



# PRESDALES SCHOOL

*Achievement for all*

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

## **Work Shadowing - Year 10 and Year 12**

Thank you to those parents who have offered placements following my communication before half term. Several students are still looking, so if you are able to offer a one-day placement in a business you own, or if your company would be willing to take a student, then please contact Mrs Julie Stephenson, Deputy Headteacher on [jstephenson@presdales.herts.sch.uk](mailto:jstephenson@presdales.herts.sch.uk).

## **Year 7-9 Students**

Well done on completing your first week of exams. The teachers have been impressed with your attitude and focus during this week.

## **Year 9 - Head of Key Stage Change**

To allow Ms Chandler, Assistant Headteacher KS3, the capacity to lead on the transition process for our new Year 7s, Mrs Sykes, Assistant Headteacher KS4 will now be supporting students in Year 9 along with Mrs Fry.

## **Parent Survey**

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the parent survey. We shared the outcomes with our Trust Board before half term. We are pleased with the overall results of the survey which show that you trust us to educate, protect and support your children. We have always fostered a culture of continual improvement at Presdales and will keep working hard to improve further. An overview of the results can be found [here](#).

## **Parent Association**

The PTA is always looking for new members to support with their fundraising and events in school. If you can help in anyway, then please email [PTA@presdales.herts.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@presdales.herts.sch.uk).

## **Standon Calling Ticket Opportunity**

We have been able to secure an exclusive discount for Standon Calling Festival for families of Presdales students. Please use the unique code that can be found [here](#).

## **The Ogden Trust**

Presdales has successfully bid to become an Ogden Trust Partnership lead school. The Ogden Trust aims to increase the uptake of Physics post-16 by supporting physics education and engagement for all young people (4-18), particularly those in under-represented groups. The Trust supports schools, teachers, projects and programmes that are committed to enhancing physics teaching and learning. Presdales will work in partnership with local primary and secondary schools.

**Ex-Student Success**

Well done to Lottie Mills (left Presdales in 2019) who has secured her first book deal, which will be published at the beginning of 2024. Lottie was shortlisted in the BBC Young Writer competition in 2018, when only 16 years old. She then went on to win the competition in 2020. Lottie is currently in her final year at Cambridge University. "I'm absolutely delighted to be working with Juliet and the whole team at Oneworld," Mills said. "They have shown such a rich understanding of my vision for Monstrum, and I can't wait to embark on my debut with them. As a disabled person, I have so often been frustrated with how outsiderhood, and especially disability, has been misrepresented in fiction. I hope that my collection will subvert these ingrained narratives, and serve as a celebration of difference."

I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Mr M Warren  
Headteacher