



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parents/Carers/Students

I am sure many of you raised a glass and gave a sigh of relief the evening before your child returned to school - no more home schooling! Although many who have been working at home would have grown used to, and enjoyed, having their children around more. Much has been said about how well the students have been doing and many of you have thanked the school for what we have put in place. We would like to pass on our thanks to all parents who have supported their children's learning during lockdown. We know from conversations with some, and our own personal experiences, that it hasn't always been easy to motivate our children, to check their work and to ensure they leave the bedroom at some point other than for food. We are proud of what our students have achieved, and the team effort that has enabled this.

Our school now feels more like a school. Whilst the buildings have stayed the same during lockdown, they are nothing without the students and staff. The sound of students walking the corridors and talking to friends they haven't seen in a while has been a pleasure to hear.

In-school Testing

We have now been through every year group at least once, with five year groups having had two tests. Please be reminded that students should register the test the evening before their time slot. We took delivery of 4500+ home test kits yesterday morning. I will share information next week on how they will be distributed to the students.

HCC Official Communication

This [letter](#) from Jim McManus, Director of Public Health at Hertfordshire County Council, outlines some of the latest changes announced by Government to support the return to face-to-face learning for children and young people in the county.

In addition to student testing at home, parents, carers and support bubbles providing childcare - regardless of the age of your children - are also being encouraged to take twice weekly lateral flow tests at home. You can find your nearest collection site and order online [here](#). You can also book a test at one of the county council's rapid test [centres](#).

Year 11 and 13

We are still waiting for further guidance from the DfE on this year's examination series.

Students in Year 11 and 13 will have summer assessments in the two weeks after Easter. Teachers will inform students which content they need to revise. The assessment timetable can be found [here](#).

Please note, that whilst Monday 12th April is an Inset day for the school, we will still be running the exam timetable on this day. Students in Year 11 and 13 will be on study leave for the duration of the assessments, returning to school on Monday 26th April.

We have provisionally set Friday 28th May as the last day in school for Year 11 and 13 students, although they will need to be available if required until Friday 18th June (CAG deadline to exam boards).

Inset Day

A reminder that Monday 12th April is an inset day. The school will only be open for those students who are taking a summer assessment as per the timetable.

Student Success

Well done to Ryah Dean in Year 7 who put together hampers for NHS staff at Princess Alexandra Hospital after she was concerned when she heard that many nurses were not getting a break and barely getting a chance to eat or drink. The hampers included individually wrapped treats, healthy snacks, drinks and cards made by Ryah with messages of positivity and thanks. As you can see by the photo below, it cheered them up.



Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards
Matt Warren
Headteacher