



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parents/Carers/Students

As we come to the end of another week with significant changes at national level, I would like to thank everyone in our community for the part they are playing in ensuring the students continue to receive the best education possible under the current circumstances. Whether it be staff in school, those delivering lessons, support staff, parents supporting their children's learning, parents picking up exam papers and most importantly our students. Everyone has a significant role in our collective efforts.

Year 11 and Year 13 Mock examinations

Good luck to all Year 11 and 13 students who take their mock exams at home over the next two weeks.

Please note that morning registration for Years 11,12 & 13 will take place as follows **every day**.

Year 11 - 8:30 am

Year 13 - 8:40 am

Year 12 - 8:45 am

This will support Year 11 and 13 getting out of bed before they start an exam!

All other details about mock exams will continue to be sent to Year 11 and 13 parents directly by Mrs Stephenson.

GCSE/A Level exams

We await details of how grades will be given to students this year. There is a national consultation next week, which will take two weeks. I don't expect to hear anything from the DfE until early to mid-February. We will communicate with students and families as soon as we know more. I know that the students will have questions, but please refrain from asking your teachers what is likely to happen, as none of us know the answer.

Devices

We continue to distribute devices for students to use at home. If you need a device, then please email admin@presdales.herts.sch.uk

Exercise books/lockers

Please email the admin address if you need a locker emptying or new exercise books to be sent out.

Celebration of students' work

We will recommence adding examples of students' work from home on a weekly basis to the school website.

Student attendance at Google Meets

A reminder that staff are registering every lesson. You will be contacted if your child is not attending lessons. As this is an automated system, there may be times when there is a valid reason and our system has not picked it up. If this is the case, then please email attendance@presdales.herts.sch.uk if you have any queries.

Mass testing in school

We have continued to move ahead with the in-school testing program. We have trained a small number of internal staff today, ready for a trial run next week with staff and some of those students in school. I self-administered a test on Wednesday and was pleased to get a negative result! I remind parents and students 16 or over to complete the consent form. Please complete whether or not you give your consent.

[Consent form for students under 16](#)

[Consent form for students 16 and over \(to be completed by the student\)](#)

General

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or need any support. Either email the relevant member of staff or use the admin email address who will direct your email to the appropriate person.

Keep safe

Matthew Warren
Headteacher