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Headlines

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of another term, there is much to reflect on and celebrate. We were impressed with all of our Year 11 and 13 students who have been taking their mock exams over the past few weeks and we would look forward to the mock results day on Monday 14th January.

I am excited to announce that our Year 12 Mock Trial students are through to the finals of the Bar Mock Trial national competition which is due to take place in Edinburgh in March. Thank you to Mr Spurgeon for preparing the team and giving our students this wonderful opportunity. I look forward to hearing more in March.

Last Friday morning, I had the pleasure of judging our Year 8 carol singing 'sing-off'. All six forms have spent the past two weeks learning a Christmas carol, and each then performed it in the sports hall. I was given the judging criteria of quality, creativity and effort. It was a lovely start to the day, and the winners were Ms Haywood's form.









Thank you to the students and parents who came into school on Monday for our annual speech day. It was good to see so many ex-students return. We were privileged to hear from Dr Hannah Copley, an ex-student. Her inspirational talk focussed on resilience and not giving up when you have a knock back.

On Wednesday, 836 students had their Christmas lunch. All students were through the serving areas in 75 minutes! Thank you to Chris and his team in the canteen for the work they did in preparing and serving such a feast.



Yesterday was our annual 6th form revue. We usually sit through the first performance in trepidation of what surprises the sixth form will slip into the programme. Apart from

students eating bugs and critters in the 'I'm a Presdaleian, Get me Outta Here', all went well. Thank you to the sixth formers and the staff who oversaw the organisation for putting on a great show.

Finally, thank you to our parent body for all the support that you have given us over the term. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards

Matt Warren

Headteacher

From the Governing Body

On behalf of the Governing Body, we write to thank the staff for all their superb work over the past year. Presdales School is very fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated staff team. Their work and commitment are greatly appreciated by governors and, we are sure, by parents/carers and students, too.

Our very best wishes to staff, students and parents/carers for a good Christmas break and for a happy and successful 2019.

Howard Freed and Jackie Harvey (Chair and Vice Chair of Governors)



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Upcoming Events

The full school calendar can be viewed by **clicking here**.

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for the PE fixtures

JANUARY

Monday 7th : Term begins

Saturday 12th : Bronze DofE training day

Monday 14th: Results Day for Years 11 and 13

Thursday 17th: Year 11 Parents' Consultation Meeting

 Tuesday 22nd: Years 12 and 13 Russian Trip: Queen of Spades Evening

 Wednesday 23rd: Parent Information Evening for World Challenge to Norway 2020, 6.30pm

Challenge to Norway 2020, 6.30pm Thursday 24th: Year 13 Parents'

Consultation Meeting

Friday 25th : Year 7 Globe Theatre Trip

• Wednesday 30th : Year 10 Design Museum Trip

• Thursday 31st: Year 9 Parents' Consultation Meeting

Rewards

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

7FJ 8EW 9SC and 9EC 10JE 11EF 6DS

Poppy Appeal



Thank you very much for helping with the 2018 Poppy Appeal. Presdales School collected £242.72.

Vacancies at Presdales

SENIOR SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT required from January 2019, 1 hour per day between 12.45 – 1.45pm, five days a week, term-time only. The job involves working as part of a team to help to supervise students around the school during the lunch break. Salary: £2,296 per annum including fringe.

DINING ROOM ASSISTANT also required from January 2019, 2 hours per day between 12.15 – 2.15pm, five days a week, term time only. The job involves working as part of a team to set up the dining room, supervise students during lunch and clear up after service. Salary: £3,902 per annum including fringe.

Letters of application, including the names, addresses and telephone numbers of 2 referees should be sent to Mrs M Stanley as soon as possible, please.

Trips and Reminders

 GCSE German Revision Guide and Workbook available to purchase for £5.

- GCSE Spanish Revision Guide and Workbook available to purchase for £5.
- GCSE Geography Revision Guide available to purchase for £5.50.
- GCSE History Revision Guides: We have secured a few more copies. They are available to purchase for £10 for 4 guides and will be sold on a first come, first served basis until they have gone.
- Year 7 Shakespeare's Globe Theatre Trip (Friday 25th January 2019) Please return the slip and make the voluntary contribution of £33.
- A Level Geography Fieldtrip (April 2019) Places still available. An initial deposit of £100 is required.
- Year 12 and 13 Art and Photography Trip to Barcelona (April 2019) The next instalment of £125 was due by 11th December.
- Year 10 GCSE History study visit to Berlin (June 2019) The next instalment of £125 was due by 10th December.
- Bronze DofE Award Program 2018-19 The balance is due by 25th January 2019.
- 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.
- Russian Trip (October 2019) The next instalment of £150 is due by 1 January.
- Years 9 & 10 German Exchange 2019 Please return the slip and pay the deposit by Friday 16th January.
- Barbados Netball Sport Tour (April 2020) Places still available. An initial deposit of £150 is required.

Wisepay will be closed from 21st December until 5th January.





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House Badminton Competition

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4th	ME
5th	AL
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1st	LH
2nd	SC
3rd	LB
4th	LC
5th	EC



Inter House Sports Results so far ...

Year 7	X Country	Netball	Basketball	Badminton	Total	Place
PANKHURST	16	4	4	2	26	5th
FRANK	16	6	8	12	42	2nd
PARKS	2	2	4	6	14	6th
WINDSOR	4	10	12	10	36	3rd
CURIE	17	12	10	4	43	1st
NIGHTINGALE	8	8	6	8	30	4th

Year 8	X Country	Netball	Basketball	Badminton	Total	Place
PANKHURST	19	12	12	10	53	1st
FRANK	13	4	2	4	23	4th
PARKS	9	2	4	8	23	4th
WINDSOR	11	8	8	6	33	3rd
CURIE	8	10	10	12	40	2nd
NIGHTINGALE	2	6	6	2	16	6th

Year 9	X Country	Netball	Basketball	Badminton	Total	Place
PANKHURST	10	10	10	4	34	1st
FRANK	19	6	2	6	33	2nd
PARKS	17	8	6	2	33	2nd
WINDSOR	4	4	8	8	24	5th
NIGHTINGALE	11	2	4	10	27	4th

Year 10	X Country	Netball	Basketball	Badminton	Total	Place
PANKHURST	16	6	4		26	3rd
FRANK	4	4	10		18	5th
PARKS	12	10	8		30	1st
WINDSOR	20	2	6		28	2nd
NIGHTINGALE	9	8	2		19	4th

Year 11	X Country	Netball	Basketball	Badminton	Total	Place
PANKHURST		10	10		20	1st
FRANK		2	4		6	3rd
PARKS		6	8		14	2nd
WINDSOR		8	6		14	2nd
NIGHTINGALE		4	2		6	3rd

Curie Frank Nightingale Pankhurst Parks

Windsor

Upcoming House Events

W/c 21st January : Hockey/

Football

W/c 28th January : LingoFest

News from the English Department

Recommended Reads for KS3

As a department, we are committed to encouraging all students to read widely in order to extend their vocabulary and broaden their imaginative experience. Year 7 and 8 students read independently within English lessons. One of the most common questions English teachers are asked is for recommendations of books to read. To help answer this question click on the following link for 'Recommended Reads Key Stage 3' for your daughter, a booklet with suggestions for contemporary wider reading produced by Herts for Learning and updated for 2018.

Year 7 students have the opportunity to use Scholastic Reader software in English lessons to complete quizzes on books they have read independently, which they can also do at home or at Homework Club after school in Room 30. Please find the link to the Presdales School Scholastic log in page below; your daughter has a personal username and password.

https://educator-slz03.scholasticlearningzone.com/ slz-portal/#/login3/GBRG899

Thank you for all your support in encouraging your daughter to read independently.

Mrs Teal





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News from Languages

Düsseldorf 2018

Ode to Düsseldorf!

Town centres full of light Twinkling, glittering, all out of delight Smells of Christmas, smells of smoke Whilst sipping on my half drunk Cola Chocolate museum, so much to see! What a wonderful place to be Nights at the hotel, so sweet and calm The warm, comfy bed sheets beneath my palm Swimming up the luscious water The time we have left seems so much shorter I don't want to leave, There's much more to achieve! Long coach journeys seem so short, And there are always more sweets to be

bought I wish we could stay longer and see All the beautiful places there are for me! **Beth Barnes Year 8**

I loved the trip. My favourite part was Phantasialand and swimming. I also liked going up the tower! We went to the Düsseldorf Christmas market on the night we arrived and after a good night's sleep we made our way to Köln where we visited the Lindt chocolate museum, the Christmas market, the enormous cathedral and finished our time in the city with a cruise on the River Rhine. On the boat we had hot chocolate and cake! Mmmm! Lecker! After dinner on the same day we went to the dinner on the same day we went to the leisure pool with flumes and waves and black holes!

On the third day we went to the Christmas

market and the old town of Düsseldorf in the morning and to Phantasialand, the theme park in the afternoon and evening.
Our last day came too soon! We went up the Rheinturm which was 168 metres high. Then

home again. Adelaide Peart Year 8















I really enjoyed the German trip. It was a great experience. We did so many different fun things like going to Phantasialand, the most famous theme park in Europe, and the Lindt chocolate museum where we saw how the chocolate was made and wrapped. I really recommend it. Even the long journey is not bad at all because you are always stopping to stretch your legs or watching DVDs or chatting with friends. If I ever got the chance to go again I definitely would. Amelie Powis Year 8





I once went to Germany with all of my friends It felt like magic, I didn't want it to end I thought it was pretty I thought I was dreaming All the lights around me Were beautifully gleaming I watched the light show But I could not record, That's annoving But at least I'm not bored Emily Rhodes Year 8













I loved the German trip because the food was nice and Phantasialand was sooo fun!! The rollercoasters were really fast. The youth hostel was nice and cosy and you had lots of space in your rooms. Maddie

Robinson Year 8

I found Germany amazing. I was always on my feet. We went to five different countries in ONE DAY! England, France, Belgium, Holland and finally Germany! We visited the Lindt chocolate museum and factory, lots of Christmas markets, a cathedral and a TV Tower. We also went to a water park, had a boat trip on the river Rhine and had an amazing day at a theme park called Phantasialand! I had lots of fun! Lily Patmore Year 8

Frohe Weihnachten!



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News from Art and Photography

Congratulations to:-

Year 7 - Erin Shiel

Year 8 - Adelaide Peart

Year 9 - Emily McAllister

Year 10 - Taigen Perkins Year 10 - Kitty Povey Year 11 - Hermione Hopking Year 11 - Libby Wade

Year 11 - Phoebe Edwards Year 12 - Matilda Simpson-Martin

Year 13 - Renate Lush

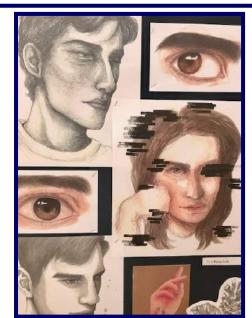
Photographer of the Month Year 12 - Matilda Simpson-Martin

Year13 - Sophie Cornhill

Well Done from The Art Department!

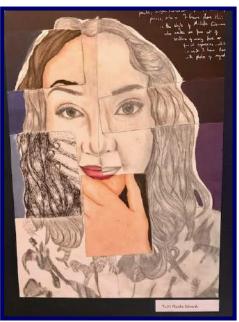


















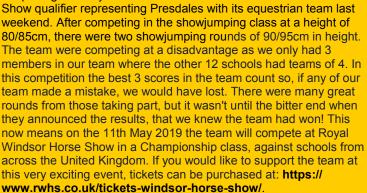


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PE News

Equestrian Team

Ruby Barrs, Connie Harrington and Freya Naylor Stewart took part in the prestigious Royal Windsor Horse



The next show jumping show Presdales is aiming for is on 19th January, taking place at Bury Farm, Slapton. Please contact Ros Naylor at **rosn@btinternet.com** for more information.

Table Tennis



The U13 table tennis team played brilliantly last week in the County Tournament. They won 4 out of 6 of matches and came 3rd overall. Well done girls! What an awesome team performance who really cheered each other on; it was great to see such positivity!

Sportshall Athletics

These four Year 9's took part in the Sportshall Athletics competition this week. They did amazingly well in all 6



events and came 4th out the 6 schools that entered! Well done girls! Star performance from Hannah Stapleton who individually came 5th out of 23 Year 9 girls! Well done girls!

Badminton



The Year 10's came 1st so are through to the regionals! Well done girls.

Well done to the Year 9 and 10 teams for participating in the school games badminton county finals.

The Year 9's came 5th and were amazing throughout.



PE Students of the Month – December

Year 7 Rosa Ward

For exceptional shooting in the netball team!

Year 8 Josie English

For always being helpful,

enthusiastic and getting changed super quick!

Year 9 Hannah Stapleton

For coming a fantastic 5th/23 girls in the District Sportshall Athletics individual competition

Year 10 Rosie Orton

For working hard in GCSE PE and having an outstanding exercise book!

Year 11 Demi Roselt-Mitchell

For being extremely helpful in assisting at Gymnastics Club

Sixth Form Immy Raphael and Mikki Addison-Kemp

For being fantastic Sports Leaders and running an excellent Badminton Interhouse tournament for Year 9

Netball

- Well done to our Year 8 County Cup netball team who won 38-4 against Royal Masonic School in their quarter final at the end of November. Star player was Amelia Kaufman-Cook.
- Congratulations to our Year 8B netball team who won 30

 against Haileybury Turnford last week! Star player
 was Amelia Kaufman-Cook.
- Well done to the Year 9A and 9B teams who won against Chauncy last week. The A team won 21-7 and the star player was Ella Coker.
- The B team won 6-4 and the star player was Isabella Osman fab play by all, awesome work ladies!
- Also in action last week were the Year 7 A & B teams.
 7A were runners up in their friendly netball tournament and 7B won their friendly netball tournament. Player of 7A team was Rosa Ward and 7B was Elspeth Mayers.
- Well done to the Years 7, 8 & 9 netball teams who recently won their games against Leventhorpe. Year 7 won 3-1 and star player was Cara Conway-Baker. Year 8 won 7-0 and star player was Jodi McDonald. Year 9 won 15-2 and player of the match was Ella Noble.

Swimming

Saranya Lister in Year 7 was named 'Coaches Swimmer of the Year 2018' for Ware



Swim Club recently. She has continually improved her personal bests and been selected for galas and took part in a 100 I meter length relay for charity in Sheffield recently! Well done Saranya, this is fantastic news!



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News from Drama

Thursday 22nd November Year 10 GCSE and A level Drama and Theatre students visited Cambridge Arts Theatre to see "Wise Children". The Production had transferred after a hugely successful run at London's Old Vic Theatre. This is previous artistic director of The Globe's first production in her new company also entitled "Wise Children"! It is a great celebration of theatre in all its glory. The production features a live band with actor musicians impressively transitioning from

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instrument to stage! The production is an adaptation of Angela Carters novel and is brought to life with Puppetry, Dance and thespian humour! It is an uplifting tale which tracks back through the ups and downs of the lives of 75 year old Nora and Dora! The students were fully engaged and inspired by the talent showcased; they are now using the experience to respond in theatre reviews analysing the effectiveness of live performance ready for upcoming examinations.





Year 12 Mock Trial News



On Saturday 1st of December we were in the school minibus, 15 year 12 students and our teacher, Mr Spurgeon, on our way to Snaresbrook Crown Court. We had spent the past 5 weeks preparing for the Bar Mock Trial, a national competition where students take on real roles involved in a criminal trial including barristers, witnesses, ushers and clerks. We prepared by writing speeches, learning witness statements and preparing witness examinations for the cases we had been provided with. There were two cases in the competition. For the first case a man named Blair Forrester had been accused of preparing and carrying out an acid attack. In this some of us had prepared the defence and some had prepared the prosecution. In the second case, which was about money laundering, another group of students (including ourselves) had prepared both sides of the case to find out later which side we would be performing on the day.

When we arrived at Snaresbrook, we waited in the canteen with thirteen other schools until the first round began. The trials took place in real court rooms with real judges and barristers who scored the team on each element of the trial. For example, each

speech had to be memorised and contain certain elements. Points would be deducted for reading a script or missing anything out; points were not deducted or gained for winning or losing the case. In the first round, our case 1 prosecution team went up against another school's defence team and won the case. In the second round, we found out that we would be performing the defence for case 2, which, unfortunately, we lost. Then, in the third round, our case 1 defence team performed. After this, there was a short break whilst they added up the scores to find out which schools were in the top two and we had lunch. Finally, they announced that the schools in the final two were Sutton Grammar school and Presdales! We were delighted and very excited to get through. The winner was to be decided by another performance of case 2 and, since both schools had been the defence in the previous round. there was a coin toss to decide who would be which side. We won the coin toss and so chose to be the defence again and the other team were the prosecution.

We took our places to perform for the second time, with much encouragement from the rest of our team in the audience. It was an intense trial with good arguments on both sides but eventually the jury (made up of four students from each school) went out to deliberate, returning with a verdict of not guilty and while this does not affect the scores, it seemed a good sign for us as the defence. Meanwhile the judge added up the scores. Then he came back and gave us all feedback, after which he announced that it was close but the winning team was... Presdales! There was much excitement and celebration; of all the fourteen schools that were there, we had never expected to be the winner. We were awarded our certificates and a shield by the judge and invited to the national finals in Edinburgh in March. The bus ride home was extremely celebratory and Mr Spurgeon even bought us doughnuts! We are very much looking forward to doing it all again in Edinburgh next year.

Alyssa Stein and Maddie Richardson



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News from Careers

Skills London 2018

Year 10 students went to Skills London 2018 held in the ExCel Centre on Friday 23rd November.

There were over 200 organisations who were happy to help students plan for their future path, including employers, colleges, universities and training providers.

The event featured interactive, hands-on demonstrations and inspiring activities with excellent participation from all the students.

'I was very surprised at how many exhibits were interactive and hands-on.'



'Everyone was very helpful and knowledgeable.'

'Great resources which I will be using in the future.'





'Skills London was a great day out.'



'I came away with lots of information and many more options that I didn't know I had before I went.'

News from Psychology

Bethlem Royal Hospital Visit – Psychology students visit the oldest psychiatric institution in the world

On Thursday 29th November, Year 13 Psychology students visited Bethlem Royal Hospital, the oldest psychiatric institution in the world. Students were given an overview of the history of the hospital from the 13th century to present day, focusing on radical changes in understanding of mental illness and ways to treat them. Students spent time in Bethlem Gallery and Museum where they were able to view centuries of significant historic artworks and objects together with inspiring contemporary works by current artists and service users. Students were also involved in a creative activity where they were asked to analyse a famous painting called 'The Maze' by William Kurelek, a past patient of Bethlem Hospital. They found it fascinating to see how William was able to tell his doctors about his emotions and feelings towards a range of issues and experiences, both past and present, using one painting.

"The trip to Bethlem was incredibly interesting. It gave us all a great insight into the development of diagnosis and treatment for those with mental health disorders over the past century. The museum was amazing and the stories and art that have emerged from mental health patients of Bethlem over the years were truly fascinating to look at. The trip really furthered my interest for psychology and I would definitely recommend it for future psychology students – it's a one time opportunity!" - Jody Millross









"Visiting Bethlem hospital was both an insightful and thought-provoking experience. Insightful, as we saw displays of mental health treatments from the past such as straitjackets and padded cells, and thought-provoking in the way we attempted to figure out what aspects of William Kerelek's 'The Maze' painting represented. This creative outlet was used by Kerelek to show his doctors at Bethlem how he was feeling and it enabled us as psychology students to understand how symptoms of mental illness present themselves and how it leaves the sufferer feeling. I came away from this experience with a new perspective on mental health and a sense of gratitude for the developments in treatment of these individuals." – Bea Baxter



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MYRIAD Project











A Message of thanks to Presdales from the University of Oxford

I would like to pass on my thanks to all the staff and pupils at Predales from the MYRIAD project at the University of Oxford. I visited the school this week to help support the teachers in delivering a mindfulness programme to your pupils as part of the research. I was delighted by the welcome received by your staff and pupils. Your pupils have shown such respect and maturity during the lessons I had the privilege to visit and their politeness and general demeanour around the school was exemplary. I had a wonderful experience of what a friendly and caring environment a school can be. You can be very proud of them all. A special thanks to your front line reception staff for their welcome and friendliness throughout my visit. I'd also like to thank the kitchen staff for feeding me! And finally a thank you to the whole of the staff for their curiosity and interest in, and support for,

MYRIAD is a £6.4m national research project funded by the Wellcome Trust and being carried out by the University of Oxford and the institutions above. It is being led by four professors, who are all experts in their fields. We are working with 84 schools across the UK investigating how schools prepare young people to improve resilience and manage emotional health during these pivotal years. We are collecting data from thousands of pupils. It will hopefully help to answer questions in this important area for young people and their ability to flourish and deal with the ups and downs of life. You can read more about it at the link below:

http://www.myriadproject.org/

A huge thank you must go to Mr Warren and Ms Chandler who have made it possible for us to work with you. Thanks also go to Mrs Bowman, Mrs Fry and Miss Silver for their commitment and enthusiasm in teaching this programme with such excellence. We are committed to providing high quality teacher training as part of MYRIAD so that we can ensure your pupils are getting the best possible lessons delivered.

am looking forward to further developing this close working relationship between Presdales and the University of Oxford and will now be in close contact with the MYRIAD Research Lead. Ms Chandler, to help us with the next steps. Thank you!

Jem Shackleford

Schools' Liaison Consultant, MYRIAD project, Dept. of Psychiatry,

University of Oxford













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