



# PRESDALES SCHOOL

*Achievement for all*

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

## **Student Success**

Congratulations to Ellie Bostock (Year 9) who has been selected to represent Hertfordshire Schools at the English Schools Athletic Association Track and Field Championships this weekend. Ellie is competing in the shot competition, and is already the county champion and county record holder in her age group. We wish her all the best for this weekend.

## **PSHE**

Thank you to Mrs Fry and her team for organising and delivering the recent PSHE days for Year 9 and 10 students.

The Year 9 workshop day investigated a number of issues, including Child Sexual Exploitation, alcohol and drug awareness (delivered by Future Hope), healthy living, being a critical consumer and appropriate viewing.

The Year 10 workshop day investigated a number of issues, including CSE, alcohol and risk, long-term relationships, staying safe in relationships, sexual health and blood/organ donation.

The students were excellent on both days, working hard and participating fully.

Over the past two weeks, Year 10 have also received assemblies from our local PCSO (Police Community Support Officer). These have focussed on anti-social behaviour in the community, drug and alcohol use and raising awareness of how gangs operate by targeting young people.

## **Year 6 2021**

Yesterday was due to be the countywide Year 6-7 transition day. Unfortunately, due to Covid, the in-person day was cancelled. However, yesterday we were able to provide an online experience for our new Year 7 students. The students were sent a pre-recorded assembly, then they all joined live Google Meets with their new form and form tutor, where they completed several 'getting to know you' activities. Whilst it was not the same as seeing them in person, it was good to put a face to the name. We have 142 of the Year 6s attending the summer school we will be running in August.

I would like to thank Mrs Bowden (Head of Year 7 in September), Mrs Chandler and their admin support team for the transition process that we have been able to provide. This has included visiting every one of the 45 primary schools where our students are coming from to meet every child who is joining us.

## **C1s**

Pastoral leaders are reporting that they are spending a significant amount of time replying to parents who are challenging the school when a C1 has been given to their child. Our behaviour policy is designed to reward where possible, but also to have a consequence for students who fall short of our expectations. The vast majority of students who get a C1 change their behaviour at that point and no further action is required, so the C1 has been successful. There is no detention given for a C1, but it is logged on the system so we can monitor behaviour across all subjects. Staff do not give out consequences unless there is a valid reason to do so.



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## Minibus

We have taken delivery of a new school minibus. The old white one has served us well, but we won't be sad to see it go!



I wish you all a pleasant weekend; is it coming home?

Regards

Matt Warren

Headteacher