



# PRESDALES SCHOOL

*Achievement for all*

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

A reminder that we have an Inset day tomorrow so there are no lessons provided for the students. I would suggest that the students take time away from screens and school work.

## Surveys

A survey on how remote learning has been/is going was sent to students via Edulink this week. We would also like to canvass the views of parents so please click [here](#) to complete a short questionnaire.

## GCSE/A Level Summer Exams

The national consultation has closed, with over 100,000 responses. I was pleased to hear that over 50,000 students completed the survey. We have been told that the government will publish a response by the end of February.

## Homework over Half Term

We will not be setting any homework over half term. Year 11 and 13 students may wish to continue their ongoing revision programme and there will be a small number of students who will need to complete coursework that is due to be handed in after half term.

## STEM challenge

Well done to all students who entered work for the STEM challenge. Mrs Warburton has reviewed all submissions and has decided on the following winners.

Year 7	Emily Man and Taniska Pawar (joint winners)
Year 8	Nefeli Tsamili
Teamwork	Lucy and Abbie Norris

The next challenge, 'Marble Run', has already started. The deadline for entries is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. All information for students can be found in the STEM Challenge folder on the Google Drive.

## Message from: Mark Hughes, Area Team Manager (Broxbourne East Herts Welwyn Hatfield)

### YCH Services for Young People | Children's Services

In the summer of 2020, YCH Services for Young People conducted a survey with young people in Hertfordshire to identify and better understand young people's priorities and concerns across the county. The findings of this survey identified that crime was one of respondents' top five concerns.

Young people shared that they were concerned about the risk of becoming a victim of crime, as well as feeling generally unsafe within certain areas in their communities. Many also expressed a wish for a greater adult and/or police presence in some areas, to act as a deterrent to those committing acts of violence, crime or anti-social behaviour.

Further consultation has since taken place between young people and the East Herts Youth Strategy Group, a group of partners who either directly deliver services to young people, or who have a strategic responsibility for young people's services. Together, the group is working to join up service delivery and respond to young people's needs.

We collectively identified a need to better identify the specific areas which were causing these concerns for young people and, to this end, Hertfordshire Police have designed a bespoke Echo Survey to capture the voice of young people across East Herts. The survey asks three simple questions:

- How safe do you feel in the area where you live?
- Why do you feel that way?
- What could be done to make you feel safer?

Through these questions, Hertfordshire Police hope to better understand the links between actual crime and the perceived risk of crime, as well as using the findings to inform the joint planning, delivery and allocation of resources by all partners within the East Herts Youth Strategy Group.

The greater the number of young people who complete the survey, the more that our partners will be able to understand specific geographic areas of concern, as well as the risk factors that are causing young people to feel unsafe. As such, I would like to encourage as many young people to complete the survey as possible. [www.bit.ly/eherts-youth](http://www.bit.ly/eherts-youth)

### **Finally....**

Thank you to the parent who took the picture below yesterday afternoon. I have been looking for the pots of gold at the end of the rainbows all day, but alas....no luck as yet.



I wish you all a pleasant and safe weekend

Mr Warren  
Headteacher