



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

Student Leadership

We are very pleased to announce that we have successfully appointed our Deputy and Assistant Heads of House. These students will join our Head and Deputy Head Girl, Heads of House and Senior Students on the student leadership team.

Deputy Heads of House - Year 12

Curie	Sevgi Redif
Frank	Holly Hart
Nightingale	Tilly Parker
Pankhurst	Sophie Burgess
Parks	Lucy Bloomer
Windsor	Evie Martin

Assistant Heads of House - Year 10

Curie	Isla Threlfall
Frank	Anna Starovoit
Nightingale	Cynthia Kasonde
Pankhurst	Nefeli Tsamili
Parks	Bella Gray
Windsor	Bethany Botheras

STEAM Week

This week has been STEAM week at Presdales. On Monday, Year 8 students participated in a virtual STEM morning, which was hosted by The Processing & Packaging Machinery Association. This was a great opportunity to find out about Engineering Careers and the skills required for the jobs of the future. On Wednesday, Medical Mavericks spent time with Year 9. They explored different professions in the NHS and had a chance to try out a range of medical equipment. On Thursday morning, Dr Tina Chowdhury came in and talked to students in the Upper School about her research and work in Bioengineering. Then Simon Green and Chelsie Green gave a presentation to Year 10 about Green Building Design. Today, Year 9 students have been taking part in a DT careers morning where they have been in six different sessions covering topics such as: fashion design, fashion buying, lighting, marketing and other areas of the design and textiles industry. Thank you to those parents and ex-students who have given up their time to deliver these sessions.

Trips

Over half term, 40 students went to New York and Washington on the Politics trip. This trip has been in the diary for several years, as it was postponed each year due to Covid. The students had a fantastic time. Thank you to Mr Spurgeon for organising this trip.

As I write this, 170 Year 8 students are on their way home from the Isle of Wight, where they have been since Wednesday. I have seen several photos, including a very wet Mr Payne on a zip wire! I do hope that the students have had an enjoyable time away. Thank you to Mrs Share for organising the trip, and all the staff who have accompanied the students.

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

As a school we are trying to better celebrate and support students who have English as an additional language. The Department for Education records a pupil as using EAL if 'they are exposed to a language at home other than English'. Whilst we believe we have an up to date list of students who have English as an additional language, we would like to update our records. If you think this applies to your child please could you fill in this [form](#) by next Friday, so that we can find out a bit more about our students' experiences and put on the right kind of events for them.

Parents Association

The PA are looking for a new treasurer. If you are interested and would like to help, then please email pa@presdales.herts.sch.uk.

I wish you all a pleasant weekend.

Mr M Warren
Headteacher