



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parents/Carers/Students

As a school, we wish to pay our respects and condolences to the Royal Family for the loss of their mother, grandmother and great grandmother. The public show of grief can often trigger personal memories and we have been mindful in school today for those in our community who have lost close relatives and friends over the past few years. For many of us, Queen Elizabeth II has been a constant figure throughout our lives. When we set up our house system several years ago, the students selected Windsor to be one of our houses because the school values of integrity, kindness and resilience were epitomised by our Queen.

Information Evenings

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the Year 7 Information Evening last night. It was good to hear that your children have settled in well to life at Presdales. I do hope that you found the evening informative and that it was useful to meet your child's form tutor again.

A reminder that we will be running information evenings for all year groups:

- Year 8 - Tuesday 27th September 2022 - 8pm
- Year 9 - Tuesday 27th September 2022 – 7pm
- Year 10 - Tuesday 20th September 2022 - 7pm
- Year 11 - Tuesday 20th September 2022 - 8pm
- Year 12 - Tuesday 13th September 2022 - 7pm
- Year 13 - Tuesday 13th September 2022 - 8pm

Punctuality

As from Monday, students who arrive late to school (8.40am onwards) will receive a break time detention on the day they are late. There is a warning bell at 8.35am when students should make their way to their form room. Students who are on buses that arrive late will not receive a detention, nor will students who are late when it is clear that there are significant traffic issues which affect many students. All students have been made aware of this change.

Maths Homework for Years 7 - 11

This year we are launching a new platform in Maths for students to complete their homework on, Sparx Maths. It is similar to Hegarty Maths but provides a more personalised learning experience for every student. Students will be shown the platform during their lessons next week. Please watch [this short video](#) explaining how Sparx Maths works and how you can support your child with their homework. If you have any questions, please get in touch with your child's teacher or Miss McCallum (kmccallum@presdales.herts.sch.uk).

Well done to all students, it has been a very positive week in school. Several thousand reward points have already been given out. Many extra-curricular activities have started and others will commence soon. We encourage all students to participate in at least one club. The extra-curricular timetable will be published next week.

Finally, please can I direct parents to my communication earlier this week regarding parent trustees.

I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Regards

Mr M Warren