



PressTales



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Headlines

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you so much for all the donations that have been made towards our two non-uniform days in aid of Tierney, Fanconi Hope and the school council. The generosity of students, parents and staff over the past few weeks has been overwhelming. Whilst we will always strive for excellent academic outcomes, it is times like the past few weeks that remind us of the wider role that we have as a school and community. I have been so impressed with the care and compassion that our students have shown.

'How many people does it take to fill a hole?'

Finally the water pipe and road have been repaired, taking no more than ten minutes to fix the pipe and six days to refill the hole! Thank you for your support during this period; I know the extra traffic caused issues for many of you.

Over the half term break we have 80 girls and 10 staff going on the school ski trip to Leysin, Switzerland. We wish them all a safe journey and an enjoyable trip.

Thank you for your continued support; we wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term week.

Kind regards

Matt Warren

Headteacher

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

- Monday 18th to Friday 22nd : Half Term
- Monday 25th : Year 7 Netball to watch Superleague match
- Tuesday 26th : 3.30pm Launch Meeting for Student for World Challenge to Norway 2020
- Wednesday 27th : Year 10 Science in Action Trip
- Thursday 28th : Year 10 Parents' Consultation Meeting

MARCH

- Monday 4th to Friday 8th : Careers Week
- Friday 8th : YC Herts Interviews (Year 10)
- Monday 11th : Years 11 - 13 Theatre Trip
- Tuesday 12th : Year 12 Parents' Consultation Meeting
- Wednesday 13th : 6.30pm Parent Information Evening for World Challenge Long Haul 2021
- Thursday 14th : Year 9 Vaccinations
- Thursday 14th : Year 12 UCAS Convention
- Friday 15th : Cambridge visit for Year 9 with French Exchange Partners
- W/c Monday 18th : Recycled Fashion Show
- Tuesday 19th : Dance Evening Technical Rehearsal
- Tuesday 19th : Year 11 GCSE Drama
- Saturday 23rd to Sunday 24th : Bronze DofE Practice Expedition
- Tuesday 26th : Dance Evening Dress Rehearsal (am)
- Tuesday 26th : Dance Production, 7pm
- Tuesday 26th to Wednesday 27th : Year 10 Art Exam
- Wednesday 27th : Dance Production, 7pm
- Thursday 28th : Year 7 Parents' Consultation Meeting
- Thursday 28th : Year 13 GCE Drama Exam
- Thursday 28th to Wednesday 3rd April: German Exchange Party here
- Friday 29th : Year 13 RE trip to Bloomsbury Baptist Church
- Saturday 30th : Year 11 GCSE PE Revision Workshop



Presdales Dance Evening 2019

This year's Dance Evening is on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March at 7pm.

Tickets are on priority sale for any dancers/gymnasts in Dance Evening from Monday 25th February at BREAK TIME ONLY.

The rest of the school can buy them from Wednesday 27th February at BREAK TIME ONLY.

Tickets can be purchased in cash from Mrs Dann or Miss Fentiman in the PE office in the Sports Hall for £6 each.

Rewards

Congratulations to the following forms who have achieved the highest number of reward points this half term:

7AL 8SH 9EC 10RM 11LM 6DS

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

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



Quiz Night and Raffle

Friday 15th March
7-10 pm
Presdales School
Fish and Chip meal
Tickets £10 each
(£8 for under 18s)

Prizes include...

- £150 voucher for the Nag's Head, Little Hadham
- 12 free cupcakes from Lucy's Cakes and Bakes
- Zumba class for you and a friend

Studio 6
SALON & SPA



Year 9 Running Club



This term saw the launch of the Presdales 'couch - 5km' walk-run club for Year 9 students and members of staff. So far 11 students and one teacher have joined. We don't necessarily all love running - yet! But we all want to get a little fitter, run a little further and perhaps get a little faster. If you're in Year 9, and

would like to do a little more exercise without having to be super sporty, give it a go!

- Tuesdays
- 12.50-1.20pm
- meet by the bus shelter
- wear appropriate sports gear
- bring water

With thanks to Year 12 student Imogen Raphael for her help running the club.

Mrs Stewart



Trips and Reminders



- **A level Surgeries / Clinics 2019** - Please [click here](#) for timetable.
- **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.
- **Validity Netball Super League Match for Year 7 Netballers (25th February)** - Tickets are £12.50.
- **Year 12 UCAS Higher Education Exhibition (14th March)** - Voluntary contribution of £12
- **GCSE PE Revision Workshop (Saturday 30th March)** - £20 to attend.
- **Year 12 and 13 Art and Photography Trip to Barcelona (April 2019)** - Please make the extra £18 payment for the flight increase.
- **Year 13 A Level Economics and Business Conference (5th April)** - Please make a voluntary contribution of £25.
- **A Level Geography Tip to Cranedale (April 2019)** - If you are following the payment schedule, the remaining balance of £85 is due in February.
- **Year 10 GCSE History study visit to Berlin (June 2019)** - The next instalment of £125 is due.
- **Bronze DofE Award Program 2018-19** - The balance was due by 25th January 2019.
- **Year 8 Opal Coast French Trip (July 2019)** - The final balance is due by 22nd March 2019.
- **Russia (October 2019)** - The next instalment of £150 is due by 1st March 2019.
- **Barbados Netball Sport Tour (April 2020)** - Places still available. An initial deposit of £150 is required.

Table Tennis at Presdales

Looking to provide unsupervised activity for our students during break and lunchtime, Presdales identified table tennis as a possibility.

An application was made to the East Herts Community Fund and we were thrilled when funding was awarded and topped up with a donation from Councillor Jonathan Kaye.

This funding has enabled us to purchase 4 outdoor tables for use by the students. Since their installation, the weather hasn't been the best for this activity but after half-term we would like to encourage students to bring bats (paddles for the aficionados) and balls with them to school in order to make use of this facility.

Touch Typing Club

New club: Touch typing for students who use a laptop in lessons/exams.

- Room 6
- Every lunchtime
- 12.45-1.10

A great way to support you in school but also a fantastic opportunity to develop a skill for life.

Contact Mrs Stewart (SENCO) for more details.



Illuminate Band Visit

Illuminate are coming in to do sessions with all year groups on Friday, 1st March and tickets for the evening concert will be available for students to purchase on the lunchtime of Friday, 1st March in school.



Young Enterprise - Stand Up meets Wood Bros

Earlier this year, Year 12 were given an opportunity to take part in Young Enterprise, a charity that introduces young people to work and business life. In a group, you would have to set up and run a company, organising everything, from the name to selling your own product.



After months of trialling different products, our company, Stand Up, finally decided on a product: a stand in which to hold a tablet or phone. A local business was then contacted by Georgia Kettas to help us achieve this goal. Wood Bros is a local company that specialises in the design and manufacturing of quality furniture. They have been in Ware for over 90 years (moved here in 1952) and design everything from Tudor style writing desks to modern Scandinavian-style cabinets. They were more than happy to listen to project proposal and we sent our designs through to them.

Then, on the 31st January, eight of our group met with Wood Bros to discuss our visions for the project. All of us, including our Young Enterprise mentor, were blown away at the quality and smartness of the stands. Hand crafted from sustainable oak wood, these small stands were no longer a drawing on paper, they were a reality. After a discussion about the product, our respective companies, and a tour around Wood Bros showroom (we recommend to everyone to have a look around to see beautiful and stylish designs), we took the impressive stands back, ready to package and sell.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Wood Bros for everything they have done for us. They were so patient, respectful and helpful to our small company, and they have massively boosted our confidence in our group. We really enjoyed the meeting and we all agree that the experience will be extremely useful to us in the future.

Stand Up





House News

LingoFest

Our LingoFest - the Languages Faculty House Competition - took a whole week and had 2 parts. The quiz was attempted by all year groups in tutor time and the speaking competition saw over 120 students from Years 7-9 represent their Houses in the finals of a foreign language reading competition. They read aloud songs, poems and stories in 5 languages and were given points for pronunciation, intonation and dramatic effect. All of the finalists rose to the challenge and should be proud of their performances! The results can be seen below:

Reading Competition

	French			German			Italian			Russian			Spanish			
Position	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	
1st	AL	SH	SC	FJ	SH	SC	LG	AH	EC	ME	GP	LD	SC	ME	SH	LD
2nd	LG	AH	LC	LG	BR	EC	NW	LD	LB	NW	KM		LC	LB		
3rd	FJ	BR		KM	ME		ME	GP	SH	SC		SH			EW	
4th	NW	KM	ME	EW	LD		NW	GP		FJ		LC	FJ	AH	EC	AH
5th				ME	EW		KM	EW		LG	EW	LH		GP		
6th				AL	LD		AL							BR		

Quiz

Position	Year 7	Points
1st	AL LG	12
2nd		
3rd	NW	8
4th	KM	6
5th		
6th		

Position	Year 10	Points
1st	CB	12
2nd	SM	10
3rd	RM	8
4th		
5th		

Position	Year 8	Points
1st	SH	12
2nd	EW	10
3rd	NH BR	8
4th		
5th		
6th		

Position	Year 11	Points
1st	EB	12
2nd	LE	10
3rd		
4th		
5th		

Position	Year 9	Points
1st	LB	12
2nd	LC	10
3rd		
4th		
5th		

Position	6 th Form	Points
1st	AW /PR PB/ MW	12
2nd		
3rd	ED/AC	8
4th	LD/DS	6
5th	NW/NG	4
6th	AH/KS	2

Curie	Pankhurst	Parks
Frank	Nightingale	Windsor



The German LingoFest final saw pupils read a variety of texts in front of our German Conversation teacher, Birgitt Wilmanns. The atmosphere was buzzing as Year 7 read and brought to life the nursery rhyme 'Backe, Backe Kuchen'. There were lots of props and gesticulation to entertain and make the meaning clear. Year 8 read a ghost story with appropriate sound effects and Year 9 read aloud the lyrics of a well-known song sung at 'Karneval' called 'Das Fliegerlied'. All of our finalists gave their very best and scored lots of House points for their efforts.

The Italian LingoFest final saw pupils read three poems before our judge, Italian-conversation teacher, Enza Guglielmucci. Year 7 pupils read 'Sembra questo, sembra quello' by Maria Enrica Agostinelli while Year 8 brought to life 'I mesi dell'anno' by



Renzo Pezzani (complete with actions from the winning pair!) and Year 9 took on Gianni Rodari's 'Il Vento'. So much effort had been put in by all our participants and we are already looking forward to next year!





This year, the French Department chose poems from the famous author Jacques Prévert for the popular Lingofest House competition. Years 7, 8 and 9 students represented their respective house in the Final, reading either "Le Cancre". "en sortant de l'école" or "le chat et l'oiseau". Our French Assistante, Mme Hunt, was delighted with the amount of work many students had put in and she had a tough job scoring each performance, which explained why the results were so close. Some students had even prepared props and actions!



Take a look at the poems, see if you could read them too and make sure you listen to Yves Montand singing "En sortant de l'école" on YouTube. Year 8 loved it!

En sortant de l'école

En sortant de l'école
Nous avons rencontré
Un grand chemin de fer
Qui nous a emmené
Tout autour de la terre
Dans un wagon doré
Tout autour de la terre
Nous avons rencontré
La mer qui se promenait
Avec tous ses coquillages
Ses îles parfumées
Et puis ses beaux naufrages
Et ses saumons fumés
Au-dessus de la mer
Nous avons rencontré
La lune et les étoiles
Sur un bateau à voiles
Partant pour le Japon
Et les trois mousquetaires
Des cinq doigts de la main
Tournant la manivelle
D'un petit sous-marin
Plongeant au fond des mers
Pour chercher des oursins
Revenant sur la terre
Nous avons rencontré
Sur la voie de chemin d'fer
Une maison qui fuyait
Fuyait tout autour de la terre

Fuyait tout autour de la mer
Fuyait devant l'hiver
Qui voulait l'attraper
Et nous sur notre chemin d'fer
On s'est mis à rouler
Rouler derrière l'hiver
Et on l'a écrasé
Et la maison s'est arrêtée
Et le printemps nous a salué
C'était lui le garde-barrière
Il nous a bien remercié
Et toutes les fleurs
De toute la terre
Soudain se sont mises à pousser
Pousser à tort et à travers
Sur la voie de chemin d'fer
Qui ne voulait plus avancer
De peur de les abîmer
Alors on est revenu à pied
A pied tout autour de la terre
A pied tout autour de la mer
Tout autour du soleil
De la lune et des étoiles
A pied à cheval en voiture
Et en bateau à voile

JACQUES PRÉVERT

le cancre

Il dit non avec la tête
Mais il dit oui avec le cœur
Il dit oui à ce qu'il aime
Il dit non au professeur
Il est debout
On le questionne
Et tous les problèmes sont posés
Soudain le professeur le prend
Et il efface tout
Les chiffres et les mots
Les dates et les noms
Les phrases et les pièges
Et malgré les menaces du maître
Sous les loués des enfants prodiges
Avec des craies de toutes les couleurs
Sur le tableau noir du malheur
Il dessine le visage du bonheur.

LE CHAT ET L'OISEAU

Un village écoute désolé
Le chant d'un oiseau blessé
C'est le seul oiseau du village
Et c'est le seul chat du village
Qui l'a à moitié dévoré
Et l'oiseau cesse de chanter
Le chat cesse de ronronner
Et de se lécher le museau
Et le village fait à l'oiseau
De merveilleuses funérailles
Et le chat qui est invité
Marche derrière le petit cercueil de paille
Où l'oiseau mort est allongé
Porté par une petite fille
Qui n'arrête pas de pleurer
Si j'avais su que cela te fasse tant de peine
Lui dit le chat
Je t'aurais mangé tout entier
Et puis je t'aurais raconté
Que je t'avais vu s'envoler
S'envoler jusqu'au bout du monde
Là-bas où c'est tellement loin
Que jamais on en revient
Tu aurais eu moins de chagrin
Simplement de la tristesse et des regrets
Il ne faut jamais faire les choses à moitié.

Year 7 read a poem about soldiers going to the market to buy a Samovar that cost 3 roubles.



Year 8 read a poem about a hedgehog in the headlights of a car.

Year 9 read the 'Enormous Turnip', the Russian version.



Year 7 soldiers with their Samovar



Year 9 (above) pulling out their turnip



Year 8 saving the hedgehogs from being driven over by a car

Spanish pupils at Key Stage 3 put on some lovely performances of a variety of poems by writers from the Spanish-speaking world.



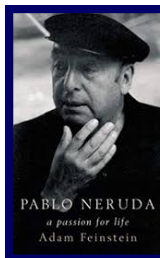
Year 7 acted out an excerpt of 'En un trozo de papel', a beautiful dreamlike poem by Galician poet, Antonio García Teijeiro.

Year 8 really entered into the spirit of Lingofest by producing a variety of renditions of 'Mariposa' by one of the 20th



century's most famous Spanish poets, Federico García Lorca. They really

brought the character of the poem alive with rhythmic chanting, song, dance, and actions.



Meanwhile, Year 9 produced some atmospheric and well-pronounced performances of 'El viento en la isla' by Chilean poet and Nobel Prize-winner, Pablo Neruda. Well done to all who participated, both in class and in the finals!

Upcoming House Events

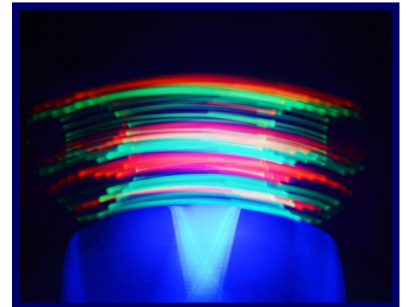
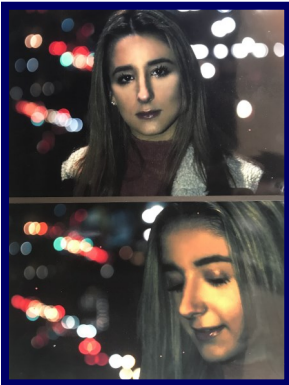
- W/c 25th February : Benchball
- W/c 4th March : Spelling Bee
- W/c 11th March : Maths
- W/c 18th March : Recycled Fashion Show



News from Art and Photography

Year 13 Photography

Recently, some truly stunning work has been created, which we would like to share with you. Well done from the art department.



Year 9 Art

Beautiful mixed media 'Natural form' studies by Year 9. Well done to everyone for creating such eye-catching sketchbook work.





Year 12 Fine Art Finals

These three large dog pieces have just been completed by our Year 12 Fine Art students.

Congratulations to Amber Dunstan for producing the piece on the right and to Amy Lodge who has captured the personality of her dog 'Jasper' (below) so well.



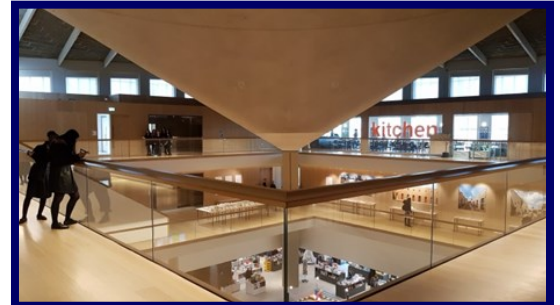
Year 10 Design Technology – Design Museum Trip



'I really want to go and design my bedroom like that now!' Verona, Textiles

On Wednesday 30th January, the Year 10 Design and Technology groups visited the Design Museum. The trip was for the students to see the fantastic building, now in its new home on Holland Park, and the architecture of the inside.

The 'Homes for the Future Exhibition' was fantastic, and the girls enjoyed an array of different interactive activities, as well as seeing first hand original Memphis pieces. The 'Designer, User, Maker' exhibition was also something the girls really enjoyed. For example, the computers and mobile phones through the ages is always a talking point for them!



'The swing chairs in the Homes for the Future exhibition were very cool.' Marni and Tia, Graphics

After lunch, the girls had a treasure hunt to do around the museum during which they had to look for specific items. Eight students in total got all of the questions correct, and were rewarded with chocolate, which went down well!

It was a fantastic day, and one which we hope will widen the students' thought process about design and their questioning skills about material choices and ethics from a designer point of view.

'The red lips couch was brilliant, and actually really comfortable!' Marnie, Graphics



'The exhibition was really fun, we loved the nest that we could get into and was made of lots of recycled fabric!' Anthe and Katie, Graphics



PE News

PE Students of the Month – January

Year 7 : Issy Stewart

For fantastic play in recent Netball and Hockey matches

Year 8 : Brooke Cockman

For helping others in Orienteering lessons with how to use the compass

Year 9 : Emily Patrick

For always working really hard and being so enthusiastic in lessons

Year 10 : Issy Ormerod

For fantastic effort and enthusiasm on the Trampoline during PE

Year 11 : Gracie Pearse

For being selected for the U17 England Women's Football Training Camp and matches against the USA

Sixth Form : Scarlett Kendrick and Ellis Miller

For an outstanding performance in the Year 12 MOCK exam and for helping at Sportshall Athletics Club



Hockey

Year 9 district hockey tournament winners! Well done girls! Beating both Simon Balle (7-0) and Leventhorpe School (5-0). What a team! Some excellent build up play and star of the tournament was Lotty Hobson.



Ella Sherring

Congratulations to Ella (Year 11) for scoring her first Ladies National Hockey League goal at the weekend for her team Southgate against Ipswich. It was the winning goal as they battled back from 1-0 down to win 2-1. Ella has been one of only two ever-present players for Southgate Ladies 1's this season to date!



Netball



Well done to the Year 9A netball team who beat

Simon Balle 20-8 last week. Awesome performance with Kirsten Gee as Star Player. The Year 11 netball team had a great game and was in the lead for 3 quarters but, unfortunately, in the last quarter lost 16-19. Unlucky girls! Star player was Daisy Creasey.

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 netball teams who played against St Mary's last week. The Year 7B team won 17-1 and the star player was Isabelle Gilhespy. The Year 8B team also won their game 17-2 and the player of the match was Amelia Kaufman-Cook.

Well done girls -



excellent results!

Well done to our Year 10 girls who beat Royal Masonic School 40-28 to reach the County Cup netball final! We now play Berkhamsted School. Star player was Emily Mayes.



Sports Leaders



Well done to the Year 9 and 10 sports leaders who recently helped at the Primary Rapid Fire Cricket event at Wodson Park.

Cricket

The U13 and U15 cricket teams took part in the Lady Tavistock Indoor Cricket Tournaments this week.

The U13s won 1 and lost 2 games. You all did so well!

The U15 cricket team are through to the County finals of the tournament after beating Queenswood, Haileybury and Freman College. Well done girls, you were amazing!



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Time Out For Parents The Teenage Years

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Sessions for anyone parenting children aged 11 to 19

Date

Every Monday 7pm - 9pm
25th February - 8th April

Venue

Leaside Community Centre, Leaside Church,
High Street, Ware, SG12 9BT

Booking essential

Free

For more information

Contact Jane Ring on
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or email jane@future-hope.org.uk

*'I now have a greater understanding of how my teenager
thinks and why they do what they do'*

*'It's welcome relief to learn others have similar concerns
and we can all benefit from learning together'*

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Positive Parenting - Time Out for Parents courses from Care for the Family give common sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help you engage with your children and boost your relationship.

If you have children aged 11 - 19, then *Time Out For Parents - The Teenage Years* is for you. Over seven sessions you'll increase your skills and confidence as a parent and discover practical tools to make your relationship with your teenager even better.

The Sessions

Session 1 Temperament and emotional needs

Session 2 Why it's tough being a teenager

Session 3 Parenting styles

Session 4 Communication

Session 5 Handling conflict

Session 6 The big issues

Session 7 Building strong families

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