



# PRESDALES SCHOOL

*Achievement for all*

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

## Anti-Bullying Week – Reach Out

The theme for this year's National Anti-Bullying campaign is Reach Out. The key message delivered to students in assemblies this week is that we all have the power to make decisions about how we treat everyone and that working together and reaching out will bring about the biggest change in our effort to stop bullying. You can watch the official video from the campaign [here](#).

Over the course of the last year we have been working towards achieving the United Against Bullying BRONZE School status and we are delighted to say that we were awarded this in July. We are currently working towards the next level of the award. This is not an easy award programme and we are incredibly proud of what you have achieved!

## Dance Show

Congratulations to those students who took part in our two dance shows this week. The level of performance was high and it was clear that the students thoroughly enjoyed being on stage. Thank you to Miss Fentiman and the rest of the PE team who organised the event, and also to those students who choreographed the group dances. We were grateful to Mrs Susan Barber, Mayor of Hertford, who was in attendance on Wednesday evening. The Mayor was very impressed with the quality of the show.



## Parent Association and EdfundUK

We would like to thank our PA for their kind donation to the Biology Department enabling them to purchase large 3D animal and plant cell models. These models form part of a larger initiative for which we would also like to thank EdfundUK for their continued valuable support which has enabled us to purchase a range of anatomical models and create a dissection 'specimen library'. This exciting initiative will support our small specialist MedSoc group and Science Club, as well as A-Level and GCSE Biology/Science and KS3 Science by enabling them to visualise structures using a 3D, tactile approach and discovering how things physically fit together.

### **World Hello Day - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

As part of World Hello Day, Mrs Willett has been working with some of our students who have English as an additional language. They meet once a month for breakfast. World Hello Day is a secular holiday observed annually on November 21<sup>st</sup> to express that conflicts should be resolved through communication rather than the use of force. The aim is to verbally greet ten people or more on that day as an expression of the importance of personal communication in preserving peace. [Here](#) are some of Presdales' bi-lingual students saying hello.

### **Year 11 and 13 Mock Examinations**

Good luck to all students in Year 11 and 13 who start their mock exams on Monday. We know they have been working hard towards these assessments. They are important as they will give the school and the student an indication of what they may achieve in the public exams next summer.

### **Summer Public Exams**

The public exams will start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May for both GCSE and A Level.

The contingency dates for the summer exams have now been published. These are dates which can be used in the event of significant national or local disruption to the exams. All students in Year 11 and 13 must be available for these dates:

- ***Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June PM***
- ***Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June PM***
- ***Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June - All day***

Wishing you all a pleasant and restful weekend.

Mr M Warren  
Headteacher