our students to have.

At a time when other school Sixth Forms are closing or are losing students, we are investing in ours and the number of students we have has increased significantly. Some of the key changes we are making over the coming year are as follows:

- Increased number of courses
- An enhanced tutorial programme
- Increased opportunities for Sixth Form students to become involved in our forthcoming House System
- All students undertaking the Extended Project Qualification
- Access to Leeds University's Library
- Enhanced enrichment experiences including a trip to Paris
- Improved facilities including a hot drinks vending machine
- Oxbridge application course for those students who are considering applying for Oxford or Cambridge University

This is on top of the introduction of supervised study time which has been operating from September and ensures our students develop excellent revision habits from their first day in the Sixth Form.

We are proud to have served the community for over 110 years and we are pleased that the work we are currently doing will secure an excellent Sixth Form education for the town for many years to come.

Mark McKelvie
Principal

General Notices

Detentions

We are extremely proud of the high standard of behaviour at Pudsey Grangefield. Our welcoming and purposeful atmosphere, and positive ethos, has been recognised by Ofsted and also is regularly commented upon by visitors. Generally, our students are delightful. They are polite, respectful and hard-working and we recognise how important our partnership with parents is in reinforcing these high standards – thank you!



This week, students have been spoken to about the importance of making positive choices, and that as a school we aim to create a system that supports this. The majority of students make positive choices all of the time but, on occasion, a student's choices may lead to a detention. This could be due to a number of reasons, such as: being late to school, not completing homework, a full responsibility card, poor behaviour etc.

We operate four types of detentions:

- Department detention (40 mins)
- School detention (1 hour)
- Late detention (1 hour, set on the same day as a student is late to school)
- Homework detention (1 hour) – on the same day as the homework was due to be submitted (Year 10, 11 and Post 16 only).
- SLT Detention (Friday * – 1 hour 15 minutes)

Detentions are communicated to parents on Classcharts. We would really appreciate it if parents could check Classcharts daily and remind students about a detention. Please contact school if you need to be re-issued your login.

Students are responsible for checking their Classcharts to see if they have a detention. However, we also have a number of systems in place to support them. Form tutors remind them, lists are available outside year offices and, from this week, lesson 5 teachers escort students to the detention room. If a student needs to discuss a detention they should see the member of staff who set it, in advance of the detention.

There is therefore no reason why a student should not attend a detention. However, if a student does miss a detention it escalates to the next longest detention. Ultimately, this could lead to a student being set an SLT detention (usually on a Friday). Any student who then misses that detention will be given two days in External Isolation (a day that runs from 8.40am to 3.30pm).

Students know that we do not rearrange SLT detentions. The only exception is if we have evidence of a medical appointment in advance of the detention. It is important that parents are aware of this too because on occasion SLT detentions may impact on family weekend plans. Students receiving multiple SLT detentions will also be given a day in External Isolation.

We hope that this guidance will help clarify the system for you as parents as having a consistent message is immensely important for students. We really value the support you provide from home and would be grateful if you could reinforce the key messages below please:

- Most students never receive any detentions at all – they work hard, get to school on time, behave well in class / around the school site and follow school rules.
- If they do get a detention they **must** sit it. If not it will escalate to a longer detention, and ultimately to an SLT detention on a Friday.
- SLT detentions cannot be rearranged for any reason other than a valid medical appointment where evidence is provided in advance. Family / social arrangements are not a valid excuse for missing an SLT detention.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Mrs Martin – Deputy Principal

*please note that in the week before a school holiday or training day SLT detentions are on the penultimate day (usually Thursday).



Lost Property Drop-In (non-PE items)

There will be a Lost Property drop-in (unnamed outdoor coats, tops and school uniform) outside Main Reception on Monday 14th October. Parents/carers and students are welcome to look for any lost items between 2.45pm - 3.30pm. Any items not claimed will be then donated to charities.

Mr Forrester

Reading books as part of everyday equipment

It's great to see so many of our students engaged with their reading and bringing in a variety of different reading books. Can I please remind all Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students that a reading book is part of their equipment and should be brought in every day. We have a fantastic library where you can borrow books so come and have a look to see what we have on offer.

Mrs Gough – English Department

Year 7 and 8

Key Dates

Below are some key dates for Year 7 & 8:

Year 7 Parents Evening

All parents/carers are invited to Year 7 Parents Evening on Thursday 7th November 4:30-7:00pm. This will be an opportunity for parents/carers to speak subject teachers about your child's progress and attitude to learning. Appointments can be booked using our online booking system. Further details will follow by letter.

Children in Need

Friday 15th November we will celebrate Children in Need at Pudsey Grangefield. We will be encouraging Year 7 and 8 students to contribute to the organisation and help support the charity event in school.

Year 7 Bush Craft Residential

Wednesday 24th - Friday 26th June. All students in Year 7 will soon be receiving information regarding the residential at Castle Howard.

Positive Feedback – Year 7 Visits to Primary Schools

We have received some really positive feedback about our Year 7 students. Our students have been back visiting their primary schools over the past few weeks and have received some great praise from their former teachers.

Students were praised on how smartly they are dressed and how well they articulated themselves when talking to Year 6 students. We were really pleased by how positive students were about their experiences at Pudsey Grangefield.

Well done to our student ambassadors.

Mr Matthews – Year 7 & 8 Director of Studies



Year 9

PSHEE focus

This week in Form Time the students have been focusing on mental health. Thursday 10th October was World Mental Health Awareness Day and throughout the weeks Year 9 students have been having discussions about mental health and the important message and support available.

Year 9 Progress

There has been a great increase in achievement points received by Year 9 students this week. I want to say well done to the students and to keep their efforts up as we approach the final few weeks of term.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Next week the students will be attending an assembly about the Duke of Edinburgh Award and the fantastic opportunities that this experience can bring.

Mrs A Mitchell – Year 9 Director of Studies

Year 10 and 11

Year 10 Involvement in School Production

I have been delighted to see so many Year 10 students involved in the school production. They have shown real commitment to their rehearsals and I look forward to seeing the end result in December. Well done to all students involved.

Sixth Form Open Evening – Wednesday 16th October 2019 at 6pm

This Wednesday is our Sixth Form Open Evening. I would encourage all Year 11 students to attend and find out about the exciting and excellent opportunities available to them next year.

Year 11 - Form Time this Week

This week in Form we have been looking at mind maps as a revision tool. This useful technique enables students to organise their ideas and consider how key parts of theory link together.

Interventions

Targeted interventions for English and Maths are now in full swing. If your child is meant to be attending these sessions, you should have now received a message via Parentmail. These small group sessions allow teachers to target specific interventions in order to improve progress this year. Information regarding further revision sessions English and Maths and other subjects will follow in due course.

Mr Sammons – Year 10 & 11 Director of Studies

Post 16

There will be a Post 16 Assembly on Monday 14th October Period 3. Students should go straight to the Main Hall and sign in.



* W/C Monday 14th October – Year 12 Assessment Week
This will take place in classrooms during subject lesson time.

* W/C Monday 4th November – Year 13 Trial Exam Week
All Trial Exams will take place in the Main Hall

GCSE Resit Dates

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| • Monday 4th November - AM | GCSE English Language Paper 1 |
| • Tuesday 5th November - AM | GCSE Maths Paper 1 (Non Calculator) |
| • Wednesday 6th November - AM | GCSE English Paper 2 |
| • Thursday 7th November - AM | GCSE Maths Paper 2 (Calculator) |
| • Monday 11th November - PM | GCSE Maths Paper 2 (Calculator) |

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