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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

Paralympian

Congratulations to Grace Harvey (Presdales student 2009-2017), who has been selected to represent Team GB in swimming at the Tokyo Paralympics in August. Being selected is a fantastic achievement and we wish Grace all the best in her events.

COVID Keeps

Thank you for sharing your views in our COVID keeps questionnaire that came out several weeks ago. Following analysis of the results from students, parents and staff, we have taken the following decisions:

- 1. All parent consultation evenings will be remote in the academic year 2021/22. We will review this after one year.
- 2. Students will be allowed to wear their PE kit to school on the day that they have PE.
- 3. Outside bubble areas will not be in place in September.
- 4. We will keep year group toilets. However, this will be reviewed after one term, or earlier if required. Year group toilets work well when students are in a bubble near their toilet, but may not work so well when students are moving around the school more.

Student Success

Congratulations to Charlie Waring, Year 11, who, after a rigorous application procedure, has been accepted on the Amnesty International *Rise Up* training programme for young activists aged 16-24. The aim of this programme is to support and equip young people with the tools to make positive change in their communities. Over four residential weekends and monthly update meetings, the Rise Up programme will help her to develop skills such as running a successful campaign for the acceptance of the LGBTQ+ community, designing and launching a website, public speaking and marketing. Charlie is looking forward to taking a leading role in relaunching Presdales Pride Club next year and intends to take this opportunity to maximise the positive impact of our Pride Club in our school community while she is in Sixth Form. While at University, Charlie hopes to take what she has learnt with us into other schools.

COVID

Thank you for your continued support in taking LFTs. If any student has a positive LFT this should then be confirmed by a PCR test. Please inform the school of any positive tests via covid@presdales.herts.sch.uk.

PressTales

Please click <u>here</u> for this week's edition of PressTales.

I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Regards

Matt Warren Headteacher



