



PressTales



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Headlines

Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to inform you that we were successful with both of our CIF (Condition Improvement Fund) bids. These bids were made to the government in November and were announced nationally yesterday. We submitted a bid for the replacement of leaking flat roofs and one to improve the security of the site. We look forward to moving ahead with these improvements as soon as we can.

This year, for the first time, we did not print our school prospectus for secondary transfer evening. Instead, we put the money into developing and building a new website. I am pleased to say that, all being well, the switch over to the new website will take place on Tuesday 23rd April. There will be a short period of final adjustments, but the site will be available for you to view and use from the first day of the new term.

Continuing on the trend of moving us into the 21st Century, we are now actively using our school twitter account (@presdalesschool). If you do use twitter, please follow us. Recent posts include photos of our amazing strictly come dancing teachers, who performed on Tuesday lunchtime to the students. This was in support of our school charity, Fanconi Hope, and over £300 was raised. Thank you to the 6th form students who organised the event and choreographed the dances.

Students in Year 11 and 13 will be working hard over the Easter break revising in preparation for their public exams. We have advised the students to follow their normal school timetable where possible when revising, as this will have breaks built in and will also ensure that the students have covered every subject. However, please ensure that your children do get some downtime, as they will need to be fresh when they return. I would like to thank all of the teachers who have been providing extra lunch time and after school sessions for the Year 11 and 13 students throughout this academic year, it is greatly appreciated.

I wish you all a restful break, thank you for your continued support throughout this term and safe passage to any of you who are going on holiday.

Kind regards

Matt Warren, Headteacher

Upcoming Events

APRIL

Tuesday 23rd : Term begins

Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th : GCSE Art Exam

Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th : Year 12 Geography Trip to Cranedale Centre

Thursday 25th : Year 8 Take Your Daughter to Work Day

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th : Year 12 Art Exam

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th : Photography Exam

Tuesday 30th : Junior Maths Challenge

MAY

Wednesday 1st to Friday 3rd : Year 13 GCE Art Exam

Thursday 2nd : Year 10 Learn4Living Day

Friday 3rd : Year 11 Dress Up Day

w/c Tuesday 7th : HOUSE : Debate

Tuesday 7th to Wednesday 9th : Year 13 GCE Photography Exam

Tuesday 8th : Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

Thursday 9th : Parent Information Evening for World Challenge Long Haul 2021

Friday 10th & Saturday 11th : Year 9 Battlefields Trip

W/c Monday 13th : HOUSE : Resistant Materials

Monday 13th : GCSE Exams begin

Monday 13th : Year 10 RE GCSE (1)

Thursday 16th : Piano Concert, 6pm

Friday 17th : Year 13 Leavers' Day

w/c Monday 20th : HOUSE : Rounders

Monday 20th : A level exams begin

Monday 20th : Year 10 RE GCSE (2)

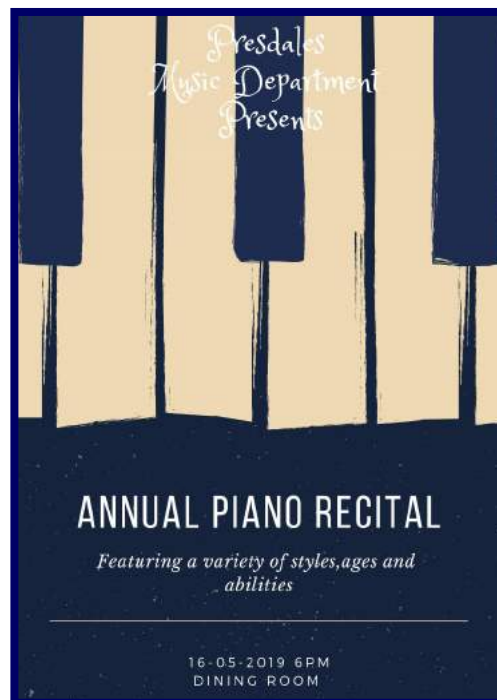
Monday 20th : Year 12 Geography King's Cross Day

Thursday 23rd : Year 10 RE GCSE (3)

Friday 24th : Non-uniform Charity Day

Friday 24th : Year 13 Prom

Monday 27th to Friday 31st : Half Term



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

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



Trips and Reminders

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.**
- **A Level Geography Trip to Cranedale (April 2019)** - Full payment now overdue.
- **Year 9 Trip to Battlefields (May 2019)** - Full payment now overdue.
- **Year 13 Celebration Evening (24th May)** - Poles Hall, Hanbury Manor. £40 per student.
- **Year 11 Celebration Evening (19th June 2019)** - Payment can be paid via WisePay.
- **Year 10 GCSE History study visit to Berlin (June 2019)** - The balance was due by 4th March 2019.
- **Poetry conference at Friends House, London (Monday 24th June)** - A Level Literature Students. Voluntary contribution of £22 to cover the cost of the conference. Train fare needs to be purchased on the day.
- **Bronze DofE Award Program 2018-19** - The balance is now very overdue.
- **Year 8 Opal Coast French Trip (July 2019)** - The final balance was due by 22nd March 2019.
- **Urbania (July 2019)** - If you are following the payment schedule, £700 should have been paid for this trip. The next £100 instalment is due by 6 May 2019.
- **Iceland (October 2019)** - Payment schedule: £200 deposit paid. £200 due in April, 2nd instalment of £200 due May, £200 due June and £150 due in July.
- **Russia (October 2019)** - The next instalment of £150 was due by 1st April 2019.
- **Ski (February 2020)** - There are still a few places available. If you would like your daughter or son to participate, please send in the permission slip with the deposit of £150. If your son/daughter has secured a place, WisePay is now open to make monthly instalments.
- **Barbados Netball Tour (April 2020)** - Total cost is £1555 per student. Payment schedule: £150 deposit. 1st instalment of £150 was due by 22nd March. We strongly suggest that a minimum monthly instalment of £114.10 is made on the 1st of each month with February 2020 being the last payment.

Wisepay will be closed from 8th of April to the 22nd April



In February half term 2020, we are returning to Leysin in Switzerland because of the fantastic slopes, mountain views, lovely hotel and fantastic ski instructors!

We still have places on this exciting trip! Letters have been emailed home or your daughter/son can collect one from Mrs Eyre.

Some key information:

- All abilities are welcome as all groups ski with ski instructors.
- The price is inclusive of ski equipment.
- Evening activities include swimming, movie night and tobogganing



Year 13 Yearbook

Students now have the option of ordering a Yearbook, the cost of which is £15.50.

Orders can be placed by cash or cheque (made payable to Presdales School) or via WisePay between now and Sunday 7th April and then again on Tuesday 23rd April and Wednesday 24th April. As advised on the school's website, the WisePay payment portal will be closed between 8th and 22nd April.

The final deadline for payments is Wednesday 24th April and we cannot accept any payments after this date as the order must be placed on 25th April if the book is to arrive before the students go on exam leave on Friday 17th May.

Kind regards
The Yearbook Committee

Lost Property

Please ensure that your daughter visits Lost Property for any items that they have lost. We have an abundance of coats in lost property which will be disposed of during the week commencing Monday 29th April 2019 if they are not claimed before then.



Dance Evening at Presdales 2019

With a theme of music from the 80s and 90s, Presdales Dance Evening was a winner for parents and staff! Students from Year 7 to Year 13 performed in routines from tap to ballet to an amazing gymnastic display, creating an evening which was entertainment all the way.

The evening started with Freya Campbell, Nicole Fenman, Emily Farrington, Lucy Kennard and Natassja Smith (from Years 10-13) tap dancing a routine to Footloose while Year 8 Tewo Bishi and Betsy Sutton seemed to fly through the air, dancing to When You Believe.

The second half of the evening led off with the Gym club, choreographed by Miss Fentiman to How Will I Know? The girls' agility and timing left the audience breathless and applauding enthusiastically. Maddi Drake swayed her way through a Spanish-inspired number, Maria Maria, and – in contrast – Sixth Formers Maisie Bentley and Eva Terziyski danced a lively routine to Miami. The evening finished with everyone on stage dancing to I Wanna Dance with Somebody – and the audience clapping in time with the music.

Miss Corbett



A great, well-arranged event. We practised once a week until it was perfect. Not only was it enjoyable to watch but enjoyable to do.
Hannah Gaudio (Year 7)



Dance evening was really fun and the staff were so helpful. It was a great experience. I was really nervous waiting in the curtains but once I got on stage I was so excited to perform. I will definitely be doing it next year and I recommend everyone that likes dancing should too.
Katie Hayes (Year 7)



The Dance evening was a really good experience and I had lots of fun being in different dances with all of my friends. Also we had to practise our dance every break and lunch, which was very hard work but very fun.



I thought the dance show was really fun and exciting. My favourite part was when I was on the top of the pyramid because it didn't fall and it looked very cool.
Ellie Roselt-Mitchell (Year 7)



It was really fun and exciting to do, and I was a bit nervous to do it. But it was worth all the practice and hard work in the end. I will definitely do it next year.
Chloe Milson (Year 7)



It was such a good night. I met lots of new people and it was definitely worth the time.
Katie Lyons (Year 7)



Dance evening was a really good experience and it was fun to be able to choreograph a dance and perform it in front of an audience.
India Elkes (Year 7)

It was one of the best experiences and it was so fun to spend time doing something I love with my friends!
Inga Niedzielska (Year 7)





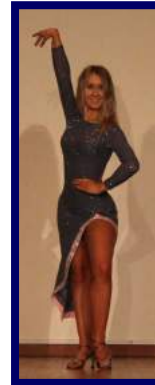
What another brilliant show! As always, we are very fortunate to have such enthusiastic and talented dancers who work extremely hard to get their performances ready on time! This year the Dance Club Leaders have been amazing! They have worked so hard to choreograph such fantastic dances in and around their GCSE and A Level studies. They have been so committed to run numerous practices and I am very appreciative of the hard work involved and I know the girls are as well; so well done and a huge thank you to Maisie Bentley, Eva Terziyski, Darcy Wood-Walsh and Georgie Gaudencio.

Also, a massive thank you to Miss Fentiman for putting a show-stopping Gymnastics piece together with the largest number of gymnasts we have had in years. It is not an easy job but the girls and Miss Fentiman have been dedicating their time before school on a weekly basis to get their performance ready.

The show doesn't happen without the people behind the scenes! Thank you to Chloe and Scarlett, who are both A Level PE students, doing the sound and lighting for both performances. They both did an amazing job, I really am so grateful for your time and preparation. Thank you to Darcy Wood-Walsh who took the brilliant photos and to the PTA for interval refreshments.

Finally, the Dale Dance Trophy Award this year is awarded to Maisie Bentley, Eva Terziyski and Darcy Wood-Walsh for their commitment to Dance during their time at Presdales. You have all been truly outstanding and have been fantastic role models to many younger students. Thank you to those who came to watch - I hope you had an enjoyable evening!

Mrs Dann



Bar Mock Trial



The Year 12 Bar Mock Trial team had a place in the spotlight at the end of March when they attended the National Finals of the competition in the Court of Sessions in Edinburgh, as the representatives for 'Outer London'.

We realised that we had gone up a level when we encountered teams clad in matching hoodies proclaiming themselves "National BMT Finalists" on the Royal Mile, but we were reassured by other ('normal') schools whom we met on the train and in our hotel that we hadn't wandered onto the set of "Suits". Altogether there were 23 other teams lined up against us, coming from all corners of the UK including Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Cornwall and even Luton.

Our budding barristers (in gowns and wigs), ushers, court clerks and witnesses performed brilliantly, gave an excellent account of themselves and did the school proud. Unfortunately, we didn't make it to the final head-to-head but that's maybe for another year. In the meantime we must express our deep thanks to:

- (a) "Clyde and Co.", the London law firm who very generously sponsored the whole trip
- (b) Mr Ash Hornsby who gave up his time to help prepare the team
- (c) Mrs Dale and Miss Catterall for accompanying and supporting the team in Edinburgh.

Mr Spurgeon



Prizes and certificates were awarded by Brian Leveson (of 'Leveson Inquiry' fame)





EngFest

On Tuesday (2nd of April) 15 students across years 9 and 10 attended 'EngFest', a STEM event hosted by the Institute of Engineering and Technology, in London. The day started with a train and the underground to Covent Garden, followed by a walk to the IET. We were greeted by our guide and taken to our first activity.

Our first workshop was run by the London Transport Museum. We learnt about electrical engineering and participated in a fun competition against another school. We then attended an exhibition. As we went around, we learnt about atomic energy, airbus, how to build an electric car and more! It was very enjoyable as all the exhibits were interactive.



Mike Ford, Chartered Engineer, Bloodhound Education

After lunch we attended a very interesting lecture about the Bloodhound SSC from one of its engineers. The Bloodhound SSC is being designed to break the land speed record, trying to achieve a record 1000mph.

We then attended an IBM workshop. We designed our own AI, making it respond to positive and negative comments, using scratch.

We then attended a lecture by Max Scott-Slade, a games developer. He talked about his career in game design and how the game 'Sea Hero's' (which he designed) was used by scientists to carry out research for Alzheimer UK.



Max Scott-Slade, Games Developer

Finally, we had chance to look around another exhibition, this included meeting the Navy, before it was time to go home.

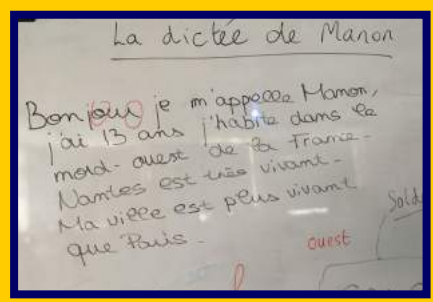
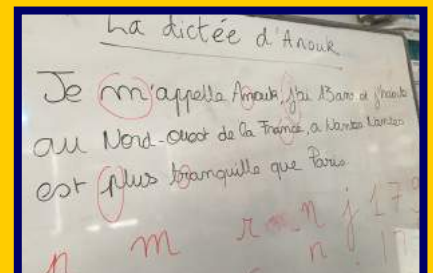
The day was so much fun and an experience that has made me think about other future careers I hadn't thought of!

Gemma Bassom (Year 9)



French Exchange

Year 9 students were not the only ones who enjoyed the presence of our French Exchange visitors a couple of weeks ago. Year 8 gave a very warm welcome to Manon and Anouk during their French lesson and there was a lot of sharing going on. We were fascinated to see how different the handwriting (letter formation) of French students is (see picture of the whiteboard) but it was also very rewarding to help Manon and Anouk with their translations skills.





Haileybury MUN Conference

On the weekend of the 22nd – 24th of March, 16 Year 12 students attended the Haileybury MUN conference which entailed debating, communicating and discussing current topics with students from all over the world. We were given three countries to represent: Cyprus, Botswana and Armenia and we were all given an individual topic to debate within our countries.

On Friday when we arrived we started by 'informal' lobbying where we got to know those in our committees. Afterwards we ate dinner with all our new friends. We then returned back to lobbying where we had to secure 10 signatures, supporting our pre-written resolutions. Successfully, the majority of our students had their resolutions put through and some even debated.

Saturday is when the debating began. Initially it was quite daunting as we all had to deliver a one-minute policy statement, outlining the views our countries possess to our committee of around 80 people. The day was full of fruitful, constructive and effective debating, resulting in resolutions being passed, and ready for the General Assembly the following day. This is where all committees debate resolutions that had been passed by individual committees.

The final day at MUN involved finishing off individual committee debates, followed by the General Assembly. Overall, the weekend was a great, invaluable experience as we were able to meet new people, improve our public speaking and broaden our knowledge of the current global issues, making it a very successful and, most of all, enjoyable weekend.

Shauna Corcoran-Snowden and Grace Chapman

News from Food Technology

Year 11 GCSE Food Preparation students wow Staff and Visitors!



As part of their GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition specification, our fantastic Year 11 students successfully completed their 3 hour practical exam this half term. This year the Food Preparation Task themes are based on Asian Cuisine, dishes suitable for a Pescatarian and dishes which appeal to teenagers. Our Year 11 students have produced a wide range of exciting dishes to fit their chosen task. Staff and visitors lucky enough to taste the food all made extremely positive comments about the food including; "amazing aromas", "excellent flavours" and "fantastic presentation".



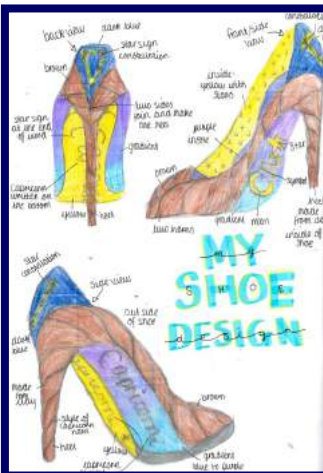
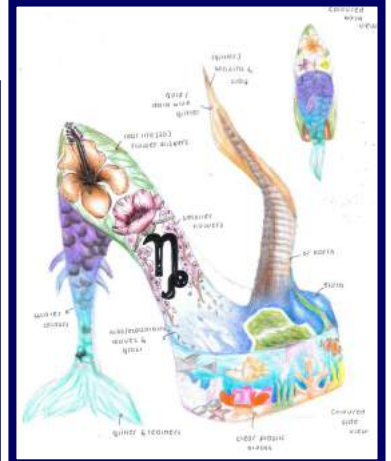
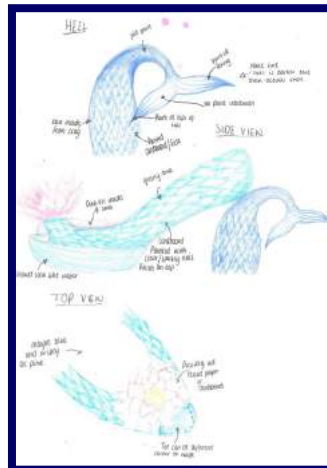
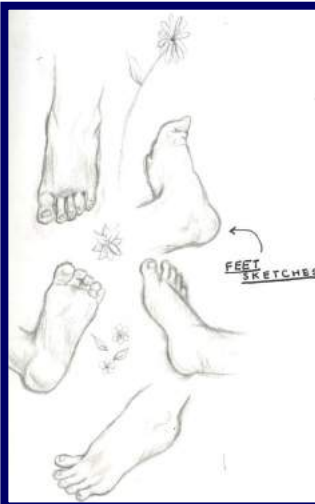
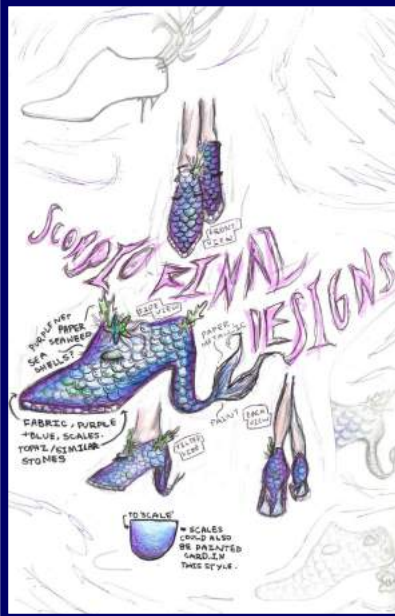
WINNER YOUNG CHEF COMPETITION 2019

The Rotary Club of Herford Shires in association with Hertford Regional College hosted the Young Chef Competition 2019. The competition was open to all Year 10 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition students. Students had to plan a 2 course meal (main course and dessert) for 2 people. Their menu needed to be skilfully produced within the time available and the judges were looking for a variety of flavours and textures. Points were also awarded for food styling and nutritional balance. We held a successful school competition in order to select a student to represent Presdales. As you can see from the photographs of the dishes produce by Jessica Court, Alexandra Crewe, Florence Hart, Scarlett Hopwood, Freya McNamara, Amelia Stephen and Ella Walsh the standard of the food produced was exceptionally high giving our school judges the very difficult task of choosing just one of the students to represent Presdales at the regional final on Monday 18th March 2019. I am delighted to announce that our representative Alexandra Crewe went on to win the regional final, impressing the judges with her perfectly cooked fish and crispy, rich shortcrust pastry.



News from Art and Photography

Year 9 Shoe Designs



Recently, in my art lessons with Mrs Hayhurst, we have been working on shoes. Different designers, like Sophia Webster and Alexander McQueen, have inspired us. Our teacher was actually a shoe designer; she brought in some of her own shoes and showed us! She also brought in some lasts for some of the class to cover in tape and stick paper all over them, whilst the other class designed their own shoes based on start signs. When all the class have finished their shoes, we will then hopefully have a shoe window display, showing off what we've created. This topic is really enjoyable for me, and I bet everyone else enjoys it as much as I do - its very interesting.

Lucy Keen (Year 9)



House News

Inter House Recycled Fashion Competition

On Friday March 22nd the Design and Technology department was a buzz of activity. Aspiring models and their design team were preparing for the inter house fashion competition.

The sixth form Fashion and Textiles students had prepared a play list of music for the catwalk and T2 was transformed.

The entries from Years 7 and 8 were fantastic; lots of newspaper, food packaging, bottle tops, bin bags and even an upcycled Presdales PE kit. Fishtail dresses, complete outfits with accessories = shoes, hairband and handbag, sofa fabric bodices and some challenging heels.

There will be a display of the amazing creations in the Design and Technology department.

Congratulations to all entries!



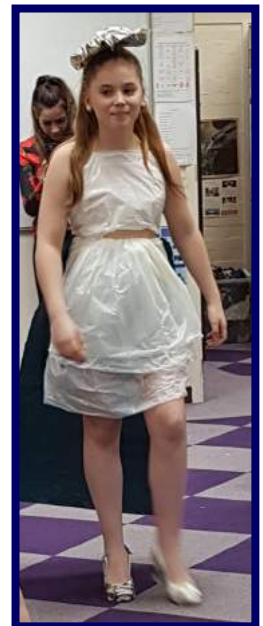
Mrs Dray with the winning teams!

Year 7 Results

Position	House	Design Team	Points
1st	Nightingale	Jess, Gracie, Darci	12
2nd	Curie	Sophie, Anna, Abbie, Rebekah	10
3rd	Pankhurst	Darcy, Bella	8
3rd=	Windsor	Ellie, Rachel	8
5th	Parks	Sophia, Amber	4
6th	Pankhurst	Daisy	2

Year 8 Results

Position	House	Design Team	Points
1st	Pankhurst	Ella, Angel, India	12
2nd	Windsor	Lauren, Maddie, Alice	10
2nd=	Curie	Juliette, Vishakha	10
2nd =	Nightingale	Freya, Tara, Evelyn, Mariam	10
5th	Frank	Juliette, Olivia, Caitlin, Sophia	4





News from Drama

Drama Workshop

Monday 1st April Drama hosted a Splendid Productions workshop! The professional theatre company delivered a specially designed workshop for both GCSE and A Level Drama and Theatre students to launch their Component 1 Devised examinations. Splendid Productions have a hugely practical approach to creating theatre and take inspiration from many practitioners styles to combine in a unique collaborative way of working. The GCSE created incredible work in their two-hour workshop. They will take these ideas into their examined groups when creating 15-minute productions for the exam board. Well done all!

A Level had a four-hour workshop which explored their set text, Berkoff's adaptation of Frank Kafka's *Metamorphosis*. Students explored the in-yer-face style of Berkoff's theatre and applied it to central themes and issues in the text. The A Level group have said this week that they have found a new approach to devising, and feel confident to explore practically in the ensemble without sitting planning and note taking. They are brave to take risks and find material through improvisation techniques!

Thank you, students, for all your hard work - you represented the school incredibly well. The company commented on what a lovely working atmosphere there is at Presdales!

Miss Mack and Mrs Fehmi
Drama Department



A Level Drama

A Level Drama and Theatre students have just completed another 20% of their course by presenting their Component 2 performances to the visiting examiner on Thursday 28th March! The group performance was Patrick Marbers adaptation of Strindberg's classic entitled 'After Miss Julie'. The students had very mature roles to create and perform convincingly with even more difficult relations to create in their rapport with each other! They performed incredibly well on the day and the performance created vast amounts of tension - the performances were full of conviction and energy. Well done to all three of you!

They also performed an individual 3 minute monologue taken from *Trainspotting*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* and *Things I Know to be True*. The students worked hard to edit these texts to meet the exam requirement, particularly minimum time! The performances were really engaging, particularly with the detail they took with the set and costume!

Thank you to all the friends and family who watched the mock exam a few days prior to the exam - your feedback was valued! We find out the written exam results this summer, so we must now cross our fingers whilst we write some more practice papers! Well done to all of you! A class of 3 is sometimes a challenge but these 3 have a great relationship and we will miss directing you!

Miss Mack, Head of Drama





GCSE Drama



Year 11 worked incredibly hard rehearsing in the lead up to their performance exam on 19th March. The visiting examiner was with us for nearly a full day during which the students presented two group performances taken from their set texts. Two plays were performed, 'Be My Baby' and 'Ladies Day' both written by Amanda Whittington. They are comedies with sad truths, one set historically in a 1960's mother and baby home, and the other at Ascot with a visit from a group of working ladies from a fish plant. Students dedicated hours of rehearsal time in preparation for this exam which requires a huge group commitment at this very busy time! Thank you to all supporting teachers and friends and family who came to watch their mock performance.

Thank you to year 12 for your technical and emotional support on the day!

Well done to you all,

Miss Mack
Head of Drama



Theatre Trip



Year 11 Drama GCSE Students and A Level Drama and Theatre students recently saw a production of 'Everyone's Talking About Jamie' for their live theatre evaluation element of their written examinations. Students were enthralled with the production and came away knowing every word of every song! The performance was incredibly energetic and had an uplifting, positive message that speaks loudest to its young audience members! The students are now analysing all the conventions and ideas ready to discuss their personal response to this performance!

Wishing you all the best of luck!

Thank you for the support from parents for students attendance and all the staff who kindly escorted the large group for the evening trip!

Miss Mack
Head of Drama

An occasional dip into the archives

have a number of items in our archives which make for an interesting read. As part of an occasional dip into the archives, this has come from the "Account Of Ware Grammar School" Spring term 1919 entry.

Just as today we have musical concerts and dance evenings to look forward to in celebration of the end of term, in 1919 similar events took place.

"On Monday, (during the last week of term) a senior dancing party took place during the last half of the afternoon. On the following day the choir gave a private concert to the rest of the school, Millbrook (the junior school) also singing part of the "Children's Song", and "Ye Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doon". Miss Last and Mr Govier played two duets typical of the Italian and Hungarian Nations."

"On Wednesday morning, recitations were said in the hall and in the afternoon, members of the Upper IV, IV, Remove and Millbrook dressed up and recited "Little Miss Muffet", "Jack Horner", "Little Bo Peep", "Simple Simon" and "Who Killed Cock Robin?" in LATIN.

"On Thursday morning the gymnastic competition took place....the result was the Upper V gained the shield. In the afternoon the intermediate dancing classes had their party to which they invited their friends"

"The Children's Song" is still sung by the school choir at our annual speech day and the gymnastic shield on view in the cabinet between the Library and Room 30.

If you have anything you think we might be interested in having for the archive please contact Mrs Newbold.

From the archives of spring term 1919

Presdales School, previously Ware Grammar School for Girls, has a rich history. We are fortunate enough to still



PE News

PE Students of the Month – March



Year 7 : Becky Gee

For playing brilliantly at the Netball District Tournament

Year 8 : Justine Petrovska and Abbie Ford

For giving up their time to help backstage at the Dance Show

Year 9 : Emily Tucker

For being so positive and coming to support / be in the finale of the Dance Show, despite injuring herself in PE 1 day before.

Year 10 : Manita Yeboah

For being really helpful at Dance Evening and being so proactive

Year 11 : Georgia Simpson-Jinks

For dedicating her time and effort to writing a brilliant piece of GCSE coursework

Sixth Form : Phoebe Hoskin

For a huge improvement in knowledge in the most recent MOCK exams in A Level PE

Badminton

Well done to the Year 10 Badminton team for coming 3rd at the Regional Badminton finals last week! They were all brilliant.



Swimming

A massive well done to all the girls who swam at this weeks swimming gala!



Netball

Well done to both Year 8 A and B netball teams for winning their tournaments last week. Fantastic achievement girls! Some really tight games. The A team won their final v Haileybury 12-11 after 4 minutes of extra time and a golden goal!



Cara Conway-Baker in Year 7 (U13) recently represented Middlesex County at the South East Regional Talent tournament in Kent. They played against Surrey, Essex and Kent county teams! Well done Cara, what a fantastic experience to play for your County team.



Year 9 A & B teams are District Netball winners! Both teams went unbeaten at the District Tournament to become champions! Amazing play from both teams and what a fantastic way to end the season!



Equestrian Vaulting

Last weekend, Summer Hobbs (Year 7) competed in the 1st competition of the Equestrian Vaulting season in Warwick. Her canter squad came in 1st place with their interpretation of Lion King and she herself came in 3rd place in her individual canter freestyle. Well done Summer, what a fantastic start to the season!



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Football



During March, Gracie Pearse in Year 11 went to Hungary as part of the England WU17 football team to compete in the

Euro elite qualifying rounds. England played Hungary, Greece and Georgia, winning all three games without conceding a goal. England will now progress to the European Cup Finals being hosted in Bulgaria in May.

Gracie also played in two FA Cup Semi-Finals for Arsenal WU21's and Arsenal WU16's. Winning both games has meant she will play two FA Cup Finals later this month! Good luck for the finals Gracie and we look forward to hearing about the European Cup Finals in May!



Presdales School Competition

Refreshments will be available! Parents are welcome to come and support!



NATIONAL 14 AND UNDER CHALLENGE 2019

DO YOU WANT TO COMPETE ON THE GRASS AT WIMBLEDON THIS SUMMER?

#ROADTOWIMBLEDON



Tennis

Charlotte Slack (Year 8) won the Ladies Doubles

Tennis Tournament on Saturday at Townsend LTC in St. Albans. She played 4 matches with different lady partners and won all of them. So she then went on to play the final with another different partner and they won 6-3. Well done Charlotte!



Tuesday 7th May 2019 (First round)

SINGLES Matches Year 7, 8 or 9!

- **3.45 pm** on the tennis courts.
- If you are interested in competing in this competition please sign your name up on the PE notice board ☺
- Deadline for entry is **Friday 3rd May!!**
Mrs White

Presdales School Hand Chime Group

We belong to Presdales Hand Chime Club which meets every Friday for around half an hour in one of the school classrooms. All of us have completed our Pianissimo level in the Crescendo Scheme, which we worked very hard for over the last few months. Three of us also performed in the Presdales Christmas Concert at St. Mary's Church in Ware, playing songs such as Good King Wenceslas.

Every week we practise many different pieces and leave humming the tunes for the rest of the day. We truly enjoy playing as a group and it especially helps us work as a team because we have to listen to one another and play in time. This also helps to develop our musical ability and improve our musicianship as we learn to read music and coordinate our rhythm.

Yuxi Chen, Harriet Fowler Noon, Maddie Hunter and Nyah Lythall

Rewards

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



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A message for Year 10 students...

I hope that you all have a good Easter holiday. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the start of the summer term; a term that includes completing your first GCSE exams as well as the end of year test after half term. I wish you the best of luck with your RE revision and hope that you manage to have a good rest as well.

Good luck and Happy Easter.

Mr Britton



Time Out For Parents

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The Teenage Years

Sessions for anyone parenting children aged 11 to 19

Date

Every Wednesday 10am - 12pm

24th April - 12th June (excluding 29th May)

Venue

To be confirmed

Will be in Hertford or Ware

Booking essential

Free

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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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