



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer

We have been blessed with fantastic weather over the past week. I hope this has helped to alleviate the stress of being at home all of the time.

Reward points

Please be reminded that staff are continuing to give out reward points to the students for excellent work and effort. Normally, we would run a report on SIMS and you would receive daily emails to inform you of reward points gained. Currently, we do not have the resources to do this, but you can still see the reward points that your child has received by checking Edulink.

Celebrating work

Staff have been informing me of the excellent work that our students have been completing at home. As from today, and then on a weekly basis, we will upload examples of work to our website to celebrate the efforts of our students. I hope that you can have a look at what is being produced. I only asked staff yesterday to send work through, so tomorrow may have fewer pieces than the subsequent weeks.

Exercise books

We have been made aware that some students are getting to the end of their exercise books. As from Monday, students can email admin@presdales.herts.sch.uk if they need a new exercise book. We will send them out through the post.

Students should send the following information in the email:

Name

Year

Subject

Colour and size of book(s) needed may be that a student receives a book, but it is not the normal colour for that subject.

Art/Photography students in Year 10/12 (Year 11 when bridging work starts) who need a sketch book will need to pick these up from school, as they are too big to send in the post. There is a cost for these books as follows:

KS4 Art: £4.50 (A3 size)

KS5 Art: £6.50 (A2 size)

KS5 Photography: £9

Please bring in a cheque (Payable to Presdales School Academy Trust) or the correct amount in cash, when you come in to collect the sketch book. Alternatively, you can purchase similar size sketchbooks on Amazon.



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Emails

I would be grateful if you could remind your children to regularly check their 'junk' folders for their Presdales email addresses. We are experiencing cases where student have said they have not received an email, from our IT helpdesk for example, but a teacher knows they have as the teacher was cc'd in to the reply. It may also be that some google meet invitations are going to their junk folder as well. I will also remind students in my update to them via Edulink.

Ski trip 2021

Now would be the normal time for us to launch our annual ski trip. Unfortunately, we have taken the decision not run a school ski trip in 2021. Schools are still being advised to not organise any new trips. The total cost of the trip always exceeds £100,000 and we do not want to place that liability on the school or parents at this time.

Message from Hertfordshire Health Trust

The number of children attending Urgent Care and Emergency Departments has dropped. Families are understandably concerned about taking their children to health settings at this time but this has resulted in some children presenting late and as a result being very poorly. The East & North Herts and West Herts Trust have produced the attached guidance for parents/carers when a child is unwell or injured.

General

We have decided to increase the size of the pastoral support team in the sixth form. As from September 2020, there will be a Head of Year 12 and a Head of Year 13. Mrs Simmonds will continue to be the Head of Sixth Form and will oversee both positions. I am pleased to inform you that Mr Tom Britton will be the new Head of Year 12 for September.

Thank you for your continued support

Keep safe

Matt Warren
Headteacher