



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parents/Carers/Students

In the week we mark International Women's Day, we have certainly had a lot to celebrate. We welcomed back mixed year group assemblies into the hall after such a long break due to Covid. The theme for this year's IWD is "Break the Bias" which highlights the importance of challenging biases and misconceptions in the interest of creating a more inclusive gender-equal world. We know we still have a long way to go but it was important to share with the students this week the role we all have to play in advocating for change and raising awareness.

National Careers Week 2022

There have been many activities happening in school this week, with lunchtime talks every day showcasing different careers presented by ex-students and parents including, Medicine, Law, Retail, Journalism and Performing Arts. It was lovely to see over 100 students each day participating in these talks and asking such interesting questions.

Year 12s have also participated in careers workshops in different sectors such as Finance, Engineering and Media. The students (and staff) were particularly excited by the presence of a Blue Cross therapy dog.

The week has culminated in a "Big Interview Day" where Year 10s had mock interviews with industry professionals. They have been working on their CVs and an application letter for their dream job. We have also had some interview skills workshops to help prepare for the day. The next step is a work-shadowing day in July and then they will be ready for their future career!

Thank you to all of the visitors that have been involved in this week. It is amazing to see how many of our Alumni have gone on to participate in such impressive careers and lovely that they can share these experiences with our current students.

If you would like to be involved with future events, please complete this [Google Form](#) and our Careers Lead, Julie Stephenson, will be in contact.

Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening

Thank you to everyone involved in the Parents' Evening on Monday 7th March. Attendance from parents and students was very high. Thank you for the positive comments that were made to staff during the evening.

Romeo and Juliet

On Tuesday 8th March, the Young Shakespeare Company visited Year 11s to perform a modern adaptation of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet'. Funny, exciting and unique: this version of the play incorporated the drama and fast-paced action of Shakespeare's original text with contemporary costumes and modern humour! By seeing the performance on the stage - the way it was meant to be seen - the Year 11s were able to fully understand this complex GCSE text.

Sports News

Congratulations to the Under 14 Hockey team who became County Champions this week. They beat The Royal Masonic School 4-0 in the semi-finals and then went to beat Queenswood 2-0 in the final, a victory so well deserved!

A well done also goes to the Year 8/9 indoor athletics team who won the County Academy Cup at the Lee Valley Athletics Centre last night.

Advance Notice - The U16 Girls County Cup Football Final

This final is taking place on Wednesday 30th March, against Ashlyns School. This is the first time Presdales has ever reached a football final, so it would be great to see as many of you there, supporting the team!

The match will kick off at 7.30pm, with access to the stadium for spectators from 7pm. It is being played at Cheshunt Football Club, The Stadium, Theobolds Lane, Waltham Cross, EN8 8RU.

There is plenty of on-site parking, and as it is a 'proper' football club, there is even a stand to keep you dry if it rains!

Inset Day

We would like to remind you that we have an Inset day on Thursday 17th March. Students will not be expected in school on this day.

HCC Communication regarding Ukraine

HCC have shared the following information with schools following requests from parents and students for information on how they can help.

Financial donations to organisations that have a presence on the borders is the most effective means of providing support to families in need. Community collections tend to be resource intensive and can involve costly logistics whilst transporting goods through many countries can be frustratingly slow. Therefore, we are not supporting local collection points at this time.

Please click [here](#) for further information of how you can help.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Mrs S Miller

Deputy Headteacher