



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

Thank you to those parents and students who have completed the online surveys. A reminder that the parent survey will close at the end of day on Wednesday 5th May. The survey can be found [here](#). The student survey can be accessed via Edulink.

Face masks

A reminder to students that these need to be worn correctly in lessons. Pulling them down negates the purpose of wearing them. I am hoping that the directive to wear them in lessons will be removed on May 17th.

Year 11 Futures Interviews

Over the past week we have been meeting with Year 11 students to discuss how their assessment period went and plans for next year. As always, the students were excellent. We understand that motivating oneself over the next few weeks will be hard, but it was pleasing to hear so many understand and accept the rationale for us asking them to continue completing mini assessments in lessons. In a normal year, students would be revising and taking exams until the end of June.

Baylab National Heart Mechanics Competition 2021

Presdales School has been selected as one of the top five entries in the Baylab National Heart Mechanics Competition. Sometime ago, Mrs Warburton set the challenge for students to design a new Olympic sport that would get the heart pumping, a three course meal fit for an Olympic champion and to produce an anatomically correct model of the heart. The Challenges were designed to test students' heart knowledge and promote the importance of science and the maintenance of healthy lifestyles in the fight against cardiovascular diseases. Two student entries were submitted to the national competition; Emily Man (Y7) and Tayla-Mae Deane (Y7). A final winner from the top five will be announced shortly; in the meantime we have been sent two heart models for use in lessons. Well done to all who took part.

Alumni

We would like to congratulate Katie Adamson, ex Head Girl, who has been elected President of the Cambridge Law Society for 2021-22. Katie has also secured a training contract for after graduation, with Clifford Chance. Please [click](#) here for more information.

Online safety

We have written to parents twice in the past week about the inappropriate use of online technology. From my own experience as a parent, I know how hard it can be to keep up with the many Apps available and to monitor what our children are doing on their phones. I would encourage open dialogue about these issues at home. Students - you are responsible for what you do online, please be mindful of what you access, what you write and how you treat people. Your digital footprint is very hard to erase; this is something that people of my age did not have to contend with when we were younger. If you are ever upset or unhappy with content you see online, or that is shared with you, then please talk to your parents or a teacher.

Parking

We continue to receive complaints from local residents about parking after school. Please be mindful of where and how you are parking when picking up your children. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Please take time to read this week's [PressTales](#) and I wish you all a pleasant and restful weekend.

Regards

Mr M Warren

Headteacher