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Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on some of the news and developments taking place in our school.

I am delighted to announce the appointment of two new Assistant Principals. Mrs Gregory who is currently leading our English department was successfully appointed to the role of Assistant Principal and she will take up post in September 2018. Mr Rand will be joining us after the Easter break and will have a remit of student raising achievement.

Earlier this month the parents of next year's Year 7 students received their offers and the school continues to be extremely popular. We had over 600 applications for 195 regular places with 223 parents requesting Pudsey Grangefield School as their first choice. The Governors have agreed to open up our pupil admission number temporarily to 227 this academic year to accommodate the demand. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students on their visit day in July and also meeting their parents during the Information Evening.

Similarly the number of students returning to Sixth Form in September is at a record high. Published figures support this as a good choice for our year 11 students as Pudsey Grangefield School is the fourth highest attaining Sixth Form out of all of the providers across the city in terms of the percentage of students achieving AAB at A level for the highly regarded facilitating subjects used by Russell Group universities.

Our Year 11 and Post 16 students are working well towards their exams as we enter this final crucial period. Last week we were delighted to host a Parent & Student Information Evening for Year 11. Students were presented with their own complimentary revision pack and stationery to enhance their continued independent studies. We have a comprehensive series of revision classes taking place over the Easter holiday which all Year 11 are expected to attend. After the Easter break intervention sessions for Year 11 continue after school. In addition, Saturday Masterclasses will begin to support identified students who require a boost to their English and Maths studies. Exam resources and information for Year 11 can be found on the school website in the Year 11 section.

This week Year Leaders and Directors of Studies recognised students during celebration assemblies who had been nominated by their teachers for their hard work and contributions



throughout this term. We have fantastic students at Pudsey Grangefield and it is excellent to be able to acknowledge their achievements at the end of term.

During the February half term break Year 9 had a fantastic ski holiday as they took to the slopes in Sierra Nevada, Spain. The trip was a great success and we enjoyed watching it unfold via the excellent photos which were shared.

On February 9<sup>th</sup> a group of Year 9 students who have been preparing a project report, finding out about university life and attended a Graduation trip at Leeds University. In addition to this another group of our students participated in a Year 7 and 8 Science Circus at Leeds Beckett University.

Earlier this month a group of our Sixth Form students also attended Leeds University to listen to a series of lectures as part of the Maths Festival of Science.

Our annual Sport Relief Charity Day took place on Friday with students and staff taking part in fun activities (including face painting, bun sales, 'sponge the teacher' and much more). The weather also stayed fine long enough for students and staff to run a mile for Sport Relief. As a result of student and staff generosity we raised a record breaking £2358 for an excellent cause.

## Diary Dates

Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes at 2.30pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	School starts at the normal time of 8.30am
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice expedition
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 9 Mop Up Injections
	Year 10 Trial Exams start (finish Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	GCSE and GCE exam period starts (finishes Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer Mid-Term Holiday
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 8 residential to Northern France

British Summer Time has officially begun and the weather is starting to improve – we are all glad to see off the snow which caused such disruption earlier this month. For the comfort of our students, on our return to school after the Easter break the compulsory uniform will change slightly. It will not be compulsory during the summer term for students to wear the school jumper. Students must wear the school tie at all times and a white school shirt which must be tucked in at all times. Students are only permitted to wear their PE shirt in PE lessons. Students should wear black school trousers (no jeans) and black shoes (please see our website for further details). We are conscious that many sportswear manufacturers are attempting to break into the lucrative school uniform market and we want to ensure that we work with parents to avoid any costly purchases which do not meet our uniform standards. If you are in any doubt please refer to the website or contact the year leader to discuss.



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I would like to wish all of our parents/carers and families a relaxing break over the Easter period and we look forward to welcoming our staff and students back on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30am.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr M McKelvie  
Principal**

