



# PressTales



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## Headlines

Dear Parents/Carers

The past week seems to have gone in a blur. There have been numerous activities in school for the students to enjoy, including the swimming gala, Happy Puzzle company, science day and the Year 10 trip. We have tried to make the past week enjoyable as well as relevant for the students.

On Wednesday evening, I had the pleasure of attending our sports awards evening. Gail Emms, Olympic silver medallist and World gold medallist in Badminton was the guest of honour and she gave an inspirational talk to the students and parents at the beginning of the evening. Gail commented on the number of sports that we offer and also how well each of the teams had done over the year. All of the girls who were nominated should be proud of their achievements. Thank you to our PE staff and parents for the time they have given over the past year taking the girls to numerous after school fixtures.

Our house system has gone from strength to strength over the past year. Many students have participated in activities and competitions during the year to gain valuable house points. Yesterday morning was our first full school house assembly, where the house winners were announced for each year group and for the school as a whole. Congratulations to Windsor house on becoming the first house winners of the Rosemary Bolton House Cup. We would like to thank our ex-chair of governors, Rosemary Bolton, for donating the House Cup.

We say goodbye this year to the following staff: Lisa Brambilla, Lara Garrett, Sabah Malik, Ros Barnes, Rani Marway, Lynne Dray and Anwen Corbett. We are very grateful for the time they have given to support and teach our students. It is worth mentioning that Miss Marway, Mrs Dray and Ms Corbett have collectively been at Presdales for 69 years, and particular congratulations to Ms Corbett for her 35 years of service to the school. We wish all of those leaving the very best for the future.

We are very proud of all of our students and what they have achieved. I am very grateful for the support that our parents and governors give throughout the year. I would like to publicly thank all of our staff for the wonderful work they do every day. It is a pleasure to lead Presdales School and I look forward to the new academic year in September. We wish all of our Year 11 and 13 students the best for their exam results in August.

Please have a safe journey if you are going away over the summer.

Kind regards

**Matt Warren**  
Headteacher

## Upcoming Events

### AUGUST

- Thursday 15th: A Level Results Day
- Thursday 22nd : GCSE Results Day

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

### SEPTEMBER

- Tuesday 3rd : Years 7 and 12 only
- Wednesday 4th : All year groups

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

## Vacancies at Presdales

We currently have the following vacancies for support staff roles from September 2019:

**Science Technician**  
**Senior Supervisory Assistants**  
**General Cleaning Staff**

More details and application forms are available on the **school website**.

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## House News

### Sports Day

What a fantastic day of Athletics! Well done to everyone that participated and got points for their House. It was fantastic to see so many students competing in their House colours and lots of you cheering each other on.

A special mention goes to the following students:

**Year 7 victrix ludorum - Darci Gillett**

**Year 8 victrix ludorum - Khadijah Hyjazy**

**Year 9 victrix ludorum - Maddie Stewart**

**Year 10 victrix ludorum - Amelie Anstead**

**Year 12 victrix ludorum - Lois Ruane**

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

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

Position	Year 9	Points
1st	LB	12
2nd	LC	10
3rd	EC	8
4th	LH	6
5th	SC	4

Position	Year 10	Points
1st	RM	12
1st	CB	10
3rd	SF	8
4th	JE	6
5th	SM	4



### Swimming Gala



For the traditional 100yard challenge, 20 girls took part in the heats to race for a top 4 final spot. Well done to the following girls who made the final: 4th place Katie Gorman 7AL, 3rd place Abbie Cannell 9LB, 2nd place Kiera Macrae 10CB and 1st place winning the trophy was Catherine Ryan 10CB! Congratulations Catherine, you are now the fastest student to swim 4 lengths freestyle at Presdales!



Well done to everyone that took part in the final House event of the year!

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## Final House Results

### Sports Results

#### Year 7 Results

Position	House	Points
1st	FRANK	90
2nd	CURIE	85
3rd	NIGHTINGALE	72
4th	WINDSOR	70
5th	PANKHURST	62
6th	PARKS	28



#### Year 8 Results

Position	House	Points
1st	PANKHURST	103
2nd	CURIE	80
3rd	WINDSOR	71
4th	PARKS	57
5th	NIGHTINGALE	52
6th	FRANK	35



#### Year 9 Results

Position	House	Points
1st	FRANK	77
2nd	PANKHURST	72
3rd	PARKS	61
4th	NIGHTINGALE	47
5th	WINDSOR	44



#### Year 10 Results

Position	House	Points
1st	PARKS	56
2nd	PANKHURST	52
3rd	WINDSOR	48
3rd	FRANK	48
5th	NIGHTINGALE	39



### Overall House Results

#### Year 7 Results

Position	House	Points
1st	NIGHTINGALE	327
2nd	WINDSOR	309
3rd	CURIE	308
4th	FRANK	272
5th	PANKHURST	251
6th	PARKS	246

#### Year 8 Results

Position	House	Points
1st	CURIE	205
2nd	WINDSOR	172
3rd	PANKHURST	162
4th	PARKS	146
5th	FRANK	139
6th	NIGHTINGALE	172

#### Year 9 Results

Position	House	Points
1st	WINDSOR	163
2nd	PARKS	157
3rd	FRANK	152
4th	PANKHURST	150
5th	NIGHTINGALE	136

#### Year 10 Results

Position	House	Points
1st	PARKS	266
2nd	PANKHURST	244
3rd	NIGHTINGALE	220
4th	FRANK	201
5th	WINDSOR	187

#### Year 11 Results

Position	House	Points
1st	WINDSOR	183
2nd	NIGHTINGALE	138
3rd	PARKS	134
4th	FRANK	133
5th	PANKHURST	130

#### Sixth Form

Position	House	Points
1st	CURIE	124
2nd	WINDSOR	98
3rd	NIGHTINGALE	78
4th	PANKHURST	74
5th	FRANK	70
5th	PARKS	70

### Overall Results

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



## PE News

### Sports Awards Evening 2019

On Wednesday evening we held our annual Sports Awards Presentation Evening. It was a fantastic evening celebrating a very busy sporting year and the excellent performances by both teams and individuals as well as the hard work and commitment that our students have shown towards PE as athletes and sports leaders.

Gail Emms spoke about her journey to being a mixed doubles Badminton World Champion which was incredibly inspiring. She then presented the Sports Leaders and athletes their awards.

We celebrated the following sports which we have competed in this year:

Cross-country, netball, hockey, athletics, rounders, football, badminton, handball, cricket, table-tennis, dance, trampolining, swimming, tennis, sportshall athletics and equestrianism.

Key winners:

Year 7 Sportswoman of the Year: D'arcy Wright

Year 8 Sportswomen of the Year: Jess Downing and Evie Martin

Year 9 Sportswomen of the Year: Maddie Stewart and Lotty Hobson

Year 10 Sportswomen of the Year: Millie Neave and Amelie Anstead

Senior Sportswoman of the Year: Molly Hobson

Team of the Year: U14 Hockey Team

Elite Athlete: Ellis Miller

Runner-up Elite Athlete: Gracie Pearse

Stacey Stone Cup for personal achievement and determination in games: Isabelle Gardiner

Jane Branford Award for contribution to PE and School Sport: Evie Reynolds

Thank you to everyone who attended the Sports Awards evening; it is our favourite event of the year where we get to celebrate all the fantastic achievements across the year in a range of sports. Well done to everyone who was nominated and won an award on Wednesday evening. We in the PE Department are really looking forward to another year of sporting success at Presdales from September!



The PE Department with Gail Emms



Gail Emms tweeting about Presdales!

### Hockey

Molly Hobson and Ella Sherring (both Year 11) have both been selected for the Futures Cup to represent Saxon Tigers! This is an amazing achievement and so hard to get selected for the teams.

Well done and good luck girls!



### Gymnastics

Holly Martin (Year 8) competed in the British Gymnastics Eastern Counties Level 5 floor and vault teams competition at the weekend. She competed in a team of 4 and they won the silver medal! Well done Holly, what a brilliant achievement!



### Tennis

At the Townsend LTC Club Finals Tournament last Sunday, Charlotte (Year 8) won Ladies Singles 6-2 6-2 and with her dad, Charlotte won Mixed Doubles 7-5 6-4!

Great achievement as this is Charlotte's first year playing up to Ladies tennis level.





## News from Languages

### Italian trip to Urbania

Le Marche, we were able to try our hands at ceramics decoration, visit the university town of Urbino, spend a day cooling off in the Adriatic sea and prepare lunch under the close supervision of some Italian *nonne!* Pupils spent three hours each day having language lessons at Scuola Italia and were then able to put the lingo into practice in the evenings with their host families.

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 40 students from Years 9, 10 and 12 along with Ms Jennings, Mrs Matson, Miss Clarke and Mrs Evenden boarded a ridiculously early flight to Italy to begin our six-day trip to Urbania. During our stay in the beautiful region of

Our three Year 12 students did work experience placements during the trip. Tallulah learnt to be a real Italian barista in a local bar, Beth manned the reception desk and translated documents at the tourist office and Grace worked in a traditional *tabaccheria* where she had to input numbers into the Italian lottery machine (and one of her customers won 90 euros!).



*Era fantastico e incredibile!*  
Miffy

The best trip I've been on! I feel like my Italian has improved and I had so much ice cream!  
Annabelle

#### Here's what the pupils said...

Experiencing aspects of true Italian culture helped our confidence in leaps and bounds thanks to the constant exposure to the language and the fabulous Urbaniesi people. It was an amazing experience.  
Grace C

The trip was amazing and I wish I could go again. The families are so nice and they are like your second family.  
Ellie D

It's not tourist Italy. It's real Italy.  
Leyla

I was worried at the start of the trip as I didn't know anyone in my room but as soon as I got there I made new friends that I will stay in touch with. The trip helped me improve my Italian and learn about the culture of Urbania. The person I stayed with was very nice and taught us about the culture and showed us around. This trip really helped my Italian and it is definitely worth it.  
Maia



The Italian trip was a lot of fun and was a good chance to bond and improve my Italian. I would go back and would love to do A level now!  
Taigen

What an amazing trip to a beautiful town. Not only did it improve my language skills but also my love for ice cream and pizza! We had such a great time with our host families and the day trips were amazing! I would recommend this trip to anyone!  
Evie-May



I loved visiting the non-commercialised side of Italy and experiencing the culture first hand. I became more confident in my Italian and it was *divertente* (fun)!  
Robyn

I found a new love for nectarines and ate at least 2 each day.  
Hester



The trip was amazing. We had a really good time! It is so nice to experience a real Italian lifestyle. We would definitely go back again!  
Isabella Archer and Jess Tunstall

My trip to Urbania was truly *indimenticabile!* It improved by Italian so much, making me love the country even more and allowed me to have a taste of what life is like abroad.  
Nyah



The trip really improved my Italian and I got to experience a lot of culture such as meeting the local giovani (teenagers). We played volleyball and football together even in the rain! It was a really immersive trip and I would definitely recommend going on it.  
Millicent

### Work experience in Italy



Whilst a few of my classmates were on the school trip to Urbania, I decided to do my own work experience, as I was given the opportunity to work in Genoa, in Italy, with an Italian insurance firm called Lecari. I flew on my own for the first time, and stayed in a local hotel near the office. I spent the first couple of days looking around the city, visiting the key monuments and museums (and of course did some shopping!) and then during the weekdays I was at the office. Stefania, an Italian lawyer, kindly let me shadow her for the week, explaining to me the type of work they do at Lecari, and sharing her experiences of working in the Italian legal industry. I was very lucky to be able to look at confidential cases such as that of the Genoan bridge, Ponte Morandi, which collapsed last year, discussing who was liable to certain claims. On the last day, I got the train up to Milan for a meeting with another company interested in using Lecari as their insurer. It was fascinating listening to the conversation in Italian and I was pleasantly surprised by how much I could actually understand. Overall it was a great experience and all the people I met were really lovely. I was able to immerse myself into Italian culture and work life, while gaining a new range of vocabulary specific to the legal field. Fortunately, I have been invited back to do more work experience in their offices in Milan, Genoa and London, and so am looking forward to perhaps going back in the future once I have started my degree in languages.

Grace Bacon

## Year 8 French Trip to the Opal Coast

97 Year 8 pupils and 12 members of staff recently took part in a very successful, sunny and extremely enjoyable four-day French Trip to the Opal Coast.

Two coaches of pupils and teachers left Presdales School early on Monday morning and, after taking the ferry from Dover to Calais, arrived safely at their destination in Boulogne-sur-mer. They made their first visit of the trip to 'Nausicaa', a sealife centre in Boulogne which specialises in educational and entertaining insights into the world of the oceans and now boasts the largest aquarium in Europe. Pupils enjoyed walking around and looking at the many tanks of fresh water and seawater fish and taking selfies next to the sharks and rays.

Once we had arrived at our accommodation, we unpacked, settled in and had dinner. Later in the evening, girls grouped together to write their diary entries in French in their trip work booklets, and did some language work in preparation for the next day's activities.

The pupils were very excited about the planned activities for the second day which began with a trip to 'Aqualud', a big water park with waves and slides in le Touquet. After a picnic lunch on the beach at the beautiful, coastal town of le Touquet, the afternoon was spent wandering around the town. Many of the girls took time to do a bit of shopping, buy ice creams or order a drink in one of the many cafés, taking the opportunity to practise their spoken French.



The girls later made a visit to 'Auchan' a huge hypermarket, where they were each given some Euros to complete a shopping task. This involved buying something typically French to take home and share with their families when they returned. When the girls made their diary entries in their work booklets that evening, they also did a 'show and tell' about their shopping task purchases.

The third day entailed visits to 'Les Escargots du Bocage', a snail farm, situated in the nearby countryside. Pupils were firstly given a tour of the farm and then they were invited to sit and taste snail paté on toast, snails prepared in garlic butter and home-made jam, made from a variety of fruit grown on the farm. Despite initial reservations, almost everybody tasted the snails and many were pleasantly surprised, with some even going back for seconds.



Another visit on that day consisted of a visit to 'La ferme pédagogique du château', a cheese farm, where pupils had the opportunity to learn about the different ways in which the local cheeses are made, followed by a tasting session.



The teachers, coach drivers and the staff at the accommodation and visits were extremely impressed by the excellent attitude and behaviour of the Year 8 girls throughout the trip. The polite and friendly way in which they conducted themselves and their commendable efforts to practise their French during their four day stay in France meant they were a real credit to the school and a pleasure to take.

### Madame Rowe





## Design and Technology Victoria and Albert Museum Trip



On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July we were absolutely thrilled to take 80 GCSE Design and Technology/Food, Preparation and Nutrition students to the Victoria and Albert Museum to see the Mary Quant, and the 'Food, Bigger than the Plate' exhibitions. The exhibitions were very interactive and the students really enjoyed the cross-specialist areas of Design and Technology that were displayed.



The V & A website has lots more information about the exhibitions, but here are a few highlights:

**Food, Bigger than the Plate:** Inviting visitors to participate, taste and debate, this bold exhibition explores current experiments at every stage of the food system – from compost to table.

From gastronomic experiments to urban farming, this exhibition brings together the politics and pleasure of food to ask how the collective choices we make can lead to a more sustainable, just and delicious food future.

This major exhibition explores how innovative individuals, communities and organisations are radically re-inventing how we grow, distribute and experience food.



Taking visitors on a sensory journey through the food cycle, it poses questions about how the collective choices we make can lead to a more sustainable, just and delicious food future.



**Mary Quant:** From miniskirts and hot pants to vibrant tights and makeup, this exhibition explores how Mary Quant launched a fashion revolution on the British high street, with over 200 garments and accessories, including previously unseen pieces from the designer's personal archive.

Modern fashion owes a great deal to the trailblazing 1960s designer Mary Quant. From skinny-rib sweaters, to coloured tights and 'onesies', here's our round-up of the signature Quant looks which revolutionised the way we dress, proving there was more to Mary than just miniskirts.



In particular the students felt that the trip added to their understanding of Design and Technology/Food, Preparation and Nutrition, and how it relates to many other subjects. This concept was backed up on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July when Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, Amanda Spielman opened the Victoria and Albert Museum Innovate Conference by

speaking about Design and Technology and how crucial it is for children to have a 'broad and balanced curriculum'. Please follow the link if you wish to read her speech:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/amanda-spielman-speaking-at-the-victoria-and-albert-museum>

Thank you to the staff that came along, especially Jackie Harvey, Vice Chair of Governors, who kindly gave up her time to come on the trip!

As a department we feel that the V&A Museum is one of the best, free days out for all ages, and would be a great day out during the Summer for families too (<https://www.vam.ac.uk/>).



On that note, we wish everyone a happy and enjoyable summer break!

## Design & Technology Notice:

We would love to hear from ....

any parents /contacts who have a career in the Design or Food Industry for example: architecture, fashion, jewellery, costume, product, interior design, dietetics, shoe design, engineering, accessory design, food science, manufacturing, graphics, theatre, furniture, illustration, marketing, environmental health, medical textiles..... or any other design technology related career.....

Please contact Therese Hayhurst (D&T Textiles teacher) at [HayhurstT@presdales.herts.sch.uk](mailto:HayhurstT@presdales.herts.sch.uk) by 13th September 2019.



## News from Drama

### 'One'

The A Level drama group performed their unique devised performance to a live audience for their component one examination.

The students responded to a textual extract from Steven Berkoff's adaptation of Metamorphosis. The production dramatises the effects of political dictatorship in the strive for a Utopian model of society. The students performed to a very high standard and have, since the production, been working hard to analyse and evaluate its effectiveness for their supporting written coursework. The Drama department wanted to say a huge congratulations to the girls (Micaela Addison-Kemp, Maddie Drake, Rebecca Fox, Jasmine Rayner and Emily Wilson) for their efforts both on stage and in the computer room!

Thank you also for the fantastic photographs from Mrs Bird!

Miss Mack and Mrs Fehmi



## Trips and Reminders

• **GCSE Revision Guides** : Please [click here](#) for the recommended revision guides.

• **Bronze DofE 2019/20** - If your daughter has

secured a place and you have not yet paid the £60 deposit, please can you make payment before the end of term.

- **GCSE Drama Trip to see Everyone's Talking About Jamie (25th September 2019)** - Cost is £45 per ticket.
- **Geography Trip to Epping Forest (Friday 11th October) (Current Year 9 students)** - Voluntary contribution of £40.00 by Monday 9th September 2019.
- **Russia (October 2019)** - The next instalment of £150 was due by 1st July 2019. Total paid to date should be £1,450.00. £150 is due on 1 August and £60 due on 1 September 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.
- **German Christmas Market (December 2019) (Current Year 7 and 8 students)** - A few places are still available. A £70 deposit is required.
- **GCSE History Trip to Berlin (June 2020)** - This trip is now full. Payment schedule: £125 due by 7th October 2019, £125 due by 2nd December 2019, £125 due by 3rd February 2020 and the final instalment of £125 is due by 2nd March 2020.
- **French Trip to The Opal Coast (June 2020) (Current Year 7 students)** - A few places are still available. A £50 deposit is required.



**Please be advised that WisePay is closed from 1st August to 1st September 2019**