



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Students/Parents/Carers

COVID

Over the past two days, we have had positive test results in Year 7. Following advice from the COVID team at HCC, we are closing the Year 7 bubble with immediate effect. Students in Year 7 should return to school on Monday 28th June for the second week of their internal exams. We will be administering the first week of exams remotely. To allow us time to organise this, all Year 7 students can use Monday 21st June as a revision day and their exams will start on Tuesday 22nd June. Further information will be shared with Year 7 students and parents soon. Year 7 students should still attend their registration period remotely everyday next week. The Google Meet code is the registration code they have on their timetable and is the same as they used in the last lockdown.

Those students who need to self-isolate because they are a close contact have already been informed, all other students do not need to self-isolate.

Due to the virulence of the Delta strain, we have been told to expect further cases in school over the coming weeks. Please ensure that students are taking the LFT twice per week and record the result with the school [here](#) and the NHS. We have been advised to reinstate the wearing of facemasks in lessons, therefore, from Monday 21st June **all students and staff will be asked to wear facemasks in lessons unless they are exempt.**

If any student has a positive LFT or PCR test, then please inform us via covid@presdales.herts.sch.uk

Hot weather/Water

Although the weather is poor today, it is likely to improve again. A reminder to students to bring water bottles into school, especially when it is hot. If they run out of water, they can refill them using the water fountains in the canteen. Whilst there is a breaktime rota for the canteen, all students can use the water fountains after food has been served. Students can fill up at lunchtime when their bubble is in the canteen. Any student without a water bottle can ask for a cup. If it is extremely hot weather, then I advise students to sit in the shade, or remain inside.

Language Spelling Bee Success

Well done to Lisa Prane and Charlotte Martin (German) and Chloe Cooper (Spanish) who all came in the top four for their respective languages in the East of England round of the Language Spelling Bee. We wish them all the best for the national finals in July.

Extra-Curricular activities

Please find an updated list of the extra-curricular activities that we are currently able to run [here](#).

Parent Parking

We continue to receive complaints on a regular basis from our local community about parent parking at drop off and pick up times. I know it is busy in the local area, but please be respectful of our local residents when parking e.g. not across drives or on kerbs so there is no pedestrian access.

PressTales

Please click [here](#) for this week's edition of PressTales.

Herts Fire and Rescue Cadets

Herts Fire and Rescue are recruiting for new fire cadets to join their scheme. It is a nationally recognised educational programme open to young people aged 14 to 17 and supports them to make a positive contribution to society. This programme provides an opportunity to learn about, engage with and experience the Fire & Rescue service and enables young people to gain skills and knowledge in a fun, safe and secure environment. For more information, please contact the [Herts Fire & Rescue service](#).

I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Regards

Matt Warren

Headteacher