



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

As we come to the end of the two-week post Easter assessment period for Years 11 and 13, I want to say well done to all of the students. Their attitude and behaviour throughout the assessment period has been exceptional.

Parent survey

As mentioned last week, we are starting our cycle of surveys from our stakeholders. In the past, parents have been sent a survey following the information evenings that took place in September. We use the standard questionnaire that Ofsted produces, as it enables us to compare outcomes to other schools nationally. There is an additional question about school improvement. In due course, we will also be asking for students', parents' and staff views on the changes we have had to make due to COVID and whether we should or should not keep them e.g. virtual parents' evenings, wearing PE kits on the day students have PE.

If you have multiple children at Presdales then there is the option to complete the survey per child, as we know their experiences may differ (this option is at the end of the survey). We aim to follow up on any concerns raised so the survey is not anonymous. The survey will close on Wednesday 5th May. To complete the survey please click [here](#).

A separate student survey will be sent out via Edulink in due course.

Yolo - Social Media App

Mrs Sykes sent out a letter to Year 7 parents this week following issues we have experienced with a small number of students about an App called YOLO. Whilst we have not had to deal with incidents in other year groups, it is worth highlighting this App to all parents. Yolo is linked to Snapchat accounts, and allows users to send messages to other people anonymously. It is easy for this App to be misused. I will never understand why anyone would want to write an App that allows this to happen, neither will I understand or accept why someone would want to send unpleasant messages to other people via this App. The minimum age for this app is 17yo (App store) and 18yo (Google play). Further details can be found [here](#). I would ask that you check with your children whether they have this App and ask them to delete it, as I see no positive reason for having it.

Netball courts - Floodlights

I am pleased to inform you that we have secured planning permission for floodlights to be installed on our netball courts. These were renovated and upgraded last year and the addition of floodlights will allow us to use the courts longer into the evenings in the winter months, as well as provide a much-needed source of income by hiring out the facilities to local clubs.

I wish you all a pleasant weekend

Regards

Matt Warren

Headteacher