



PressTales



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Headlines

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of this half term I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for the extra time and effort they have given to prepare our Year 11 and 13 students for their exams. Extra revision classes have been running before school, at lunchtimes and after school throughout the year. Thank you also to all parents and carers for their support. The exams have started well and we are confident that the students will receive the grades that they deserve.

Friday 17th May was the last day for Year 13. Many of the students kept up the tradition of meeting in the rugby club and marching into school, blowing whistles and dressed in their old school uniforms, or some resemblance of them! Apart from confiscating a few water pistols and a number of dubious inflatables, the students enjoyed the morning in the spirit that we had requested. We trust that the Year 13 students will enjoy their prom this evening.

As you will know, our mobile phone policy allows the students to use their phones at break and lunchtime outside of school buildings, and in lessons when directed to do so by a member of staff. We are becoming concerned that a number of students are not supporting this rule and are trying to use their phones in lessons without the permission of their teachers. This issue has been in the press a number of times recently, and we can see more young people becoming over reliant on their mobiles. We will speak to all of the students about this after half term, and ask that you do the same at home. We intend to continue trusting the students and giving them the chance to adhere to this policy correctly, however if we feel that this cannot be achieved we will look again at the policy of having mobile phones in school.

I wish you all a pleasant half term, and hope that the weather stays as it has been for this week.

Kind regards

Matt Warren
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

JUNE

Monday 3rd to Friday 14th : Years 9, 10 and 12 exams

Thursday 13th : Year 8 HPV2 vaccinations

Friday 14th : Year 12 Royal Holloway University Open Day visit

Monday 17th to Friday 28th : Years 7 and 8 exams

Wednesday 19th : Inset Day

Wednesday 19th : Year 11 Celebration Evening

Thursday 20th : String Recital, 6pm

Friday 21st : Year 12 Geography King's Cross Day 2

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th : New Sixth Form Induction

Monday 24th : Year 12 Poems of the Decade Conference in London

Tuesday 25th : Launch meeting for students for World Challenge Long Haul 2021

Wednesday 26th to Saturday 29th : Years 10 & 12 Berlin History Trip

Wednesday 26th : Year 9 Geography Trip to Epping Forest

Wednesday 26th : National Public Exams

Contingency Date

Thursday 27th : Year 9 Learn4Living Day

Friday 28th : District Sports

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

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

Barbados Netball Tour Quiz Night!



To help raise money towards the Barbados Netball Tour, we are hosting a **Quiz Night** on **Friday 21st June 2019** in the School Hall at Presdales.

The tickets cost **£8.50** each and include a hot supper. Options are: Cod, Sausage, Chicken, Chicken Pie or Vegetable spring roll. They all come with chips.

The quiz will start at **7.30pm**. We are suggesting teams of up to 8 people. We will be running a raffle and would be grateful to receive any raffle prizes you were able to donate. Please get in contact if you are able to donate anything ([dannl@presdales.herts.sch.uk](mailto:danni@presdales.herts.sch.uk)).

A licenced, cash-only **bar** will be available selling soft drinks and alcoholic drinks (for over 18s only).

Please [click here](#) for the letter to purchase your tickets.
We would love to see lots of you there - everyone is welcome!

PE Department



Trips and Reminders

- 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 Business Revision Workbook and Guide. £5 for both books.
- Robotics hoodie - Available to purchase for £14. Sizes: S/M/L/XL.
- Year 12 Royal Holloway University Open Day (Friday 14th June)- A voluntary contribution of £14 was due by Wednesday 22nd May.
- 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, £800 should have been paid for this trip. The final payment of £100 is due by 3 June 2019.
- A2 Biology Trip to Whipsnade Zoo (Friday 12th July) - The cost of the trip is £21 which is due by Friday 28th June.
- Year 10 Art & Photography Trip to Burghley Sculpture Garden (Friday 12th July) - A voluntary contribution of £22 is due by Friday 7th June.
- Iceland (October 2019) - Payment schedule: £200 deposit paid. £200 was 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 is due by 1st June 2019. If you are following the payment schedule, £1150 should have been paid to date.
- 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.
- Duke of Edinburgh 2019-2020 - We have launched the Bronze DofE Award for current Year 8 and 9 students. Please [click here](#) for further information.

Library Books

We have a number of overdue library books. Some of which are very overdue!

We would, therefore, be grateful if you could please have a good look around home and return any library books that you may still have to the library.

Many thanks.

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





Rewards

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

7LG 8LD 9LB 10RM 11TH 6DS



Instrumental Lessons 2019

Regrettably, the charges for instrumental lessons in school will be increased with effect from September 2019.

This is because Hertfordshire Music Service has increased their hourly charge to the school and we have no choice but to pass this cost on to parents/carers.

The new prices from September are as follows:

11 x 30 min lessons	£233.00
11 x 15 min lessons	£116.50 (No longer available, for existing pupils only)
11 x 20 min lessons	£155.00

We hope children will continue lessons but please be reminded that a full half-term's notice in writing will be required if you wish to discontinue lessons. This should be sent in writing to the school or by email to finance@presdales.herts.sch.uk.

We shall still give a subsidy for GCSE and A level pupils but this will be based on good attendance at extra-curricular activities and at concerts.

Students receiving free school meals or certain other benefits may be able to receive financial support for instrumental or vocal lessons with Hertfordshire Music Service.

EduFundUK

With funding in schools tight, Presdales is incredibly grateful to the Hertfordshire based charity, EduFundUK, for their support of our recent grant applications.

This term, with their support, Year 12 boys benefited from a motivation and goal setting workshop delivered by professional adventurer, explorer, educator and speaker, Justin Mills.

Year 10 students attended half day sessions run by Glia Learning, focusing on developing effective study habits, which received positive feedback from the students. In support of this programme, parents were invited to attend a further session in the evening. Excellent parental commitment to the students was demonstrated by a strong attendance.

A whole year maths based programme, Brain Blaster, from the Happy Puzzle Company, is in the process of being booked.

Funds have also extended to include the purchase of equipment that supports a diverse range of activities at Presdales. Running for a couple of years now, our Robotics Club has been restricted in its achievements due to limited equipment. Guided by new competition specifications, additional kit has been purchased to increase the range of possible designs. We look forward to this club going from strength to strength.

Another STEM activity run recently was the hatching and rearing of four ducklings who are now enjoying life with two student families. The equipment for this was obtained through a rental deal. Following this successful Science programme, that also had an amazing effect on wellbeing across the whole school, EduFundUK's support has now enabled us to purchase kit to be able to repeat this on regular basis.

Finally, an application for money to purchase new "crash mats" for PE was successful and three new mats are being purchased that will support the areas of gymnastics, trampolining and dance.

Presdales School wishes to say a huge "THANK YOU" to EduFundUK for making all of this possible.





House News

Inter house Rounders Results

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



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



Position	Year 9	Points
1st	LB	10
2nd	LC	8
3rd	EC	6
4th	LH	4
5th	SC	2

Position	Year 10	Points
1st	RM	10
2nd	SF	8
3rd	JE	6
4th	SM	4
5th	CB	2

Curie	Pankhurst	Parks
Frank	Nightingale	Windsor

News from Languages

Routes into Languages - Unplanned directions!!!

We have started a new tradition in the Languages Department! Once a term our sixth formers eat lunch together with their language teachers, assistants and any other like minded language lovers. We discuss 'linguistic matters'!! Earlier this month a group of Year 12 and 13 linguists were really inspired by 2 of our Alumni who returned to Presdales to talk to us about the challenges of learning languages at A Level and how they were so very pleased to have taken that route.

Lissy Moncur Byrne completed her A Levels 2 years ago. She studied Russian, German and History at Presdales but did not feel ready to go on to University. She deferred her place to study Law at the University of York and took a gap year which she spent as an Au Pair in Berlin. She is now in her second year of Law studies and confesses that she spends most of her holidays in Berlin visiting the friends and places she got to know in her year abroad. Lissy is considering doing a work placement in Germany as part of her Law training. Izzy Watson studied French, Politics and Geography at A Level and is in her first year at Reading University. She is studying International Relations and Spanish which she has started ab initio! Izzy would be the first to say that A Level French was difficult in the early stages and she found the jump from GCSE to A Level demanding. She worked very hard and achieved an A grade which gave her the confidence to begin a new language. Izzy firmly believes that her French teachers gave her the skills to learn other languages and is looking forward to spending a year in Seville, Bilbao or Madrid as part of her degree.

It was lovely to catch up with these 2 young ladies and our students asked lots of questions about what was possible at university. Many were surprised that university and life experiences can take you down a very different path to what you might have imagined, when you choose you're A Levels at 16. Some of our students were thinking carefully about how they could combine their language studies with a variety of other subjects.

Melanie Yates
Head of Modern Languages Faculty
Head of German
NCELP Specialist teacher



News from Music

Music Department Events

This term so far the music department has hosted many concerts including our big 'Sounds of Spring' concert, 3 lunchtime recitals, a flute recital and a piano recital. All concerts were well attended and we would like to thank all of the pupils whose hard work and dedication to the music department make the concerts such a success.



Rachel (Year 7) playing the cello at a lunchtime recital.



Flute Recital 9th May. Rose, Talitha, Joanna, Chloe, Ava, Louisa, Elisenda, Bethan, Charlotte, Nicola, Jodie, Lizzie, Bethan, Elizabeth, Marnie, Freya, Erin, Adelaide and Holly with Mrs Dunton conducting.

Coming up ...

We have the String recital at 6pm on Thursday 20th of June, a lunchtime recital in St Mary's Church Ware, at 12.30 on Monday 1st July, and 'Presdales Rocks' on Monday 15th of July.

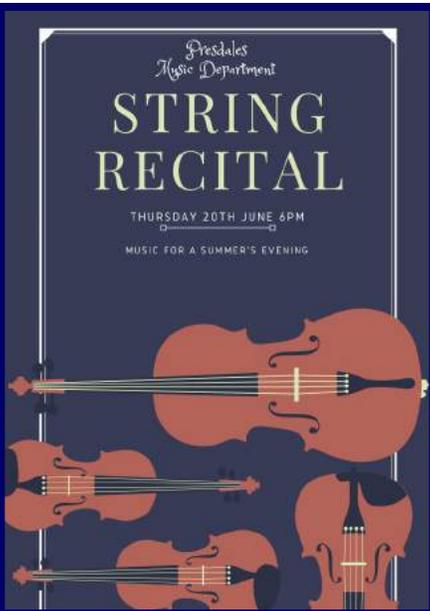
Music Exam Results

Congratulations to the following pupils who have sat a music exam in 2019.

If your child sat a music exam this year and is not listed then please email music@presdales.herts.sch.uk to notify the music department.

Erin Hartnett	Flute	8	Katherine Wells	Singing	4
Claudia Holmes	Flute	8	Eliza Morgan	Singing	4
Hannah Davies	Jazz Saxophone	8	Annelise Apling	Clarinet	3
Molly Farrell	Singing	8	Holly Yeoman	Oboe	3
Ella Cook*	Singing(LCM musical theatre)	8	Sophie Christer	Piano	3
Kirsten Rugg-Gunn	Violin	8	Hope Pearce	Piano	3
Molly Farrell*	Violin	8	Esme Sabin	Singing	3
Charlotte Waring*	Violin	8	Emily Moring	Singing	3
Connie Robinson*	Violin	8	Ella Gardner	Trumpet	3
Freya Lund	Flute	7	Skye Kingston	Violin	3
Katy Loftus	Singing	7	Adesola Jinadu-Adewale	Violin	3
Megan Mo	Violin	7	Ella Cannell	Cello	2
Lara Craig	Violin	7	Seona Colligan	Piano	2
Natassja Smith*	Violin	7	Rachel Harvey	Piano	2
Edith Corkery Schless	Violin	6	Millie Forbes	Piano	2
Katherine Wells	Cornet	5	Emily Rhodes	Piano	2
Megan Sleath	Singing	5	Zoe Smith	Singing	2
Juliette McKenna*	Singing(LCM musical theatre)	5	Rachel Harvey	Trumpet	2
Bethan Sleath	Trumpet	5	Naomi Harvey	Clarinet	1
Naomi Harvey	Violin	5			

*Names marked with an asterisk are those who passed with distinction.



SONGWRITING COMPETITION 2019

with Special Guest Judge Lucy Potterton

Entries must be original music and lyrics. You can enter as an individual or a group. Submit your entry as a recording to music@presdales.herts.sch.uk by Friday 28th June.

Shortlisted entries will perform in the final at Presdales Rocks on Monday 15th of July.

For questions please see Mrs Hetherington or Mrs Jefferies



PRESDALES ROCKS 2019

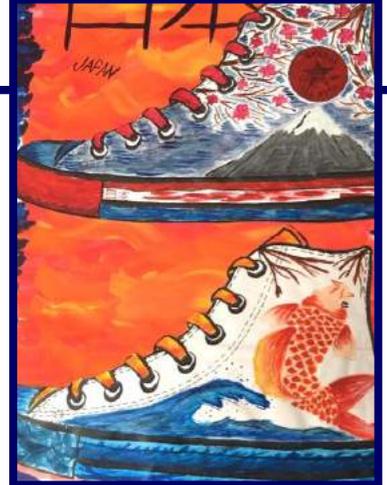
featuring the Annual Song Writing Competition with Special Guest Judge Lucy Potterton

Monday 15th July
7pm
Presdales School
Doors open at 6pm

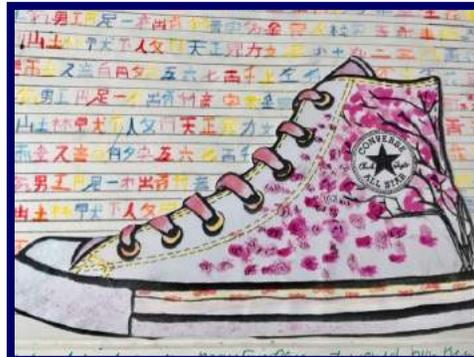
£7 entry only.
£12 entry plus Boss Hoggs 'Famous Hog Roast'!
Performers have free entry but can purchase a hog roast for £6.
Available from the music office or through wixplay

News from Art and Photography

Year 9



Well done to all of our Year 12 Fine Art students who have just completed their 10 hour exam. They all produced amazing studies based on their portfolio themes. Here is a selection.





PE News

Rounders

Vs Chauncy

Last week, the Year 7, 8 and 9 rounders' teams all played matches against Chauncy. The year 7s we're unlucky and lost 15 1/2 - 14. The year 8s won 14 1/2 - 8. The year 9s won 12 - 8. Well done girls great efforts from all of you!



Vs Robert Barclay

On 16th May, the Year 7 & 8 rounders' teams played against Robert Barclay Academy. Year 7 won 15-14 and Year 8 won 15-2! Well done to both teams, great results!



Vs Broxbourne

A big well done to the Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 rounders' teams who recently played against Broxbourne. The Year 7s unfortunately lost 9 1/2 - 7. The Year 8s were unlucky and lost 6 1/2 - 5 1/2. The Year 9s won 18-11. The Year 10s won with a massive score of 25-7!



PE Students of the Month – May

Year 7 - Darci Gillett

For fantastic effort in lessons and beating her PB in the 800m at an Athletics Competition



Year 8 - Gloria Myalti

For an improvement in attending many extra-curricular PE clubs

Year 9 - Emily McAllister

For an exceptional performance in the County Tennis League

Year 10 - Eleanor Stevens

For a fantastic performance in Inter-house Rounders

Equestrian Team

On the 11th May Presdales equestrian team went to The Royal Windsor Horse Show. This was a show they had qualified for way back in February. There were 38 school teams of 3, that had travelled from all over the country to take part in this prestigious show. Presdales team were, again, some of the youngest competitors there in this show jumping class, with the jumps at a height of 95cm. The team consisted of Ruby Barrs, Connie Harrington and Freya Naylor Stewart. Hannah Moloney was also part of the team right up until two weeks before, but the show was so oversubscribed with entries, all the school teams were asked to drop one competitor from their line up. Hannah gallantly gave up her place.



On the day, we had just got delivery of new sponsored clothing courtesy of TD Barrs Ltd., that made the girls and their ponies stand out and look very smart indeed; they were a great credit to their school.

In the competition, which was of a very high standard, the girls did tremendously well and came a very credible 18th out of the whole country. Well done girls, this is absolutely outstanding!

The next show the equestrian team are taking part in is at Keysoe, Bedfordshire, on 30th May - please come along if you would like to support them!

Tennis



Well done to our Year 7 and 8 tennis teams for competing in the tennis league. After some good games we lost 5-1 overall v Abbots Hill School. Star Player was Charlotte Slack!

Well done to our Year 9 and 10 tennis team for some great games today vs Beaumont School. Unfortunately we lost overall but well done to Lucy Wells for winning her singles game in her first appearance in the league.

Sports Awards

If you won a trophy at Sports Awards Evening last year, please return it ASAP to the PE office in preparation for this year! Many thanks.



Quad Kids

Well done to the Year 7 athletes who participated in a new event called Quad Kids this week. They competed in long jump, javelin, hurdles and 800m, gathering points for themselves and as a team! They all did amazingly and smashed the team total coming out in 1st place!

The top 3 individuals have qualified for the finals on Tues 18th June; 1st: D'arcy Wright, 2nd: Caitlyn Ryan, 3rd: Izzy Stewart.



Also, 6 GCSE PE students were selected to become a 'Young Official' and ran the event. They did a brilliant job and we are so proud of them all for being so responsible and organised. Well done girls!

Canoe Slalom

Congratulations and good luck to Presdales' Sixth-Form student, Ellis Miller, who will represent Great Britain for the third consecutive year this summer in the sport of canoe slalom in both canoe and kayak boats. As a result of her successful performances during this year's Junior Selection Series of races, in July, she will compete at both the European Junior and U23 Championships in Liptovsky, Slovakia and the Junior and U23 World Championships in Krakow, Poland. Ellis will also represent the Great Britain Senior Team at World Cup 4 in Markkleeberg, Germany in August and in two weeks' time, will be a demo running paddler at World Cup 1 at her home course of Lee Valley Whitewater Centre. Ellis balances A-Levels with a full training commitment, typically involving up to 10 sessions per week. World Cup 1 is a sell out for the Friday with 5,000 tickets having been sold, although tickets are still available for the Saturday and Sunday:



<https://www.britishcanoeingevents.org.uk/buy-tickets-here/>

This offers the opportunity to see the best in the world compete in this exciting and fast-paced sport. To support and follow Ellis's journey this summer: <https://www.instagram.com/ellismillergb/?hl=en>

We wish her the best of British and Presdales luck!

The U13 Meninas Football team came runners up in the U13's First Division in the Herts Football League and County Cup over the weekend. Well done to the following girls at Presdales -

- Maisie Johnson
 - Hannah Nash
 - Mia Upton
 - Evie Martin
 - Grace Collins
 - Amber Leighton
- Amazing!

Football

Well done to the Year 7 and 8 football teams who had 2 matches each on 21st May at a triangular fixture.

The Year 7 team drew 2-2 vs Forest School and drew 2-2 vs Haileybury. The Year 8 team drew 0-0 vs Forest School and won 5-1 vs Haileybury.

Congratulations girls, brilliant results!

Bengeo Tigers U14 Girls Football Team came second in Division 4 for the second year running, having won 12 out of 18 matches in the Hertfordshire Girls Football Partnership League. They have really grown as a team and performed well throughout the season. The team is mainly made up of Presdales girls:

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Ria Cabbani | Freya Oliver |
| Sophie Owen | Erin Leigh |
| Maddie Stewart | Emma Tammage |
| Lucy Wells | Lydia Whiskin |
| Emilia Johnson | Charlotte Slack |

Well done girls, this is a brilliant achievement.

Sports Leaders

Well done to the Year 8 students who were fantastic sports leaders on Friday at Wodson Park for the local primary school mini athletics event!



Gymnastics

Holly Martin in Year 8 competed in the British Gymnastics Level 5 Hertfordshire County Championships today and she got a gold medal for her floor routine! She is through to the Regionals finals in June. Well done Holly! This is amazing.



Netball

Eliza Pettit and Violet Faber in Year 7 attended the Herts County Netball end of season awards yesterday and both received their first cap. It's been a great season and a real honour to have been selected to represent their county at such a young age. Well done to both girls.



MULTI SPORTS CAMPS THIS MAY HALF TERM

HITCHIN GIRLS SCHOOL and WODSON PARK, WARE

A fun, action packed day of sports activities for children aged 5-14

Activities include:

Obstacle courses, ULTIMATE FRISBEE, Badminton, KWIK CRICKET, Football, BASKETBALL, Bench ball, ATHLETICS, Dodgeball, UNI-HOCKEY, Parachute games & more...

May Half Term 2019:
28th May - 31st May

Full day from £22: 9am - 4pm
Early drop £5: 8am - 9am
Late stay £5: 4pm - 5pm
Morning from £15: 9am - 1pm
Afternoon from £14: 1pm - 4pm

TENNIS AND SPLIT DAY CAMPS

HITCHIN GIRLS SCHOOL

Tennis Camp from 9am - 12noon
Split Day from 9am - 3pm provides tennis coaching in the morning and multi sports activities in the afternoon

May Half Term 2019:
28th May - 31st May

NETBALL CAMPS

HITCHIN GIRLS SCHOOL and WODSON PARK, WARE

Tuesday 28th May 2019

10am- 3pm

A day of netball skills, drills and matchplay led by Qualified UKCC netball coaches

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May Half Term Netball Camp!

Led by Saracens
Mavericks Player
Lindsay Keable

uPlay Sports
Netball Camp

Wodson Park Leisure Centre, Ware

Tuesday 28th May 2019

10am- 3pm

Qualified UKCC netball coaches
and DBS checked. First Aiders on site

Ages 9-14 (School Years 5 to 9)

Cost: £35

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