



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

PressTales

Please click [here](#) for the latest edition of PressTales. This includes information from several subjects as well as current vacancies for teaching and support roles in the school.

Parent Survey

Each year we ask parents to complete a short survey. The responses are shared with our Trust Board and inform our School Evaluation Document and School Improvement Plan for 2022-23. The questions are the same as those that Ofsted would ask parents to complete and we have added extra questions at the end about school improvement. The survey will close at 9:00am on Monday 25th April. I would be grateful if you could take the time to complete the [survey](#).

Music Concert

Well done to those students who took part in the music concert last evening. The quality of performances was high. It was a pleasure to hear the students perform, including original compositions, and to see students lead and conduct ensembles. Thank you to all of the instrumental staff who attended, and Mrs Hetherington and Mrs Shakespeare for organising the concert.

Year 10 Learn 4 Living Day

This week Year 10 students were off timetable to participate in a variety of Learn 4 Living workshops. The themes included a workshop delivered by Glia Learning on motivation and learning strategies (with a parent webinar in the evening) and also workshops covering online safety, caring for our mental health and stress management. It was great to see students taking part and gaining strategies/information that will support them as they move on into Year 11. Thank you to Mrs Fry for leading the day.

Year 7 Super Curriculum

A reminder to all Year 7 students that you have been asked to complete a Super Curriculum task over the Easter holidays. We recommend that you select a different subject area to the last task you did to broaden your horizons and deepen your knowledge and skill across more than one subject area. You can access the Super Curriculum Google Site [here](#); please take some time to look over the wide range of tasks teachers have put together. We look forward to seeing the tasks you have completed on your return from the Easter break.

HCC Update

As we step into spring, we're encouraging residents to be kind and stay healthy by following simple steps to live life safely with COVID-19, stop the spread and protect others. For up-to-date information go to <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/covidliving>

The simple steps people are encouraged to follow are:

- Be kind – respect people wearing masks or keeping their distance from you. They may well be very vulnerable to infection
- Be informed – know your level of risk and get good, trusted advice on managing it
- Be vaccinated or boosted – ensure you and those around you are vaccinated when invited
- Be safe – manage your risk when socially mixing (hands, face, space, fresh air)
- Be prepared – if you get Covid, stay at home and get early treatment should you need it
- Be supported – as well as your family and friends, HertsHelp can offer support

COVID-19 vaccination

Vaccination continues to offer the best protection for ourselves and others around us from becoming seriously ill from COVID-19. There are lots of walk-in options available locally for first, second doses and boosters, you can find your nearest vaccination centre and also book an appointment at: <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/>

The national booking system for healthy 5- to -11 year olds to receive their COVID-19 vaccination will open from 2 April. Parents and carers can book appointments at larger vaccination centres and in some community pharmacies. Appointments will also be available at some GP run sites, if so they will contact you directly and you can book through your practice.

Vaccinations are already available for clinically vulnerable 5- to 11-year-olds, and children in this age group who live with someone who has a weakened immune system. Until now vaccinations for this 'at risk' group of children have been available through GPs and special schools, but parents and carers will also be able to book through these through the national booking service from 2 April.

For more information on vaccinations for this age group visit: <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/vaccine-information-for-young-people>

Stay at home if you have symptoms

Guidance remains that if you have symptoms of COVID-19, **(a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)**, you should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, regardless of a positive test result. [Get advice about staying at home and avoiding contact with others](#)

There is support available locally to help people who need to self-isolate, call HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044, email info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net

Please don't send children and young people back to school following the Easter holidays if they have any symptoms or feel unwell. There continues to be a high number of outbreaks across Hertfordshire's childcare and education settings – they need our support to help protect our communities and have the least disruption to children's learning and development as possible.

We'd like to once again say thank you for continuing to play your part and for helping to keep yourselves and others safe. We hope you enjoy a great Easter break.

Hertfordshire County Council

Sport

On Wednesday evening, our U16 football team played in the County Cup final at Cheshunt stadium. Whilst the team were beaten 3-1 by a strong team from Ashlyns School, they all did themselves proud. It was a freezing evening and the girls never stopped running, putting in tackles and trying their very best. I know they were disappointed at the end but, in time, I do hope they acknowledge the achievement of being the first Presdales football team to reach a County final. Thank you to Mr Macrae for leading and coaching the team, which he does on a voluntary basis. There have been several sporting achievements this term by our students: well done to all those who have participated.

To the students

Please take time to relax over the break. Whilst I know Year 11 and 13 students will be revising hard, it is still important that you take time out for yourself. Thank you to all of you for your hard work this term.

I wish you all a pleasant Easter break and we look forward to seeing our students return to school on **Tuesday 19th April**.

Regards

Mr M Warren
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