



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer

It was wonderful this morning to welcome all of our students back into school. It has been a long time coming and we are pleased to have them back with us. The past five months has been an interesting time for our community and I am proud of how our students, staff and parents coped with the challenges that we faced. Whilst we are very mindful of COVID and the impact that it will have on our school for the foreseeable future, we are trying to get back to normality as best as we can. Our focus is on providing an outstanding education, supporting those who may be behind due to lockdown, ensuring our exam year groups are fully prepared for next year, and supporting our students in terms of mental health and wellbeing.

Water

It has become clear today that students are running out of water. At this point, we are limited to where students can refill their bottles and are looking at ways to address this, but for the time being please ensure that enough water is brought to last the day.

Site update

There have been a few changes in school since lockdown. We have refurbished the student and staff toilets in the main corridor and added a new accessible toilet. Nearly every room in the teaching block has been decorated, along with the corridors and new flooring has been put down on all three levels. New offices have been created from store cupboards to allow for staff social distancing and a 20-week project to replace the flat roofs on the science block, admin area, hall and gym has commenced. All classrooms in the school have new pedal bins, sanitiser, cleaning materials and all tables are facing forward. I would like to thank all of those involved with this work, ensuring that everything was completed on time.

New staff

I would like to welcome the following staff to Presdales:

Mr Jack Baldwin	Teacher of Maths
Mrs Tracey Carr	Teacher of Business Studies
Mrs Liane Dyson	Teacher of Media Studies
Mr Jon Fairbrother	Premises Manager (Nov 2020)
Mrs Sally Flanagan	Teaching Assistant
Mrs George Martin	Examinations Officer
Ms Alison Johnston	Teacher of Maths
Mr Michael Payne	Associate Assistant Headteacher Director of Studies for Maths

We are also pleased to announce that Ms Alison Sykes has taken up the position of Head of Art.

School events

Unfortunately, due to COVID, a number of school events have been cancelled. A number will be delivered in a different way:

- Information evenings for all year groups are cancelled; we will share the relevant information by letter.

- The school will not be holding a secondary transfer open evening this year and we will not be providing school tours. All of this process will be delivered remotely through the school website. In the past, the day of the open evening has been a half day. This year, it will be a normal school day.
- School photos on **22nd September will take place** as planned. Siblings in different year groups will be able to have their photos taken together if they so wish.
- We are exploring ways in which we can deliver the Year 11 and 13 parent consultation evenings that are due later this term – more information on this will be provided in due course.
- We will make a decision on events that are in November and December in due course.

We look forward to a productive and successful year ahead and your support is greatly appreciated. A reminder to all parents that communication with the school will need to be professional at all times. If you have any concerns about your child's experience in school, then please contact their Form Tutor or Head of Year. If it is about a specific subject, then contact the Head of Department. You can expect a reply within 2 working days.

Kind regards
Matt Warren
Headteacher