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Dear Parents/Carers/Students

I trust that our students and their families had a pleasant Easter break. The Year 11 and 13 students have been completing assessments throughout his week. We have been very impressed with their attitude towards these assessments and thank them for their cooperation.

Thank you to all students who continue testing themselves twice per week. Please can I remind you that the home tests are for people that are asymptomatic, if your child is showing any symptoms, please book a PCR test through the NHS. Please email covid@presdales.herts.sch.uk if your child has tested positive or displays any symptoms.

On Sunday 28th March, Annie Yeoman and Daisy Hilder-Yanetski (Year 9) walked 26 miles, taking 9 hours, in aid of Crisis (National Charity for Homeless People). Their route took them along the canal towpath from Hertford to Waltham Abbey and back again and they raised over £700 in the process. Well done to both girls, a fantastic achievement.

We are pleased that we have been able to open up the swimming pool for use in PE lessons, as it gives us some sense of normality. I had an interesting experience this morning when delivering a lost travel card to a student in Year 7. On entering the form room I was met with the girls practicing how to put their swimming hats on; the addition to the school uniform could be one to consider!

Over the next week or so, we will be sending out our annual surveys to parents, students and staff. Last year, we were able to complete surveys before the first lockdown for students, but not for parents. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the surveys, they are a useful snapshot for us of our communities' opinions on what we provide at Presdales.

I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Matt Warren Headteacher



