



# PRESDALES SCHOOL

*Achievement for all*

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

Last year, Ofsted removed the directive which meant that schools who had achieved an Outstanding grade in their last inspection would not be re-inspected. Within Hertfordshire, there are only two secondary schools who have been inspected further back than Presdales; our last full inspection was in 2008. All year, we have been waiting for the call from Ofsted, and we still wait. Since September 2021, only 20% of previously outstanding schools that have been inspected have kept their outstanding grade. The new framework that was released in September 2019 is much more rigorous than previous frameworks and the agenda is to reduce the number of outstanding schools in the country. We are determined to demonstrate that Presdales is an outstanding school and will do so in the context of the above. We continue to seek ways to improve what we do, and will always do so.

I think we can all reflect back on another successful year. We anticipate fantastic outcomes for our Year 11 and 13 students, trips are back up and running, school events are taking place again and hundreds of students are taking part in extracurricular activities every week.

As we reach the summer break, I want to say thank you to our staff, students, and parents for the collective role everyone has played this year in providing, what I believe, to be an outstanding educational experience for our students. Everyone has played their part, and all parts are of equal importance.

## PressTales

Please click [here](#) for the last PressTales edition of the year.

## House Assembly

Today, for the first time in three years we held a full school assembly in the sports hall. Prizes were awarded for sports and house events. We were privileged to hear Rosie Wemyss-Cook sing. Rosie won the Presdales Rocks Songwriting competition on Monday.



### **Duke of Edinburgh**

Well done to all students who, over the past two weeks, have completed their Silver or Gold expeditions. We continue to attract high numbers of students to this worthwhile program, with a cohort of 22 students due to finish their Gold Award in the Autumn Term. This morning, we had the pleasure of presenting 132 students in Year 9 with their Bronze Award certificates and badges. Thank you to Miss Haywood for her leadership of DofE at Presdales.

### **Swimming Gala**

Well done to the students who took part in the Swimming Gala last Friday. There were many students participating who had never competed before. Thank you to the PE team for organising and running the event.

### **Sports Awards**

Thank you to those parents who were brave enough to battle the heat and attend the Presdales Sports Awards Evening on Tuesday. Whilst it was very warm in the hall, it was a pleasure to hear about the success of our students in local and regional fixtures. Well done to all nominees and winners and thank you to the PE team for providing the opportunities for our students to participate in so many different sports.

### **Year 9 Visit to the National Gallery**

A group of Year 9 students visited the National Gallery yesterday. Staff who accompanied the students were very impressed with their behaviour and engagement in the gallery tour. Thank you to Mrs Jennings for organising the trip.



### **Ware Town Council**

Thank you to Ware Town Council who have provided the school with a £2,000 grant towards the refurbishment of the gym floor. This takes Presdales' grant income for the year to £24,400. Thank you to Mrs Albone who seeks out grants and applies for them on behalf of the school, they are a vital source of income.

### **Message to the Students**

Thank you for being a fantastic group of young people. I do hope that you take time to reflect on your successes this year. Enjoy the summer break, keep in touch with your friends, keep safe and take time to relax and switch off.

*PS please ensure that all those false eyelashes and acrylic nails that have appeared this week are removed before the first day of the new term!*

Wishing you all an enjoyable summer break.

Best wishes

Mr M Warren  
Headteacher