

PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

Headteacher: Mr M Warren

13th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD INTO SCHOOL IF:

- THEY HAVE COVID SYMPTOMS
- ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID SYMPTOMS
- ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD, INCLUDING YOUR CHILD, HAS HAD A TEST AND IS
 AWAITING RESULTS

Please excuse my frustration, but I hope the above is clear.

Remembrance

On Wednesday of this week we held a two-minute silence just after break to remember those who have sacrificed so much. SMSC activities in form times this week, produced by Mrs Inwood, supported our Remembrance Day commemorations.

Year 11

During periods 1-4 yesterday, our Year 11 students were given taster lessons in A Level subjects that are not available at GCSE e.g. Economics, Government and Politics. The sessions were well-received and I am grateful to those staff who delivered them. Due to social distancing, each class was smaller than normal meaning several staff delivered the same lesson eight times. We look forward to our Sixth Form Virtual Event on Thursday 26th November where current students can meet teachers of all subjects during the day, and attend remote sessions in the evening along with external students. Thank you in advance to our Sixth Form team for organising this event.

Thank you to all parents and staff involved in the Year 11 remote parents' consultation evening last night. Early reports are that the software worked well, although there were some technical issues for a small number of parents. Attendance for the remote evening was higher than when they have been held in school.

Christmas lunch

Whilst many events this term have been cancelled, we are keen to enable the annual Christmas lunch to go ahead. Each year group will have their lunch on a different day so that we do not need to cross bubbles. We will send out details nearer the time.

'Just Talk' Week

The week of $16^{th} - 22^{nd}$ November is "Just Talk" Mental Health awareness week. The "Just Talk" campaign is a Hertfordshire run campaign and aims to target students, staff and parents. Our Sixth Form mental Health Ambassadors will be providing resources for students to use in registration next week. More information can be found <u>here</u>

Kind regards

Matt Warren Headteacher



