



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parents/Carers

If dealing with bubbles etc. wasn't enough – we now have leaky pipes! I was called by our caretaker at just after 6.00am yesterday morning, informing me of a water leak. Fortunately, as many of our buildings were built at different times and on different systems, some areas of the school still had water. The students and staff adjusted quickly to having a small number of toilets available and we were back up and running at full capacity during lunch time. I wonder what next week will bring?

Another superb week by the students, nearly 5000 reward points have been earned since the beginning of term. The number of consequences given out is a quarter of the total from the same period last year. In my assemblies over the past two weeks I have talked about us all working as a team to get through this; the students are certainly playing their part.

Year 7 usernames and passwords

We are aware that a small number of students have had difficulties signing into our system. Staff have been helping students this week to sort these issues and all should be done by the end of this week.

Face masks on buses

Another reminder about face masks on buses. Reg's Coaches are saying that a small number of students are removing their face mask once they have driven out of the school premises. We have reminded students in school, but a reminder from yourselves would be appreciated. We understand that not all students should be wearing face masks due to valid medical reasons.

Books for Africa

On Monday of this week, Mr Spurgeon and Miss Clarke took over 100 boxes of old text books to a warehouse which sends them on to Africa (Books2Africa UK). We are pleased that these old text books will be used again. There is more information on this in this week's PressTales.

PE Kit

As the weather potentially could get colder, students are allowed to wear their school skirt over the top of their PE skirt whilst they are travelling to and from school. Students will be asked to remove their school skirt and place into their school bag for PE. Alternatively, they can wear the PE leggings.

First student to gain Grade 8 Drum Kit at Presdales

Jessica Pryke, who left Presdales in the summer, has successfully passed her Grade 8 Drum Kit exam which she took during lockdown. Our drum teacher believes this is the first student to gain a grade 8 in Drum Kit at Presdales. Well done Jessica!

Parking/dropping off students

Whilst the dropping off to school seems to have settled from the first few days, we are still receiving complaints from local residents about parent parking at the end of the day, as well as parents telling us about students crossing roads without looking. We will remind students of this in assemblies and form time, your assistance in this is also appreciated. Hertford Rugby club are allowing sixth form students to park on their grounds during the school day. However, they are no longer allowing parents to park on their site when dropping off or picking up students.

I wish you all a lovely weekend

Regards

Matt Warren
Headteacher