



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Student/Parent/Carer

We thought March to the end of the Summer Term last year was unlike anything we had experienced in teaching, then came this academic year. We are so proud of what our community has achieved over this past year. Our students have been amazing. They have been adaptable, creative, resilient and have understood the complexities of decisions we have had to make to keep the school running. I would like to thank our students for their support this year. We know there have been tough times, and for some, these continue, but we have come through this year together.

The staff at Presdales are outstanding and have continued to give their all throughout this year. Our teaching staff have learned new skills in delivering remote lessons; they have adapted schemes of work, completed the TAG process at short notice and continued to provide a high quality education for our students in challenging times. Our support staff have worked tirelessly to keep the school running. My thanks goes to all of our staff for everything they have done this year.

Our thanks also goes to you, the parent body. Your support of what we have had to do to keep the school going has been greatly appreciated. Individual messages of thanks from parents to staff throughout the year have been welcomed as they always give a lift, thank you.

Staff Farewells

We say farewell to several staff this year due to a mixture of promotions, relocations, new careers and retirement. Thank you to all staff who are moving on, we are grateful for the care you have shown to our students and wish you all well. I am pleased to say that we are fully staffed for September.

Covid

A reminder to complete the [consent survey](#) for on-site testing in September if you have not previously given consent, or you wish to remove consent. **The survey will close on Sunday 8th August.**

Year Group Activities

Thank you to our pastoral team for organising an afternoon of games/swimming/ice-creams for each Year group over the past two weeks. We are sorry that the Year 12 students missed out on this due to their bubble closing. This week, we welcomed back our Year 9 bubble. Thank you to the PE department who organised an extra sports day for Year 9, as they missed the full sports day when the bubble was closed.

The Blackstone Journal

Before Easter, Dr Ellis set up The Blackstone Journal. This is a student edited Sixth Form Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences journal. The aim has been to encourage writing in the Sixth Form. After a huge amount of work by the wonderful Year 12 editorial team and the fantastic group of writers from the Sixth Form, the [first issue](#) has been published. Thank you to all involved; we look forward to future editions.

Safer Schools Newsletter

Click [here](#) for the latest copy of the safer schools newsletter from Hertfordshire Constabulary.

PressTales

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

Transport for Students

We would like to make you aware of the availability of a 16 seater bus service that operates from the outlying villages to Presdales and Richard Hale from September. Mick Parker's bus service currently collects students from Newgate Street and Little Berkhamsted towards Essendon. Each year, Mick will define his route according to need, if you are interested in finding out more about this bespoke bus service, please email the school on admin@presdales.herts.sch.uk.

General

We hope that September brings some sense of normality back to school life, although I have a feeling I wrote this last year as well! We look forward to all students back in specialist classrooms, lunchtime clubs and going on trips. In particular, the school musical which is due to take place in February 2022. Year 7 and 12 students will return on Friday 3rd September with the whole school back on Monday 6th September.

I wish you all a pleasant and enjoyable summer break.

Best wishes

Matthew Warren

Headteacher