



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

Another half term passes us by as we approach the year anniversary of the first lockdown. These continue to be challenging times for everyone and I would like to say thank you and well done to everyone involved with Presdales School. It has been a team effort. I trust that our students and staff take a well-earned break over half term.

Student survey

Thank you to the 812 students who participated in our recent survey. The overall picture from our student body is positive. A detailed analysis of the results, including a breakdown by year group, can be found [here](#). We have also added action points in the document, many of which have already started to be actioned.

Parent survey

A detailed analysis of the parent survey will be published after half term. Again, the responses were overwhelmingly positive and areas that we were already aware of (wellbeing/screen time/homework) were highlighted.

Headlines:

How much work has your child done this week compared to what they would do in a normal week if they were actually in school?

65.6% said they had done the same amount this week as normal

18.7% had done more

15.6 % had done less

My child understands the tasks their teacher is setting them

36.5% all of the time

59.4% most of the time

4.1% some of the time

My child is coping well with working from home

31.7% all of the time

54.1% most of the time

14.2% some of the time

99% said that they could access their email account

99.7% said that they can access Google classroom

99.5% have been able to access EduLink

When my child has sent an email to teachers, they have sent a useful reply:

59.9% all of the time

30.6% most of the time

9.4% some of the time

House Creative Writing Competition

The English Department is launching the 2021 House Creative Writing Competition this week. This year's challenge is to write the opening chapter of an adventure story in 800 words or fewer. Students can make up their own title, but it must include one of the House colours: yellow, green, white, purple, red or blue. It does not have to be the colour of the student's own House.

Entries can be typed or handwritten and should be emailed to Ms Hobbs at hobbsa@presdales.herts.sch.uk by the stroke of midnight on Thursday 4th March (World Book Day). Click [here](#) for details.

SEND

A reminder that Mrs Stewart, SENCo, regularly updates the [SEND area of the school website](#) with information and details of courses for parents.

There is a TechSafe 'Keeping SEND Families Safe Online' workshop on Tuesday 2nd March (7.00pm to 9.00pm). Details can be found [here](#).

Barracudas

National lockdown restrictions allowing, Barracudas will be offering an activity camp over the Easter holiday at Presdales School. Barracudas is a kids activity camp for 4.5 to 14-year-olds. Parents with children at Presdales can get a £10 discount off a full week by applying the code: HSCH21 in the promotion box when booking. The list of fun activities, timings and costs can be found [here](#).

General

The Prime Minister is due to make an announcement on Monday 22nd February about when schools may open. We are also expecting confirmation of how we will be assessing GCSE/A Level exams in that week. Further details will be communicated in due course.

I wish you all an enjoyable and safe half term break.

Kind regards

Matthew Warren
Headteacher