



PressTales



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Headlines

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to parents who were able to attend one of the Year group information evenings that have been held over the past few weeks, we hope that they were informative and useful. Yesterday, Mrs Yates, Head of MFL Faculty, and I had the pleasure of attending the national launch of the Language Hub programme. There are only nine schools nationally who have been selected to lead this programme. We look forward to moving on with this programme once they have appointed the national Centre of Excellence.

I would like to congratulate Lottie Mills, Year 13 on being shortlisted for the BBC Young Writers Award. This is an exceptional achievement. More information can be found later in PressTales. If you are interested, the award ceremony is live on BBC Radio 4 on Tuesday 2nd from around 6.45pm, with the winner being announced at 7.45pm. It is an achievement to be shortlisted, but we are still rooting for Lottie to win the first prize!

I was contacted by a parent last week who gave me some lovely news about four of our students. On their way home, they saw an elderly gentleman who seemed to be struggling to walk and breath. They checked he was ok, then went to his house nearby and got his wife; who in turn got in her car and went to pick up the gentlemen. So often teenagers get a bad press, this was an act of real kindness from the girls – well done to them all.

You may have heard that we have stopped providing disposable plastic cups, cutlery, pots, lids and containers in the canteen. Instead, we are using washable plates, metal cutlery and compostable pots. This change has resulted in an expected saving of nearly £8,500 for the year ahead. It is also going to have a positive effect on the environment, as normally we use 150,000 cups, 47,000 chip trays, 36,000 salad containers, 60,000 pieces of cutlery and 5000 burger boxes in one year. We would encourage you to purchase a reusable water bottle for your child to use in school.

You will have seen in the press today that many headteachers are marching on Downing Street in protest at the continuing funding crisis facing all schools. Whilst the government continue to state that funding is at an all-time high, they are choosing not to admit that there have been significant increases in costs through the back door. As funding is based on student numbers, the increases in funding are also due to there being more children in the system. As I was in London yesterday for the Language Hub launch, I chose not to attend today as I didn't want to be out of school again. However, I fully support the actions of those headteachers who are in London today and hope that the government quickly address the issues that are being raised.

Kind regards

Matt Warren
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

- Monday 1st : eDofE enrolment, 3.30-5pm
- Tuesday 2nd : eDofE enrolment, 3.30-5pm
- Tuesday 2nd : Year 12 Printing Workshop (Art)
- Tuesday 2nd : Shakespeare Schools' Festival workshop (am)
- Tuesday 2nd : Maths Olympiad for Girls
- Tuesday 2nd : Year 13 Parents' Consultation Meeting
- Wednesday 3rd : Year 7 Army STEM Day
- Wednesday 3rd : eDofE enrolment, 3.30-5pm
- Thursday 4th : PTA AGM, 7pm
- Thursday 4th : Year 7 Army STEM Day
- Friday 5th : Year 12 and 13 Brain Day (Psychology & Biology)
- HOUSE: Netball w/c 8th October
- Thursday 11th : Years 10, 11 and 13 Knitting and Stitching Show Trip
- Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th : World Challenge: Sri Lanka Training Weekend
- Thursday 16th : Year 12 Photography Skills Workshop
- Thursday 18th : Secondary Transfer Evening, 5.30pm to 8.30pm
- Friday 19th : INSET Day
- Monday 22nd : Year 8 Vaccinations: HPV1
- Monday 22nd : Year 11 Printing Workshop
- Monday 22nd : Year 10 Geography Trip to Stratford
- Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th : Year 7 Trip to the Isle of Wight
- Tuesday 23rd : KS4 Design & Technology visit to Paper Mill
- Thursday 25th : Year 11 Learn4Living Day
- Friday 26th : Non-uniform Charity Day
- Friday 26th to Friday 1st November : Year 12 & 13 Trip to New York & Washington
- Monday 29th to Friday 2nd November : HALF TERM

The full school calendar can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

Please [click here](#) for the PE fixtures.

PTA AGM

Presdales PTA are holding their AGM at the Waterside Inn on Thursday 4th October at 7pm. All welcome!

pta@presdales.herts.sch.uk



Thursday 18th and Friday 19th October

The school will close at 12.45pm on Thursday 18th October for our Open Evening.

If you would like your daughter to help on Open Evening, please [click here](#).

Please note that the school will be closed for Inset Day on Friday 19th October.

Rewards

Congratulations to the following forms who have achieved the highest number of reward points since the last issue of PressTales :

7ME
8GP
9EC
10RM
11SL
6DS



Trips and Reminders

- **Year 12 and 13 Biology and Psychology Brain morning (5th October 2018)** - Tickets to the session will cost £8.60 each.



- **Years 10, 11 and 13 Knitting and Stitch show (11th October)** - A contribution of £20 is requested to cover the cost, which includes entry to the exhibition and the return coach journey to Alexandra Palace.
- **Year 12 Government and Politics Trip to London (12th October)** - The cost of the trip is £5.
- **Year 10 Urban Regeneration Field Study Day (22nd October 2018)** - Places still available. A voluntary contribution of £42.00 is required to cover the cost of the trip.
- **Year 11 Graphics & Textiles Trip (23rd October 2018)** - A voluntary contribution of £19.50 is required to cover the cost of the trip. If you wish your daughter to attend, please return the slip by Friday 5th October.
- **Year 7 Trip to Isle of White (October 2018)** - Please make payment and complete and submit the parental consent forms which have been sent out.
- **Year 12 & 13 Trip to New York & Washington (October 2018)** - Information Evening Monday 15th October at 6.30pm in the Lecture Theatre.
- **German Christmas Market Trip (November 2018)** - Final payment needs to be paid by Friday 19th October.
- **2019 Ski Trip (February 2019)** - Ski information evening : Wednesday 7th November at 5.30pm in the Hall.
- **Year 9 Battlefields Trip (May 2019)** - Trip now full. If you would like to be put on the waiting list please contact Mrs Eyre. The payment schedule for successful participants is to be sent out shortly.
- **GCSE History Study Visit to Berlin (June 2019)** - Payment schedule will be sent out shortly.
- **Year 9 Spanish Trip to Cantabria (July 2019)** - A few places still available. A non-refundable deposit of £100 is required to secure the place.
- **Years 9, 10 & 12 Italian Trip to Urbania (July 2019)** - If your daughter would like to go on this trip, please return the slip and pay the non-refundable deposit of £200 by 1st October.
- **Russian Trip (October 2019)** - If your daughter would like to go on this trip, please return the slip and pay the non-refundable deposit of £250 by 3rd October 2018.
- **History Revision Guides available to purchase. £2.50 per book.**



House News

Inter House Cross Country



We had amazing weather for the first ever inter house cross country event on Wednesday 12th September 2018. The girls arrived very excited and ready to compete. We saw some amazing efforts from all year groups and below you can see both the individual and overall year group results.

Inter House Cross Country Results								
Position	Year 7	Points	Year 8	Points	Year 9	Points	Year 10	Points
1st	AL	17	LD	19	LB	19	JE	20
2nd	NW	16	GP	13	EC	17	CB	16
3rd	KM	16	EW	11	LH	11	RM	12
4th	LG	8	AH	9	LC	10	SM	9
5th	FJ	4	SH	8	SC	4	SF	4
6th	ME	2	BR	2				

Individual Scores						
Position	Year 7	Points	Year 8	Points	Year 9	Points
1st	D'arcy Wright	6	Jessica Downing	6	Lotty Hobson	6
2nd	Caitlin Ryan	5	Evie Martin	5	Rosin Hurley	5
3rd	Amelie Bleriot	4	Ella Richardson	4	Madeline Hopwood	4
4th	Isobel Inwood	3	Mia Upton	3	Madeline Stewart	3
5th	Isabelle Gilhespy	2	Florence Davies	2	Isabel Short	2
6th	Ada Fleming	1	Hannah Nash	1	Emily Patrick	1

Individual Scores				
Position	Year 10	Points	Sixth Form	Points
1st	Hermione Kay	6	Lottie Rowedder	5
2nd	Lily Hankins	5	Ellis Miller	4
3rd	Millie Walford	4	Lola Dobney	3
4th	Helena Weblin	3	Eleanor Turpin	2
5th	Isabelle Gardiner	2		
6th	Lucy French	1		

Curie
Frank
Nightingale
Pankhurst
Parks
Windsor



Upcoming House Events

- Netball w/c 8th October
- Basketball w/c Monday 5th November
- KS3 Creative Arts Showcase w/c 19th November



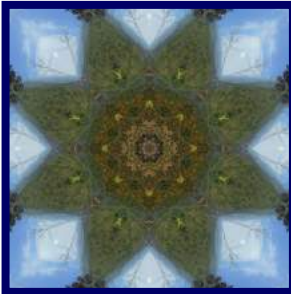
Art & Photography News

Headteacher's Awards



This month, one of our Headteacher's Art Awards has been given to Amy Pozzilli in Year 13. Coloured pencil study on cotton paper.

Headteacher's award for Photography Evie Hibbert Year 13.



A celebration of Year 12 & 13 Portraits displayed in A1 to inspire all Key Stages.



Artists and Photographers of the Month - "September"

Congratulations to:-

- Year 10 : Ruby Peters
- Year 10 : Hester Petts
- Year 11 : Amelia Middleton
- Year 11 : Drew Cummins
- Year 11 : Harriet Curzon
- Year 12 : Jess Whitby
- Year 13 : Sude Horoz

Photographer of the Month

Year 12 : Jessica McDonnell
Year 13 : Rosie-Beth Stewart
Well Done From The Art Department!



Year 13 Artist of the month - Jessica Whitby Coloured pencil study.



Artist of the month for Year 11 is Drew Cummins. An unusual portrait in mixed media.



Sude Horoz - Year 13 Artist of the month. An acrylic study based on addiction.



Year 11 Artist of the Month Harriet Curzon. Dressing table study in mixed media.



Year 10 Artist of the month - Hester Peart. Beautiful fruit study in coloured pencil.



Art & Photography Prefects

Congratulations to the following on become Art & Photography Prefects for this 2018/19:-

Hannah Delaney
Amber Dunstan
Amy Lodge
Jessica Whitby

Juliana Chiffey
Eleanor Turpin
Tilly Martin Simpson
Ellie Flowers

Ellie Evans
Annalise Dewen
Kirsty Bunce
Pippa Gillingham

Well done from the Art department!



News from PE

Netball Successes

- * Iona (Year 10) has been selected into a Severn Stars Nova Netball Academy following a recent trial! With many girls trying to secure a place in SuperLeague hubs, this is an amazing achievement - well done!
- * Well done to Molly (Year 8) who has been chosen to play for Hertfordshire Mini Mavericks ... fantastic achievement!
- * Lottie (Year 8) has also been selected to play for Mini Mavericks! She was also part of the Hertford Heath Rangers U13 netball team on tour at PGL Liddington recently. Lottie was in the same team as Olivia, Ashley, Emma, Amelia and Kacie and they won the tournament!
- * Well done to Year 7's Eloise, Naomi, Flora and Rosa who represented Hertford Heath Rangers U12 Netball team at a recent PGL Tournament in Swindon. In relentless rain, they dug deep and beat many teams to win the tournament. A huge well done to you all and your team. Hertford Heath Rangers also had an U15's team playing up in the U16's year group and came joint third! Izzy,



Jasmine, Emily, Hope and Amelia (Year 10) were part of the team. Here are some of the girls with England Netball player Summer Artman.



- * Well done to Evie (Year 11) and Kaitlyn (Year 10) who represented Wodson Park Netball Club U16 team at Conover Hall in Shropshire. Playing schools and clubs from all over the country, they won the tournament playing 10 matches and winning all 10. A huge well done to you both and your team!

Mob Race

Well done to our Year 7 girls in the mob race after school last week. Presdales came first overall in the team event with 15 of our girls coming in the top 17! Amazing achievements! Special mention to D'arcy Wright for winning the race.

PE Students of the Month – September

Year 7 - D'arcy Wright for coming 1st in house cross-country and winning the District Mob Race

Year 8 - Evie Martin and Molly Cobbold for helping at Year 7 Netball Club every Friday

Year 9 - Charlotte Hallett for working with and helping younger students at Volleyball Club

Year 10 - Macy Ruddell for facing her fears and completing the abseil on the GCSE Rock Climbing trip

Year 11 - Evie Petit for helping run Year 7 Netball Club every Friday

6th Form - Lottie Rowedder for being the 'hare' in Inter-house Cross-Country and always being so reliable



Hockey

Well done to our 7 aside team for their amazing efforts in our first hockey game of the season. Without a GK, they lost 3-1 against Simon Balle.



Football

Gracie Pearse (Year 11) has been away with the England Women's U-17 squad in Moldova. They played Moldova and won 6-nil, Azerbaijan and won 7-nil and Iceland and won 2-nil. They are now through to the Elite qualifying round of the UEFA Women's U-17 Championship!

New Fitness Suite

We are very privileged to use the £10,000 grant received last term to have a new fitness suite replace our hydro shape equipment. Students can use it before school any day from 7:40-8:25. They just need to sign up on the PE office door, as there are limited places!

Old Equipment



New Equipment





Canoe Slalom

New to our Sixth Form this year is Team GB Junior Canoe Slalom paddler, Ellis Miller. Ellis typically trains 12 times per week at Lee Valley White Water Centre

following the legacy of the London Olympics. This summer, having qualified for Team GB U18 through a selection series of races, she competed at the U23 and Junior Canoe Slalom World Championships in Ivrea, Italy and in the C1W Team event won a World Silver Medal. Individually, Ellis qualified through heats to the semi-final, finishing 26th. At the equivalent European Championships in Bratislava, Ellis individually performed well, this time making it through heats and the semi-final to qualify for her first major championship final, finishing 10th. The summer also saw Ellis gain Senior GB experience, competing in World Cup events in Augsburg, Germany, 34th place, and a really strong performance at Tacen, Slovenia, 7th place. More recently, Ellis performed incredibly well at the British Open two weekends ago against the best paddlers this country has to offer and also against several international guests. Ellis took advantage of the fact the Senior GB Team of 3 were in Rio preparing for the currently occurring Senior World Championships, and won not only the U16 title, but also the U18, U23 and Senior titles simultaneously. This is a tremendous achievement at only 16 years of age and we look forward to seeing how she progresses over the next two years.



Should you wish to follow Ellis' canoeing career over the next few years, here are her social media links:

<https://www.instagram.com/ellismillergb/?hl=en>

<https://twitter.com/ellismillergb>

Sports Awards

Amelie Anstead has been awarded the Jane Branford Trophy for Outstanding contribution to School Sport. Amelie is a fantastic role model. She is thoughtful of others and always gives 100%. Last year she competed in netball, tennis, rounders, badminton, athletics, table-tennis, basketball, dance and cricket; proving her outstanding all-round talent. She was the Captain of the very successful U14 Netball team and is an asset to the PE department! Well done Amelie.



Gracie Pearse has been awarded the Stacey Stone Trophy for personal achievement and dedication in games. She has represented the school in Athletics, Rounders, Handball, Tennis, Cricket, Badminton, Netball and Hockey; as well as playing International Football and County Basketball. She throws herself into every sport and is an extremely talented sportswoman. As a GCSE PE student she balances her studies and sport extremely well and is committed to all that she does. She recently has been part of the successful U17 England Squad on Tour to Maldiva. Well done Gracie.



Modern Foreign Languages Symposium

On Tuesday 25th September, five Year 13 modern language students visited North London Collegiate School to attend the Modern Foreign Languages Symposium. This year, the conference focused on analysing film, looking at the way it has been influenced by, and has itself influenced society, nationally and internationally. We were very fortunate to attend talks from top university lecturers who are experts in this field. The talks included the origins of Chinese cinema, symbolism in Russian film, German heritage films and their role in Oscar nominated films, and the form of neorealism film in Italy after the fall of fascism. The combined talks broadened our understanding of the relationship between film and culture across the globe. Following the informative evening, we all felt inspired to continue our language studies at university, especially focusing on cinema. We have come away with an extensive list of 'must-see' films, which we can't wait to watch!

Year 13 Linguists





News from Music

Congratulations to the following pupils for their recent success in music exams:

* denotes passed with distinction

NAME	INSTRUMENT	INITIAL
LOLA HANDLEY*	GIUITAR	
JESSICA CHAPPELL	PIANO	1
MIA D'AMATO	CELLO	1
CONNIE HALL*	SINGING	1
RACHEL HARVEY*	PIANO	1
ELLA ROWBOTHAM	CELLO	1
ELLIE RUDDY	PIANO	1
ELENA WELLER	PIANO	1
HANNAH WOOD	FLUTE	1
ZOE KIERS*	GIUITAR	1
JODIE AUSTIN	FLUTE	2
LEAH BARNES*	CELLO	2
LAUREN HILL	VIOLIN	2
KIM PITTACCIO	SINGING	2
ROBYN SCHWARTZ-TOPPING	PIANO	2
ROSIE WEMYSS-COOK	CELLO	2
AMY WHITE	PIANO	2
AMELIE APLING	GIUITAR	2
SAIDHRITI SIDDANTHAM	GIUITAR	2
AYESHA UNADKAT*	GIUITAR	2
TARA ARCHER	OBOE	3
AMELIA BOTTING	OBOE	3
ABIGAIL CANNELL	FLUTE	3
HANNAH CAVANAGH	CLARINET	3
ISOBEL FOXON	VIOLIN	3
ELISENDA HENDERSON	FLUTE	3
SAFIA SIPI	PIANO	3
HATTY WEMYSS-COOK	SINGING	3

LEAH BARKER	PIANO	4
RUBY MORGAN	SINGING	4
ADELAIDE PEART	FLUTE	4
SAIDHRITI SIDDANTHAM	PIANO	4
MARNIE WHITAKER	FLUTE	4
ELIZABETH APPLEFORD	FLUTE	5
CATERINA DAFFADA*	DESCANT RECORDER	5
TALITHA HOOKWAY	FLUTE	5
EVIE REILLY	PIANO	5
ISABEL ROSS	CLARINET	5
BETHAN SLEATH	FLUTE	5
MEGAN SLEATH	CLARINET	5
CHARLOTTE WARING*	CELLO	5
LARA CRAIG	TRUMPET	5
EMILY MAYES	GIUITAR	5
DAISY DEWSON	CELLO	6
LUCY KENNARD	CELLO	6
MEGAN MO	PIANO	6
ZOE VAN MAANENBERG	OBOE	6
NATASSJA SMITH	VIOLIN	6
NATASSJA SMITH	ALTO SAXOPHONE	6
CHLOE HARDING	CLARINET	6
MOLLY FARRELL	PIANO	7
HEBE PENN CLARK	VIOLIN	7
HEBE PENN CLARK	SINGING	7
HOPE WHITE HEATH	TREBLE RECORDER	7
LOTTIE JULIAN	PIANO	8
CHARLOTTE POWELL	SINGING	8

Upcoming Event

Sunday 11th November 2018 - Drill Hall, Ware, 7:45pm

Conductor: Tom Hammond

With choirs from Presdales and Richard Hale schools

Butterworth: *The Banks of Green Willow*

Ravel : *Piano Concerto in D major for the Left Hand*

(Soloist Simon Callaghan)

Adam Saunders: HSO commission (world première) for choir & orchestra (texts from Houseman A Shropshire Lad)

Bernard Hughes: '*Perhaps*' (choir and orchestra, words: Vera Brittain)

Holst : *The Planets*

For families of choir members the prices offered will be:

Adults: £12

Children/ students: £6

To order these discounted tickets parents etc. must contact our membership secretary Gwen Edwards by e mail on tomangwen@aol.com or by phone on 01279 466653 and reserve the tickets, to be collected and paid for at the door.



Music Groups and Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Lunch 2.45-1.15	Recorder Group For recorder players	Brass Group For all brass players. See Mr Nunn for more details.			Ukulele Club Open to all!
2nd Lunch 1.15-1.45	Senior Choir Open to all in year 9+. Going on tour 2019!	Bella Voce Auditioned choir for all years.	Junior Choir Open to all in year 7&8.	Orchestra For instrumental players grade 4+. Percussionist and pianist needed! Please see Mrs Slade for details.	Concert Band For woodwind and brass players grade 3+.
After school 3.30-4.00	Rock School Come along to play in a band with your friends.	Music Makers Beginner to grade 2 instrumentalist band. Open to all	Sax Group For saxophone players.	Bell Ringing Come along to learn to play handbells in room 11.	Bell Ringing Come along to learn to play handbells in room 11.
		Clarinet Group Clarinet players grade 3+	Cello Group For cello players. Please see Mrs Kirkwood for details.	Flute Group Open to all flute players. See Mrs Dunton for details.	Little Big Band Jazz band for players grade 4+.
		GCSE coursework clinic & catch up.		String Group Open to all string players.	GCSE coursework clinic & catch up.

Presdales
Music Department



Year 13 Devising Exam

Year 13 Drama and Theatre students have been working hard rehearsing for their performance exam. The performance is completely student devised from a scripted extract from Steven Berkoff's *Metamorphosis*. The performance, titled, "Straight Line", challenges social norms of conformity during the 1950's. The students are working in the style of Frantic Assembly's *Physical*




Theatre and they have selected some brilliant music to underscore some very emotional realisations. They have worked imaginatively and creatively throughout the process and are very happy with their final piece! They couldn't have made it possible without the talented support of Laura Atkinson and Elena Simou who are managing their sound and lighting requirements. We are all very grateful for your time, support and expertise! We wish the students the best of luck. Let's hope you all achieve your full potential and have a great performance on the night!

Miss Mack and Mrs Fehmi
Drama Department

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THE BROADWAY MUSICAL



Director: **HAILEY BUDD**
 Musical Director: **KEITH WILLIS** • Choreographer: **ELLA LOUISE MARTIN**
 Book by **Mark O'Donnell & Thomas Meehan**
 Music by **Marc Shaiman** • Lyrics by **Scott Whitman & Marc Shaiman**

TUESDAY 9 - SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER 2018
HERTFORD THEATRE
 The Wash, Hertford, SG14 1PS
 Tickets: 01992 531500 or www.hertfordtheatre.com

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe). All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe. www.mtishows.co.uk




hairspray

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL



The 1950's are out and change is in the air! **Hairspray**, winner of eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical, is a family-friendly musical, piled bouffant-high with laughter, romance and deliriously tuneful songs.

Its 1962 in Baltimore and the lovable plus-sized teen, Tracy Turnblad, has only one desire - to dance on the popular 'Corny Collins Show'. When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from social outcast to sudden star. She must use her new found power to dethrone the reigning Teen Queen, win the affections of heartthrob, Link Larkin and integrate a TV network... all without denting her 'do!

DATE	TIME	ADULT	CONCESSION (under 15, over 60)
Tuesday 9 October	7.30pm	£18.00	£16.50
Wednesday 10 October	7.30pm	£18.00	£16.50
Thursday 11 October	7.30pm	£19.50	n/a
Friday 12 October	7.30pm	£19.50	n/a
Saturday 13 October	2.30pm	£18.00	£16.50
Saturday 13 October	7.30pm	£19.50	n/a

Group bookings (10 or more) £1.00 off full price tickets
Early bird bookings £1.00 reduction on full price tickets purchased before 1st September for Thursday, Friday and Saturday night performances only
 All prices include £1.00 Hertford Theatre booking fee

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:
 telephone Hertford Theatre Box Office 01992 531 500
 online www.hertfordtheatre.com
 in person Hertford Theatre Box Office, The Wash, Hertford SG14 1PS
www.hdos.org.uk

Hello!



WE ARE BEEZEE BODIES

You may have heard of us before and if not you should have (we are pretty awesome!) In a nutshell we exist to help families to make small changes to live healthy lives. I will let you into a little secret - healthy doesn't mean only eating celery and lettuce, "YAY" I hear you cry. Believe it or not, healthy eating can include pizzas and cakes, and you can trust us because we are the experts! At BeeZee Bodies we believe that being healthy means you can get the most out of life and do the stuff you love to do - we like having fun so we want you to have fun too!

We run in early evenings and best of all, **IT'S FREE!** You get dedicated time with nutritionists and other fab BeeZee Bodies staff doing activities, cooking, making friends and learning about small changes to live healthy lives... for **FREE!** Programmes start the week commencing 24th of September in Welwyn Garden City, Stevenage, Hoddesdon, Hemel Hempstead, Cheshunt and Watford. Call NOW to find out more!

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