



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

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Well done to all Year 7, 8 and 9 students, who finish their internal end of year exams today. Good luck to Year 10 and 12 students who started their exams on Wednesday; these run for the next two weeks.

Train Strike

As I am sure you are aware, there is a train strike next week that will disrupt the journey to and from school for several of our students. I am sure that they have already made alternative arrangements to get to and from school. For all parents dropping children off by car, please be mindful that the traffic will likely be heavier due to more people on the road. Whilst there will be disruption, we do expect all students to attend as normal.

Visit to Parliament

Charlie Waring, Deputy Head Girl, was invited to a Parliamentary Reception to celebrate 50 years of Pride in the UK. They were invited by Amnesty International UK due to her campaigning work with them over the last year. There were speeches from the first openly gay MP - Lord Smith of Finsbury - who is now in the House of Lords, and from the Chair of Amnesty International UK, Sen Raj. 'We all celebrated the achievements for LGBTQ+ rights since the first pride march, but also agreed there's still a way to go. It was really exciting to attend this event and it has inspired me to keep campaigning for equality.'



Midday Supervisory Assistants (MSAs)

We are looking to appoint MSAs to join our team to supervise students at lunchtime in the Dining Room and around the school. This is a term-time only post, Monday-Friday 12.00-2.00 pm. An application form and further details are available on our school website.

Free School Meals

As the cost of living crisis continues to be challenging for many families, I wanted to remind parents to check whether their child is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). We know that there are families who are eligible, but do not apply for the support. The school also benefits when children are in receipt of FSMs, as we are given an additional allowance to support these students. This can be used to offer financial support in several areas, such as trips, extra tuition and learning materials. Further information can be found [here](#).

Parent Association - Raffle for weekend family camping ticket for Standon Calling

The Parents Association will be holding a raffle to win a weekend family camping ticket for two adults and two under 18s. To enter the raffle, students need to bring £2 in an envelope with their name on and hand it in to the Main Office. They can enter as many times as they like. **All proceeds will go towards the school.** The draw will take place on Friday 1st July and the winner will be contacted by the school.

I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Mr M Warren
Headteacher