



# PRESDALES SCHOOL

*Achievement for all*

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

The past seven weeks seems to have flown by, although it does seem an age ago since we were testing every student twice in the sports hall. Our COVID cases have been up and down over this half term and we remain cautious as we go into the winter months. I would like to thank the students, who have been exemplary since we returned in September.

### **Staff Farewell**

We say farewell today to Mrs Dewbrey, who, after being at Presdales since 2009, is retiring. Mrs Dewbrey has fulfilled a number of roles at Presdales, most recently as our Principle First Aider. We wish Mrs Dewbrey all the best for the future. We welcome Miss Cook, who started with us on Monday.

### **Army STEM Days**

Over the past few days, we have welcomed the Army into school to deliver our annual STEM activity days to Year 7. Whilst the rain attempted to wash out Wednesday, the girls enjoyed numerous activities aimed at developing their creative thinking, teamwork, knowledge and understanding of STEM. Thank you to Mrs Warburton for arranging the day.

### **Secondary Transfer Tours**

We have now completed all of our tours, with over 300 families visiting the school. Parents and students saw us as we are on a normal day in school and at the end of every tour comments were made about how calm the school is. I would like to thank the students who led tours; parents commented that they were a credit to the school.

### **Parents Association/Raffle Prizes**

Thank you to those of you that have offered support or raffle prizes after last week's update. If you are able to help the PTA or are able to donate a prize for the raffle, then please complete the Google form [here](#).

### **Duke of Edinburgh**

Good luck to the 14 students who are off to Wales over half term for their 5-day Gold Award qualifying expedition.

### **COVID testing**

A reminder to the students to continue taking LFTs over half term, and before their return on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### **Student Success**

Well done to Ruby Barr, Year 10, who recently competed in the Horse of the Year Show. Ruby, who was the youngest competitor in her competition class (Pony ShowJumper of the Year), came a respectable 11<sup>th</sup> out of 26 starters, each of whom had qualified through numerous rounds to get to the final.



I wish the students a restful and enjoyable break over the half term and a safe journey to anyone who is travelling. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Kind regards

Mr M Warren  
Headteacher