



# PressTales



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## Headlines

Dear Parents/Carers

Over the past two weeks we have been through the interview process for our new student senior team. Any student wishing to apply had to write a letter of application, some were taken through to the 'hustings', where they had to present to their fellow students and finally an interview with senior staff in school. We were extremely impressed with the quality of the students at all stages, especially when they were being interviewed. After a thorough process I am pleased to inform you that our new senior student team is as follows:

**Head Girl:** Grace Bacon

**Deputy Head Girl:** Freya Campbell

**Heads of House:** Harvey Aylott, Ashleigh Cook, Alicia Fautrero-Sayer, Holly Jackson, Georgia Kettas, Grace Chapman

**Senior students:** Kiera Murphy, Holly Bourdon, Imogen Raphael, Jessica Pryke, Tilly Cooper, Maddie Richardson

Thank you to all of the students who applied for a position.

Well done to Alexandra Crewe, who this week won the Rotary Young Chef Award, a great achievement.

Over the past week, we have welcomed students who were with us on the French exchange. Our exchange is organised jointly with Richard Hale School and has been running successfully for a number of years. Thank you to those parents who hosted a student, I know they all had a lovely week and also to Ms Haywood for organising the week.

There is a busy weekend ahead for many of our students, with 70 students going on a Duke of Edinburgh expedition, 15 Year 12 students attending the Model United Nations event all weekend at Haileybury School and our Bar Mock trial team competing in the national finals in Edinburgh. We wish them all well; my thanks go to those staff involved with these events over the weekend.

Can I remind parents of the need for sensible parking when dropping off students at the beginning and end of the day, and in particular when using the rugby car park. It has been requested that parents go into the back car park to drop students off, as parents turning close to the entrance are causing blockages. Thank you for your support with this.

I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Kind regards

**Matt Warren**  
Headteacher

## Rewards

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

**7AL 8BR 9LB 10RM 11EF 6DS**

## Upcoming Events

### MARCH

- Saturday 23rd to Sunday 24th : Bronze DoFE Practice Expedition
- Monday 25th : Year 13 Drama Mock Exam with 6pm evening performance for parents
- 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
- Friday 29th : Year 13 RE trip to Bloomsbury Baptist Church
- Saturday 30th : Year 11 GCSE PE Revision Workshop

### APRIL

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> : 3.30pm Launch meeting for Students for World Challenge Long Haul 2021
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> : Year 12 French Exchange Trip to Cambridge
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> : Year 12 & 13 Art/Photography Trip to Barcelona
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> : Spring Concert, 7.30pm
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> : Non-uniform Day
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> : Year 13 Business / Economics Revision workshop, London
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> : End of term, 12.45pm

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

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



## Presdales Dance Evening 2019

*This year's Dance Evening is on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.*

*Tickets on sale now!*

*£6 each*

*Tickets can be purchased in cash from Mrs Dann or Miss Fentiman in the PE office in the Sports Hall.*



Presdales Music Department Presents

THURSDAY 4TH APRIL, 2019 | 7.30PM  
PRESDALES SCHOOL HALL

AN EVENING OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC

# SOUNDS OF SPRING

£5 TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH WISEPAY  
A LIMITED NUMBER WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR

## 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.
- **GCSE Sociology Revision and Practice Book** available to purchase for £4.
- **Year 10 GCSE Drama & A Level Drama Workshops (1st April)** - Please make a voluntary contribution of £16
- **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 Trip to Cranedale (April 2019)** - Full payment now overdue.
- **Year 9 Trip to Battlefields (May 2019)** - Full payment now overdue.
- **Year 11 Celebration Evening (19th June 2019)** - Please return slip and deposit by Wednesday 2nd April.
- **Year 10 GCSE History study visit to Berlin (June 2019)** - The balance was due by 4th March 2019.
- **Bronze DofE Award Program 2018-19** - The balance is now very overdue.
- **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 April 2019.

## Non-Uniform Day: Friday 5th April

Our fourth non-uniform day of this academic year is being held on Friday 5th April. Please be aware that again 50% of the money raised will go to supporting Fanconi Hope and the other 50% will be spent directly on our students as determined by our Student Council. We would like everyone to take part and to make a voluntary £2.00 donation (or more if you would like to contribute as a family).



We would be grateful if donations could be returned to Mrs Eyre in the School Office in an envelope marked with your daughter's / son's name and form group. We would welcome the donation before the 5<sup>th</sup> if possible, please.

Thank you in advance.

**Congratulations to Daisy Laing and Emily Wilson and the charity committee for an excellent quiz night on Friday 15th March which raised £1,800!**

## A message from REG's Coaches Limited ...

As of the 22nd April 2019, any cash paying child travelling without a Herts Saver Card will be charged the full adult fare. Herts Saver Cards are issued by Hertfordshire County Council and enable you to reduce the cost of the fare by 50%. Herts Saver Cards can be purchased at

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/savercard](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/savercard)



## House News

### Inter House $\pi$ Challenge during Maths Week

We celebrated pi day on Thursday 14th March with a house competition to learn as many digits of pi. Two representatives from each house in each year went through to the "final" on Friday lunchtime. House points were awarded according to how many digits remembered correctly before the first mistake!

Position	Year 7	Points
1st	FJ	12
2nd	ME	10
3rd	LG	8
4th	AL	6
5th	KM	4

Position	Year 10/11	Points
1st	10SM	12
1st	11EF	12
2nd	10RM	8
3rd	10CB	6

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

Position	Year 12/13	Points
1st	6NW	12
2nd	6AW	10

Overall Pi Challenge results:

1st	PARKS
2nd	WINDSOR
3rd	CURIE
4th	NIGHTINGALE
5th	PANKHURST
6th	FRANK

Special Mentions for individual memory achievements:

Adelaide Peart	8AH	201 digits
Myfanwy Harlow	10SM	151 digits
Yu Qiong Chen	8AH	92 digits
Naomi Harvey	6NW	73 digits
Laura Wilkinson	8SH	73 digits
Molly Marriott	10RM	71 digits

Name: Adelaide Peart Form: 8AH House: Parks

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201 digits!  
FANTASTIC

## News from Art and Photography

### Year 13



Some exciting new images from the Year 13 exam project. Looking fabulous, well done!

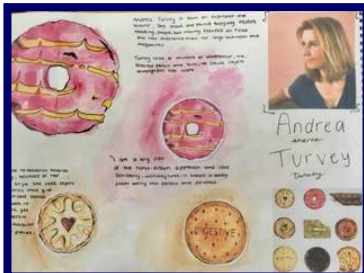
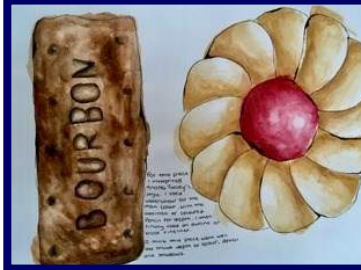
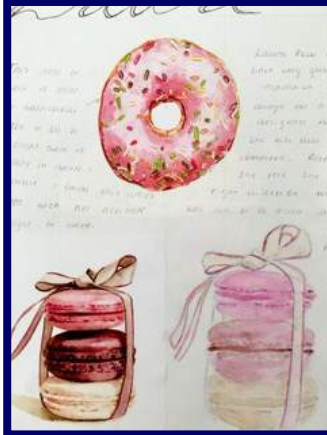




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## Year 10

Year 10 have produced some amazing cake and biscuit paintings demonstrating vibrant colours and links to artists. Well done all of you!





## PE News

### Tennis

During February half term, Charlotte Slack in Year 8 competed in

some tennis competitions:

- Grade 4 Singles 16u County Tour at Luton LTC - she played 3 very tough older opponents and only lost by 3 points in the final so came runner up
- Grade 3 Singles 12u Regional Tour at Harlow LTC - she played 3 really good matches and only lost by 2 points in the final so again came runner up
- Grade 2 Singles 12u National Tour at Bath University - after 2 tough qualifying matches she was unlucky and didn't make it into the main draw.



Charlotte has worked very hard the last 2 years and has lots of trophies and medals to show for it. She now says goodbye to 12u as she will be moving up to 14u for the next 2 years on 1st April, which means she will then be eligible to play 14u, 16, 18u and ladies open tournaments. Good luck for the next age category, Charlotte; we are sure you will continue to work hard and achieve success!

### Hockey



Congratulations to the Year 8 hockey team who won the District tournament recently! Amelia and Juliette were our star players!

The U14 team are County Cup Champions - a massive well done for going unbeaten for the whole league and again tonight at the finals. They beat Queenswood 6-1 and Dame Alice Owens 4-0. An amazing performance this season girls, congratulations and fully deserved.



### Cricket

Huge congratulations to the U15 Cricket team who came 2nd in the County Finals! They lost to Marlborough by 2 runs and beat Beaumont and Nobel but unfortunately lost out on 1st place by runs scored! They all played amazingly - well done girls! Hannah Stapleton was our star player!



Regional Hockey success for 3 of Presdales students! Ella Sherring in Year 11, Hermione Kay and Izzy Gardiner both in Year 10 competed in the Regional Hockey tournament with their club Southgate over the weekend. The girls won their group by beating St Albans 8:0. Drawing 0:0 with Harlestone Magpies and then beating Canterbury 3:0. It was snowing by the last match which had been moved from 12.30pm to 6.30pm as half the Canterbury team were stuck at Dartford Crossing!! Congratulations girls, a fully deserved place at Nationals after a long day. Good luck for the 6/7th April in Wakefield!



### Football

Well done to the Year 7 and 8 football teams who played very well against John Warner in their first friendly matches!

Unfortunately we lost both matches: Year 7: 4-9 and Year 8: 2-5.

### Cross Country

Cross Country winners in all 3 age groups at the District Championships last week! The Minor, Junior and Inter teams all came 1st in the team event. D'arcy Wright came 1st in the Minor competition, Lotty Hobson 1st in the Junior competition and in the Inter team competition, Molly Hobson came 1st with Evie Reynolds coming 3rd. Well done girls, this is fantastic!



### Trampolining

Well done to everyone that competed at tonight's District Trampolining Competition! The girls were all fantastic! The Level 2A team came in 1st place. Special mention to Jasmine Braddock coming individually 1st and Katie Hayes coming individually 2nd in the whole competition!



### Rugby

Well done to the Year 7/8 rugby team who played several games at the tournament last week! The girls improved enormously as the games went on and worked really well as a team to score some amazing tries! Also a massive thank you to Claudia and Annabel for coaching the girls so well in the lead up and throughout. You should all be really proud!





## Netball



Well done to our outstanding Year 10 netball team for their progress to the County Cup final.

After holding their own in the second quarter and leading against a super strong Berkhamsted side, the girls fought valiantly but eventually lost 31-19. Fantastic effort girls. You should be super proud of yourselves. Star player was Millie Neave.



A massive well done to the Year 7 A and B teams for playing amazingly in their recent netball tournaments. The A team came 2nd overall - only losing to Broxbourne by 1



goal. The B team came 1st in their tournament as they won ALL of their games! Excellent efforts girls and a big thank you to Evie and Emma for all of their help with coaching and umpiring this season.

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 9 netball teams who both recently beat John Warner. The Year 7's won 31-5 and the Star Player was Violet Faber! The Star Player for the Year 9's, who won 28-7, was Maisy Henn!



## Handball

Congratulations to the Handball teams who took part in the School Games this week.

The U13s got to the semi finals where, after a very feisty match, unfortunately lost and ended up just missing out of the medals in 4th place.

The U15s got into the semi finals and won - and then in their final game won by a convincing 4-0! Well played all!

U15s will now be in training for the regional finals which will be taking place in May in Cambridgeshire.



## Young Enterprise Success at Welwyn Trade Fair

On the 2nd March 2019, Stand Up and Colour Smart, two Young Enterprise companies from Presdales sixth form, participated in a trade fair in the Howard Centre in Welwyn. They were selling oak wood sustainable tablet stands and phone charger protectors designed and packaged locally. Stand Up had worked with a local manufacturer in Ware to produce a high quality oak engineered phone or tablet stand and were very proud of everything they achieved. About halfway into the fair, the judges came round the stalls and were very impressed at the products and stands. This was also the reaction from customers who particularly liked the locally sourced oak aspect of the stands and the merchandising on both stalls. One customer even spoke to the head of the trade fair about how high the quality of the stands and products was. All their efforts were rewarded because, as well as virtually selling out of the tablet stands, Stand-Up won three awards: Best trade stand, Best Innovation & Creativity and Overall Winner. The judges also said that they were mentioned in every category. Everyone in the company was thrilled at the achievements and it gave the group a new confidence going in to the final stage of the competition on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March at Hertford County Hall.

Colour Smart worked hard on their sales pitch and merchandising and made sales of over £100 along with an award for best customer focus. The feedback from the judges and customers was extremely positive. Maddie Richardson won a special award for Star of the day for her single-handed efforts early on and throughout the trade fair.



Both firms are now in the process of writing their interim company reports which they will showcase on March 19<sup>th</sup> in Hertford County Hall.

Pictured are Stand up with their awards: Keya, Gemma, Charlotte, Ashleigh, Toni, Holly.

Mr Rock (Young Enterprise Coordinator, Head of Business & Economics)



## Handchimes

Seven more students from years 9 and 10 have achieved the first award in the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain 'Crescendo' scheme. The scheme involves playing skills and basic musical knowledge and tests the player's ability to co-operate in a team, as each player has only 2 chimes to play. It gives focus to their playing and adds to the joy of making music together.

Yuxi Chen  
Harriet Fowler Noon  
Maddie Hunter  
Nyah Lythall  
Freya Chandler  
Lucy Keen  
Emily Patrick

Olivia Evans and Libby Smith received their first awards last year.



After more  
than 30 years  
we still have to  
talk about  
seatbelts.

Please just  
wear it.



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