



# PRESDALES SCHOOL

*Achievement for all*

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

During this week, I have had the privilege of delivering assemblies to all students about Remembrance. Each year, we take time to reflect on those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and those who continue to offer their service to us all by working in the Armed Forces as well as the Police, Fire Service and NHS. A particular focus of the assembly was on those soldiers from commonwealth countries who fought in WW1 who returned home to discrimination instead of celebration. I know that some students will attend remembrance services this weekend, and others may watch the service from the Cenotaph on TV. I asked all students to take some personal time to reflect on what remembrance means to them. We observed a two-minute silence today at the beginning of period 3.

## PresTales

Please click [here](#) for our latest edition of PresTales which includes information on this year's Christmas lunch, recent school trips and much more.

## Sixth Form Open Evening

Thank you to all students in the Sixth Form who came last night to support departments and to be tour guides. There were so many positive comments from current parents and prospective families about how well-informed, polite and articulate our students are. The Open Evening is an important event in our school calendar. It is always a pleasure to show students and parents what life in the Sixth Form at Presdales is about.

## Breakfast

We are resuming our breakfast service in the canteen. Students can now purchase items between 8.00am and 8.30am.

## Parent Association

We would like to thank our PA for their kind donation to the Music department for the purpose of purchasing a new set of keyboards and stands for students to use in lessons. We look forward to these arriving in the next few weeks.

## Key dates

Key dates for this term can be found on the school [website](#). In particular, I draw your attention to the occasional day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and the inset day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. It has been confirmed that there will be an extra bank holiday next year for the coronation. School will be closed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

## Automated emails from InTouch and Edulink

Please be reminded that blanket email communications from school via InTouch (Presdales School) and Edulink are not to be replied to, as they are not monitored. Please use the admin email address, or search for the appropriate member of staff on our school [website](#) and email them directly.

### **Support for Autism and ADHD in Hertfordshire (From HCC)**

The Autism and ADHD transformation programme, which includes Hertfordshire County Council, NHS trusts, HPCI and local voluntary organisations, has been working hard to improve services for families and young people.

A key area of work has been ensuring you know where you can go to access support in your local area. This will hopefully help you get access to support as early as you can.

To find out more about the support available please watch this [3-minute animation](#) or visit the [Herts Local Offer](#).

Wishing you all a pleasant and restful weekend.

Mr M Warren  
Headteacher