



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer

I do hope that you and your families are well and managing to stay in touch with reality!

I have a feeling that the local pub quiz is going to be more competitive after this is over, as most families seem to be involved in multiple online quizzes every week. I'm still waiting for the same questions to start coming up again, so I can score more points!

The students are continuing to produce excellent work from home. It was lovely to see examples of this on our website last week. More will be added today; it's well worth a look if you haven't yet had a chance to do so ([please click here](#)).

Following interviews last week, I am pleased to inform you that Ms Nell Haywood will be Head of Year 7 from September. We have started our transition work as normal, although the way we are doing it this year has had to change. Over the coming weeks, we will be contacting all of the Year 6 students who will be joining us in September.

The Year 11 hoodies that were due to arrive in school have been delayed. We will let students know when these arrive, and arrange a suitable way for them to be given out to the students.

I will send out my weekly update, via Edulink, to the student's tomorrow. A reminder that staff can contact students via Edulink, as it is easier to do a block message for a whole class. Unfortunately, Edulink doesn't yet have the functionality for students to reply directly back to the teacher, so when they are replying via Edulink, the email is going to our admin email. Students need to email their teachers directly if they need help with work. In order to support students further, our Language teachers are now embedding audio instructions into PPTs. I will remind students tomorrow that they need to download the file from google classroom as a PPT, and not a google slide document for the audio clips to work. Thank you for your help in supporting your children with the technology that we are using and trialling. If there any issues, then please make contact with the relevant subject teacher who will be able to help.

A Level bridging work for our Year 11 students is now available on their google drive. We hope that the students find this useful preparation for September.

Mrs Stewart, our SENCO, is regularly updating the SEND section on the website. If your child has SEND, then it is worth checking the area regularly.

As you will be aware, next Friday is a bank holiday. The school will still be open for those students who have been coming in. Work will also be set by teachers as normal for Friday, however, staff may not be delivering live lessons or be online to offer immediate support to students.



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There has been a lot of talk recently in the press about when schools may return. We do not know any more than what is in the media at the moment. There are obvious concerns about students returning whilst social distancing measures are still in place. Please be assured that we will plan any return thoroughly and will follow any guidance that is given from the government for the safe return of our students.

Best wishes

Matt Warren

Headteacher