



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for dropping your children off further away from school on Monday and Tuesday, this certainly helped with traffic management. To ease traffic congestion going forward, it would help if this continued, especially for pick up at the end of the day.

Well done to all of the Year 11 students who took part in the DofE assessment expedition last weekend, all students passed.

COVID case

As per my communication yesterday, we had a confirmed case in Year 7. All of the students who were close contacts were quickly identified, parents informed and students picked up. Thank you to the parents for their swift response. As in this case, we will inform all close contacts before emailing the whole school. There is no need to contact the school to ask if your child is a close contact because a friend of your daughter has been asked to self-isolate, we will let you know.

Sixth Form

We look forward to welcoming back our Sixth Form students on Monday. Whilst lessons have continued via Google Meet, it isn't the same as being in the classroom. We also know that school is not just about academic studies and that a number of the students have found self-isolation challenging.

We have made a number of changes in the **Sixth Form** for when they return:

- If students have a lesson P1 & P2; they need to come into school as normal and attend registration
- If they do not have their first lesson until later in the day (e.g. P3); they do not need to attend school until that lesson. However, they **must** attend registration with their form tutor virtually via Google Meet
- Once students have finished their last timetabled lesson of the day; they may leave the school site - but they should not return to school later that day
- When students come into school (if later than registration), they must sign in and when they leave school after their final timetabled lesson, they must sign out. This is for safeguarding reasons
- During study periods at home, students must use the time to study and should not be arranging other events such as theory tests or carrying out any part time work
- **Year 12** - Wednesday core PE lessons and timetabled Private Study periods WILL still take place, so ALL Y12 students who have these on their timetables are expected to attend as normal
- Those students who use school buses can still be in school all day

The strategies above are aimed at reducing the number of times the Sixth Form students are on site and not in a lesson. It is imperative that the students use their time wisely when at home. If we feel that a student is falling behind, then we will review the above arrangements on an individual basis.

Face masks

We are continually giving out face masks to students who have forgotten them, or lost them. I would be grateful if parents could ensure their children have a supply of face masks in their school bags.

Exam results days 2021

You may have already seen in the national press that the results days for A Level and GCSE next year are as follows:

- A Level Tuesday 24th August
- GCSE Friday 27th August
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Inset day - Friday 16th October

A reminder that school is closed today for staff training. There will not be any remote Sixth Form lessons taking place.

Non-Uniform day - Friday 23rd October

A reminder that Friday 23rd October is our first non-uniform day of the year. We ask for a contribution of £2.00 per student. Half of the money will go towards our school charity, which this year is '[Herts Young Homeless](#)', and the other half goes to the student school council who decide how the money is spent for the benefit of the students. An Intouch email went out yesterday informing parents about how the contribution can be made.

I think the rest over the long weekend will help the students. They have been brilliant so far this term, we are proud of how well they have adapted and coped with the changes we have made. The girls have achieved over 21,000 reward points, and the number of consequences is down by 55% compared to the same period last year.

I wish you all a pleasant long weekend

Kind regards

Matt Warren
Headteacher