



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

Well done to our Year 11 students, who have now completed their first week of exams. The sense from the students is that they are going well. Getting the first week over is always a positive milestone, as the anticipation of exams starting is often worse than actually taking them.

Uniform

I want to take this opportunity to remind students of our expectations on our school uniform.

- Sixth form students are expected to follow the Sixth Form dress code
- Students who have their ears pierced may wear only a single pair of small studs in the lower earlobe; there should be no facial studs or rings at all. The only earrings permitted are those that have a butterfly back. If a student wishes to have any piercings other than a single piercing in the lower earlobe, then they will be required to remove these during school time regardless of whether the piercing has healed or not
- Students are not permitted to wear items of jewellery other than earrings as described above
- Acrylic nails or any other type of false nails are not allowed
- Students are not allowed to wear coloured nail varnish
- No make-up should be worn by students in Years 7 and 8. Discreet natural make-up is permitted thereafter (but no eye make-up or false eye-lashes)
- Hair dyed other than a completely natural colour is unacceptable and hair below shoulder length should be tied back during practical sessions for safety reasons. Hairstyles should be appropriate for a smart office environment and must not be extreme in style or length. No shaved patterns are permitted, and the length should not be shorter than a 'number two'
- Skirts should be of an appropriate length, which is just above the knee. We know that several students own skirts that are for younger students and although not rolled over at the top they are shorter than is expected.
- **Outdoors:** Students may wear any plain dark navy or black coat provided that it is undecorated. Leather coats are not acceptable. Therefore wearing a hoodie is not permitted. Students may choose to wear one to and from school, but it needs to be taken off and put in their bag before entering the school site. If worn, these items will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.

Thank you to students and parents for their support in adhering to the above.

Duke of Edinburgh

Good luck to the 125 Year 9 students who are on their Bronze expedition today and tomorrow. The weather this afternoon looks a little better than it was this morning! We are proud of what the school has achieved through the DofE Award. We have the highest number of enrolments in East Hertfordshire out of all the institutions offering the award, and the 4th highest in Hertfordshire. Well done to all of the students on the award, and thank you to Miss Haywood for leading this in school.

Condition Improvement Fund (CIF)

We have been successful in a recent fire safety bid to replace the majority of our internal fire doors and the fire alarm system. The bid is worth c. £300,000 and we expect work to begin over the summer. Thank you to Angela Caira, School Business Manager and Jon Fairbrother, Premises Manager for putting the bid together.

I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Mr M Warren
Headteacher