



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we near the end of another strange half term, I would like to say thank you for the continued support that you have shown for what we are providing for our students at Presdales. As I informed you last week, after half term, learning in some year groups will take a different format. We are confident that this will be successful, but we will continue to review what we are providing.

Return to school

On Monday, secondary schools were due to receive guidance documents from the government. This information is expected to inform secondary schools of what they can/should be trying to offer for Year 10 and 12 students. At the time of writing this letter, these documents have still not been published. Therefore, I am unable to give any further update on what 'some form of face to face contact' will look like. I will update parents as soon as we have been provided with this guidance.

Centre Assessment Grades (CAGs)

Following extensive work by staff, we are now in the final stages of preparing our CAGs for students in Year 11 and Year 13. We have been through a thorough process of evidencing, checking, questioning and comparing data to previous similar cohorts. We are confident that the grades we will be submitting are fair and honest. We will also be submitting CAGs for the short course RE (Year 10 students).

Student successes

Phoebe Protheroe (Year 7), has made 8 posters for Urbanland key workers to say thank you with a rainbow which is proudly displayed in each provision supporting vulnerable young people.

Urbanland key workers support over 50 vulnerable young people and have continued providing support during this pandemic. They provide support and accommodation to vulnerable young people from Hertfordshire Country Council, Enfield, Kensington & Chelsea, Islington and Westminster City Council. Well done to Phoebe for taking the time to make these posters to cheer up the staff.



Over half term, **Talitha Hookway** (Year 12), will be taking part in 'The Climb' challenge for a charity called Tearfund. Tearfund is a charity that aim to end world poverty. Talitha worked with the charity last year when she went out to Rwanda after completing her GCSEs. Tearfund are currently helping people in poverty all over the world as they are horrifically affected by the coronavirus due to poor sanitation and a lack of healthcare as well as social distancing restrictions meaning they can't easily make an income from selling things at local markets etc.

To try and tackle this, The Climb challenge was set up to raise money for Tearfund. This is where Talitha will climb the stairs in her house to the equivalent height of Mount Kilimanjaro over 7 days. Talitha has set up a just giving page. We wish Talitha all the best for her challenge.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/talithahookwayclimb>

As always, the website has been update with students' work this week and can be found [here](#).

Other information

Mrs Warburton has put together three STEM activities for students in Year 7-9 to access. The first of these will be available on Wednesday 3rd June, with the others following every two weeks. These activities are not compulsory but are something different that the students may enjoy completing.

Please remind your children not to throw any of their full exercise books away, as they may need them when they return to school.

A reminder that useful information about support for families can be found on our school website

<https://presdales.herts.sch.uk/coronavirus/>

and on the government website for parents

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_source=05ba296c-dbb5-474d-9b57-ea5063399c1f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

I wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable half term break.

Kind regards

Matt Warren
Headteacher