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## NEWSLETTER

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**Headteacher: Mr David Graham**

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The academic year is finally at a close and it has been quite a year for us all at Putteridge High. There are so many student achievements of which we can be so proud. Each of our newsletters include such wonderful stories of members of our community going above and beyond and achieving great things. We are very proud of everyone here at Putteridge High.

I do hope you have had time to read our recent Ofsted report. I appreciate that we are not at the outstanding category as yet, but at the same time on reading the report you would have picked up just how strong the inspection was and how close many of the areas were to outstanding. I will reiterate just how impressed and humbled I was by the way staff, students and parents responded to the whole process. It was an incredible experience.

Each Wednesday for the last 3 months I've been involved in new build meetings with the Department for Education and Kier, our contractors and the plans are now public. The planning phase is well underway and we do hope that this will be a smooth process. If all goes according to the strategic plan the build will begin in January which will be a great sight to see. We have been assured that there will be no disruption to learning throughout the build phase however, of course there will be times when the play areas have to be compromised, but we are working hard on solutions to minimise the impact and allow students suitable areas for play and recreation.

It is at this time of year that sadly we do say farewell to a few staff that are leaving. These staff include Mr Khan, Mrs McNeill, Mr Goodman, Mrs Bartle, Mr Petherbridge, Mr Hill, Miss Hewitt, Mr Szwajbak, Mrs Owusu and Mrs Foreman. Each of these staff members have contributed so much to Putteridge High. We are immensely sad that they will not be part of our community going forward, but equally we are pleased for them as we know they are going on to do some exciting things in the next phase of their career.

In the last few weeks we have enjoyed so many events, for instance the rewards trip was described as "the most enjoyable trip I have ever been on and the students were simply exemplary." It was so good to hear such wonderful reports and I really do feel that we now celebrate successes far better than we have before. In addition, we had our celebration awards evening which was a lovely occasion, wonderful to see so many students get rewarded for their hard work and dedication to their studies and extra-curricular activities. Finally we had sports day which was hosted on the new school fields and this too was a lovely event and we now truly have a set of fields which are second to none across the town of Luton.

All that remains for me to say is thank you once again for all your support. Do take some time out to read my most recent communication regarding preparing for the new school year. I look forward to seeing you and your children in September for what will be another great year I'm sure.

Kind regards

David Graham

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## TERM DATES 2019-2020

### Autumn Term 2019

Starts - Wednesday 4th September 2019

**Year 7 students arrive 8.30am / Years 8-11 students arrive 9.55am**

Half Term - Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October 2019

Ends - Friday 20th December 2019

### Spring Term 2020

Starts - Monday 6th January 2020

Half Term - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2020

Ends - Friday 3rd April 2020

### Summer Term 2020

Starts - Monday 20th April 2020

Half Term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2020

Ends - Friday 17th July 2020

### Inset Days - School Closed for Students

Monday 2nd September 2019	Friday 3rd January 2020
Tuesday 3rd September 2019	Friday 3rd July 2020
Friday 29th November 2019	

[www.putteridgehigh.org](http://www.putteridgehigh.org)

Visit the school website for:

Key Contact Information  
Latest News  
School Calendar and Term Dates  
School Lunch Menu  
Supported Learning at Home  
Notices  
Newsletter  
Useful Links

## DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

### School starts back on WEEK A

**Wednesday 4th September - Term Starts 8.30am for Year 7 and 9.55am for Years 8 - 11**

**Thursday 12th September - School Photos: Year 7, Year 11, House/Student Leadership**

**Thursday 12th September - Year 11 Parent/Carer Information Evening, 6.30pm - 7.30pm**

**Thursday 26th September - Year 7 Parent/Carer Information Evening, 6.30pm - 7.30pm**



## FOR INFORMATION

### EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE

In exceptional circumstances it may be necessary to close the school during normal hours. In these instances, i.e. due to severe weather conditions, we shall inform parents via our website, school Facebook and Twitter pages. In addition, we will endeavour to contact you by email/text.

### ATTENDANCE

It is through good attendance that students maximise their full potential, enhancing their life chances for the future. Missing school means missing out on learning and this can have an impact on a child's development and attainment. There is a strong statistical link between attendance and attainment. The law states that children of statutory school age, who are on roll at a school or academy, must attend regularly and punctually. Regular attendance is important because it is the best way of ensuring children make the most of the educational opportunities available to them.

### STUDENT ABSENCE/MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please remember to call school on 01582 415791 and select option 1 to report your child absent, as soon as possible in the morning, and by 8.30am, should your child be unwell and not able to attend school.

Medical evidence is required for absences over 3 days. Where a student's attendance is under 92%, medical evidence is required for every absence. Students must also provide, to Mrs Hake, Attendance Officer, copies of appointment cards/ hospital letters on or before the day of the appointment.

### AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP

At the end of the school day we are still experiencing high levels of congestion outside the front of the school. Please endeavour to park a reasonable distance away from the school to avoid unnecessary traffic at all times. In addition, please remind students that they are not to walk across either the staff or recreation car park at any time.

## FOR INFORMATION

### EduLink

EduLink is used to send emails and text messages, in addition to allowing you to view the following information on your child/children, using just one login:

- Timetable.
- Achievement Points.
- Behaviour Points.
- Contact information - check we hold the correct contact numbers and email addresses for you.
- Parents' Evenings - for booking timeslots at the year group Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings.
- Links to other internet based systems used by school.

Available as a free app for Apple and Android phones or via the internet, EduLink will help keep you informed on a day to day basis.

**579 parents have used EduLink since the start of this academic year!**



*If you do not have a username and password for EduLink please contact the Central Admin team: [centraladmin@putteridgehigh.org](mailto:centraladmin@putteridgehigh.org)*

[www.edulinkone.com/#!/login](http://www.edulinkone.com/#!/login)

## FOR INFORMATION

### Supporting Learning at Home

#### What is my child studying at school?

You can find out details of all the topics covered in every year group and subject on our school website on the 'home learning' pages. There are also ideas that will support or extend your child's learning linked to each topic, this is great for those students who may be really interested in a topic and want to find out more, or for those students who have had a period of absence or feel that they are struggling to understand a particular aspect of the work and would like to revise over it again.

#### What is my child's homework?

You can see all of your child's homework on the 'Show My Homework' site. This can be accessed through the school website on the 'home learning' page or via an app on your mobile phone. The homework may have worksheets or suggested websites linked to help with the work. If you require your log in details please email: [centraladmin@putteridgehigh.org](mailto:centraladmin@putteridgehigh.org)



### ParentMail

Many of you will have now received an email from the ParentMail system inviting you to register your account, which will allow you to make online, PayPal or PayPoint payments for school trips, revision guides, school ties and planners.

**We are delighted that 74% of our parents/carers have registered their account and 39% are using the ParentMail app!**

Putteridge High School will initially only be using the 'Payments' part of ParentMail, as we use the EduLink system for home/school communications and for you to check your child/children's attendance, behaviour, achievement etc.



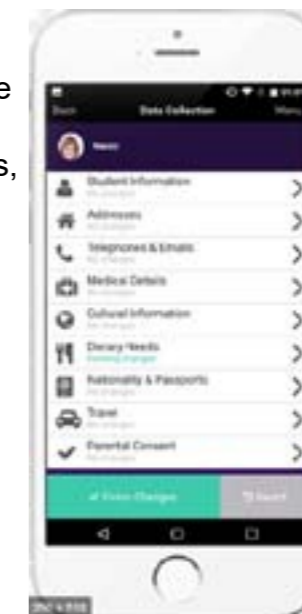
*If you have not received an email from ParentMail, please contact the Central Admin team: [centraladmin@putteridgehigh.org](mailto:centraladmin@putteridgehigh.org)*

<https://www.parentmail.co.uk/login/>

### SIMS Parent Lite App

The SIMS Parent Lite App is free to download for Android and Apple and allows parents/carers to change their child's home address, telephone numbers, diet, medical information and so on.

An email was sent to parents/carers with parental responsibility earlier this term. If you have not received this, please contact the Central Admin Team.



*If you have any difficulties or have not received an email, please contact [centraladmin@putteridgehigh.org](mailto:centraladmin@putteridgehigh.org)*



## SAFEGUARDING

### **POLICE**

Emergency 999 / Non Emergency 101  
<https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/information-and-services/Contact/Contact>  
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

### **KEEPING SAFE AWAY FROM HOME (NSPCC)**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-fromhome/>

### **CHILDLINE**

Childline is a free, private and confidential service for young people. Whatever the worry  
<https://www.childline.org.uk/> or Phone 0800 1111

### **MULTI-AGENCY SAFEGUARDING HUB (MASH)**

Protecting vulnerable children is everyone's business, and we all need to be alert, to know what to look out for and where to go for advice, as well as having the confidence to report any acts of abuse safe in the knowledge that they will be acted on. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child (0 to 18 years old) please call the MASH on 01582 547653. The number to call for out of normal working hours emergencies is 0300 300 8123

### **MIND**

We're MIND the Mental Health Charity, we won't give up until everyone experiencing a mental health problem receives support and respect. <https://www.mind.org.uk/>

### **ONLINE SAFETY**

Childnet International has produced guidance for parents and carers on looking after the digital wellbeing of children and young people. This includes having an awareness of how being online can make children and young people feel, and how they can look after themselves and others when online. The guidance includes: age specific information about how children and young people are interacting with the internet; top tips to support young people at this age; and ideas to help start a conversation about digital wellbeing.

Source: [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

## EXAM INFORMATION

### **PUBLIC EXAMINATION RESULTS**

Exam results will be available for students to collect on

**Thursday 22nd August 2019**

**between 10.00am and 11.00am**



**EXAM RESULTS**

## SAFEGUARDING & WELLBEING

### **FIVE ARTICLES TO SHARE ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA**

Please click on each of the links below to be taken to the 'ThinkUKnow' website which provides parents/carers with information to stay engaged with online safety over the summer break:

**Gaming - what parents/carers need to know**

**Sharing pictures of your child online**

**Keeping your under 5s safe online**

**Live streaming: responding to the risks**

**Using parental controls**

## LANGUAGES

### YEAR 7 LUTON SCHOOLS LANGUAGES FESTIVAL

On Thursday 11th July 2019, we had the great opportunity to take some of our Year 7 students to the Luton Schools Languages Festival at Luton Sixth Form College.

As a department we chose the ten Year 7 students who gave the best performances in the Year 7 Spelling Bee that took place as part of a special competition back in May.

Congratulations to Michal, Isabelle, Eloise and Ashdon who won special certificates!



Mrs H Line  
Modern Foreign Languages

## CAREERS

### YEAR 10 AT LUTON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE VISIT

As part of their continued Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance, Year 10 students attended Luton Sixth Form College on Tuesday 25th June, 2019.

To enable students to participate in these sessions as a whole experience, the Year 10s were asked to make their own way to and from the college. Students made their subject choices, prior to the visit, and received individual timetables and college maps for the day on arrival. Students attended six sessions during their 'taster day' and were able to get a feel for life beyond High School!

Mr K Callard  
Careers

## KEY STAGE 3

### CELEBRATION EVENING

Year 8 students and their families were able to celebrate an amazing year at Putteridge at the KS3 Celebration Evening in June.

The standard of Portfolio of Pride (PoP) books was incredibly high this year and 80% of students submitted one. Congratulations to Ami G and Lucy I who were awarded 'Outstanding FIRST CLASS PoP books' thanks to Green House for the most PoP book entries!

KS3 Celebration Evening Award Winners and Recipients of £5/ £10 gift cards from Penrose Estate Agents.

<b>Art</b>	Adeeba I	Oliwia K
<b>Computing</b>	Ben O	Sandra W
<b>Drama</b>	Travis W	Niamh W
<b>English</b>	Leyla A	Yna B
<b>French</b>	Vidya P	Adam T
<b>German</b>	Presiana T	Leo S
<b>Geography</b>	Eliza R	Ianis S
<b>History</b>	Arfat H	Nasra D
<b>Maths</b>	Lucy I	Juliusz Z
<b>Music</b>	Adam T	Orianna J
<b>PE</b>	Ryan M	Cerys T
<b>Philosophy &amp; Ethics</b>	Ryan B	Carla C
<b>Science</b>	Kaitlyn G	Olly S
<b>Technology</b>	Scarlette B	Adel T
<b>Blue House</b>	Ruby D	Presiana T
<b>Green House</b>	Harvey H	Freddie H
<b>Red House</b>	Arfat H	Isabella C
<b>Yellow House</b>	Ana Maria L	Vidya P
<b>Best PoP books</b>	Jessica B	Isabella C
	Katie E	Kaitlyn G
	Vincent L	Neelofer S
	Kai S	Gabby S
	Lillie T	Grace T
<b>Headteacher Award for Outstanding PoP books</b>	Ami G	Lucy I

Mrs H Line  
AAHT: KS3 Achievement



## DEBATE TEAM

### LUTON INTER-SCHOOLS DEBATE

Congratulations to Ms Montague and her debate team! This is the first year that Putteridge High School has won the debate competition between all Luton Schools.

We beat Challney Girls in the semi-final with 93 points against their 63 points and the final was closer with Putteridge at 89 points and Stockwood Park at 75.

Tomasz took home a shield for 'Most Inspirational Speaker' and Brandon for 'Speaker of the Night'.

Huge congratulations to Dara, Josh, Mate, Oliwia, Brandon and Tomasz for their outstanding debating skills.



Ms Montague

## GCSE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

### TRIP TO BODYWORLDS

Twenty Year 10 Health & Social Care students recently went to London to visit the Bodyworlds Exhibition.

Dr Gunther von Hagens' renowned exhibition of real human bodies has sparked curiosity and awe around the world with over 48 million visitors globally and our students thoroughly enjoyed it!

Miss Haine commented "the day was hugely successful; students learnt a great deal towards Unit 3 of their GCSE Health & Social Care course."

Miss Haine  
Health & Social Care

## AWARDS EVENING

### AWARDS EVENING - 11th July 2019



Our Awards Evening was a spectacular occasion celebrating the successes of so many students across this academic year.

With musical performances, student of the month certificates, student of the year awards and special awards, Mrs Line and Mr Stanyer organised a night to remember!

Guest speaker, Altaf Hussain, Principal and CEO of Luton Sixth Form College, shared anecdotes about parenting, life and the journey towards excellence.



Thank you to parents/carers and extended family for supporting your children and Putteridge High School.

Congratulations to Danielle, the first ever recipient of the Jane Halls Award. We were so privileged to have Jane's family present the award last night- helping us celebrate Jane's legacy whilst honouring our student.





## ART

### GCSE ART TRIP

Year 10 students enjoyed a sunny day on Tuesday 16th July exploring art in London's Southbank. Seeing this artwork first hand will help inspire the students as they move into their final GCSE year.



Miss J Hewitt  
Art

## YEAR 11 LEAVERS

### CLASS OF 2019

The Year 11 Prom was a resounding success and was an event that was enjoyed by both staff and students. It was fantastic to see the students have a great time and celebrate all the hard work that they have carried out during their time at Putteridge. Students behaved and acted maturely during the event and they were a credit to themselves and to Putteridge High School.

Awards were given for the following categories:

Best Dressed Female - Naomi Musto

Best Dressed Male - Christopher Etienne

Prom King - Ciaran Williams

Prom Queen - Carla Bailey

Miss C Hull



## YEAR 6 TRANSITION

### TRANSITION DAY AND INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 4th July was a particularly busy day at Putteridge High School as we welcomed our new Year 7 cohort who will be joining us in September.

Over 235 Year 6 children attended the day and took part in a selection of lessons in addition to the annual, and all important, House Tug of War - which was won by Green House!

An exciting day was had by all and we were delighted to see so many parents/carers attending the Information Evening. Our main uniform supplier, Prestige Design, set up uniform on the grassed area outside the Lower Diner and we were fortunate to have a sunny evening for parents/carers and students to place their orders.

Inside, Mr Graham gave a presentation in the main hall and then parents/carers separated into Houses for talks with the Heads of Houses and Pastoral Leaders. Although a very warm evening, families were able to leave with all the information they need for their child to join Year 7 in September.

Huge thanks to all our Student Buddies who supported the Year 6 pupils during their visit.

Amna I	Hollie S
Annabel J	Iqra W
Ashdon D	Isabelle J
Bobby E	Isabelle M
Callum T	Katarina G
Callum To	Lacey G
Charlie D	Leo S
Disha D	Lewis C
Eleni A	Libbie C
Eloise C	Lucy L
Evie B	Maddie D
Finn J	Maya D
Freddie D	Nikitia M
Gabriella H	Saphia M
George P	Scarlet O
Grace B	Vibhishan G



Four of our Digital Leaders who spent the day observing and documenting our year 6 students and their transition day, to share with parents at the Information Evening



## CAREERS

### FUTURES FAIR AND ROCK ASSEMBLY

Forty two of our Year 9 students enjoyed a fantastic day trip to the SSE Arena, Wembley, on Thursday 11th July.

Rock Assembly is an annual Futures Fair and pop concert that attracts 10,000 students from across the country. Now in its ninth year, Rock Assembly combines education, inspiration, and motivation for the future with fun, memorable experiences.

The day opened students eyes to a range of different industries including media, engineering, finance, tech, publishing, the arts, retail, and public services.

Students were able to engage directly with apprenticeship programmes, school leaver opportunities, and think about higher education opportunities.

Mr K Callard  
Careers

## SPORTS

### PHS COMPETE IN TOWN SPORTS!!

On Friday 12th July we took 40 students to the annual Luton Town Sports competition at Stockwood Park. In beautiful sunshine we performed well in a number of events with our best results of the day coming from Oliver J winning the High Jump, Erin M winning the Hurdles and Olly S coming 2nd in the 200m. A fantastic effort from all students!

Mr Szwajbak

### PHS TENNIS - SECOND IN COUNTY!

On Friday 5th July our Year 7/8 Tennis team attended the Bedfordshire County Tennis competition at Bedford School and came 2nd in the county! A great achievement by our squad consisting of Thomas S, Ryan B, Finn J and Ryan M!



Mr Szwajbak

### SPORTS DAY

An incredible PHS Sports Day this year saw students taking part in a range of different events, from Capture the Flag, Football and Ultimate Frisbee to Javelin, Shot and Cricket/Rounders ball throw!



Our incredible new playing fields played host to the final Sports Day to be organised by Mr Szwajbak, who worked tirelessly to ensure an amazing day was had by all.

Green House were the overall winners on the day. Congratulations Gators!!



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@PutteridgePE



## EXTERNAL SPORTS

Training sessions are free!  
All girls are welcome!



Hey, Girls!

WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL?

Yes? Then...  
**WE WANT YOU!**

**LUTON TOWN LADIES YOUTH FC**

RECRUITING PLAYERS FOR ALL AGE GROUPS FROM 8 TO 14

Contact Kimberley Newns  
**07794 408075**  
See age group contact details overleaf

We currently have six girls teams from ages 8 to 14 in the youth section that will be playing in the Bedfordshire FA Girls Football League from September.

The senior section includes the senior team as well as under 18 and development teams. All age groups train at the same venue throughout the summer & then into the new season.

Contact Paul Matthews if you are interested.



 **LUTON TOWN LADIES YOUTH FC** 

RECRUITING PLAYERS FOR ALL AGE GROUPS 8 TO 14

**Under 15s – School Years 8 & 9**  
Paul 07946 588022

**Under 13s – School Years 6 & 7**  
Kimberley 07794 408075

**Under 12s – School Years 5 & 6**  
Nathaniel 07891 183081

**Under 11s – School Years 4 & 5**  
Chris 07981 102754

**Under 10s – School Years 3 & 4**  
Kez 07917 450981

**Under 9s – School Years 2 & 3**  
Mike 07957 742210

**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**



## Are you thinking of using an out-of-school setting in Luton?

Make sure your child is safe – ask the right questions



[www.luton.gov.uk](http://www.luton.gov.uk)

Luton

### What is an out-of-school setting?

An out-of-school setting, sometimes referred to as an OOSS is an institution/setting which provides tuition, training, instruction, or activities to children in England without their parents' or carers' supervision. This does not include schools, academies, colleges or providing care for children under eight years old which is registered with Ofsted.

### Some examples of OOSS are:

- extracurricular clubs or settings eg ballet, music, drama or sports classes
- uniformed youth organisations such as Scouts, Guides, Cadet services
- youth providers eg centre-based and detached youth work
- private language schools, including those for children coming from abroad
- religious settings which offer education in their own faith
- tuition centres and supplementary schools (sometimes called complementary schools)

**Please note this is a not an exhaustive list and there are other types of out-of-school settings.**

### What do out-of-school settings do?

Many out-of-school settings do a great job providing children and young people with a range of activities in many subjects including arts, language, music, sport and religion. Some of the many benefits include improving cultural awareness, building self-esteem, and encouraging children to become active citizens within their community.

These may be delivered in a range of venues from residential settings to larger and formal environments such as community and youth centres, sports clubs and places of worship.

We want to ensure that all OOSS are a safe place for children regardless of whether they are doing karate, playing football or learning a language or getting some extra tuition to support their school work.





## Keeping children safe

This simple guide will help you as a parent or carer to know what to look out for when deciding if an out-of-school setting is a safe and suitable place for your child. The check list will help you to ask the right questions.

We want to ensure all premises are safe and all staff including volunteers are suitable to work with young people.

### 1. Suitability of staff

- Have staff had a DBS check?
- Are they experienced / qualified to work with children?
- Are staff trained in health and safety, first aid and child protection/safeguarding?

You need to check if the adults looking after children are suitable to work with them.

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) issues criminal record certificates to help employers determine the suitability of staff. These certificates will disclose unspent convictions and cautions, some spent convictions and cautions and other information that the police believe is relevant to the role and ought to be disclosed.

Do not assume that a provider has had its staff DBS checked, so always ask.

All staff should have good working knowledge of and be appropriately trained in health and safety, first aid and child protection as a minimum.

### 2. Policies and procedures

- Do they have written policies and procedures that you can read or access that explains how they protect children such as a child protection/safeguarding policy?
- Does the setting have a code of conduct policy for staff, volunteers and for children that you can view?

As a minimum the OOSS provider should be able to discuss their policies on health and safety, safeguarding and child protection (including online and digital safety), as well as procedures on checking the suitability of staff and volunteers to work with children and young people.



### 3. Physical environment

- Is the building safe and secure? How do people access the facilities, is there a secure entry?
- Are exits and entry points monitored? Are fire exits clearly marked?
- Is the room organised safely so that space is accessible and free from hazards?
- How do they organise collection procedures to ensure only authorised people can collect children?



### 4. Look, listen and note

- Can you stay to observe the session/activity?
- Observe how staff interact with children who are in the setting/club/group
- Watch how they manage children's behaviour
- Does your child feel safe? Do they feel comfortable with the staff and the environment?
- Who do you speak to if you have any concerns?

A well-run group or club will be happy to answer questions about their activities and policies. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of children at an out-of-school setting you should discuss this with the setting or in the case of immediate harm to a child contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on **01582 547653**, or if out of office hours call **0300 3008123** and in an emergency ring **999**.

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