



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

Well done to all Year 11 and 13 students on a successful first week of their mock exams. We have been impressed with their attitude and in particular how the Year 11 students are making the most of the study time they have had in school between exams. Please keep this up.

Pastoral Reminders for Students

- It is getting colder, in and outside of school, but coats are not allowed to be worn in lessons. Students are allowed to wear a short or long-sleeved T Shirt under their school shirt (it also needs to be white)
- Students should not be using their mobile phones in lessons (unless given permission to do so by their teacher), in the corridor between lessons, queuing up for break or lunch, or just generally walking around school. Mobile phone usage is only at break and lunchtime and only outside of the school building. Sixth Form students are allowed to use their phones in Sixth Form areas (not the dining room)
- Students should not be wearing false nails or false eyelashes
- Whilst the hall is out of action for exams, students are allowed in their zone rooms at break time. This will revert back to the hall as soon as the exams are finished. However, if zone rooms are left in a mess at the end of break or lunch, you will lose the privilege of being allowed to use them.
- Students that have a packed lunch are allowed to eat in the dining room when it is their year group's rotation, or if the lunch supervisors can see there is space in the dining room
- If you are purchasing breakfast in the dining room before school, this needs to be consumed in the dining room and not anywhere else in the school building

Thank you for your support with all of the above.

School Charity

I am pleased to announce that our school charity for this year is the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow. We look forward to running several charity events during the year and raising as much money as we can.

Home Run App

Presdales School is pleased to be taking part in a pilot scheme operated by Herts County Council called the Home Run network. This scheme provides an app that you can download to enable you to be able to arrange carpools, travel buddies and explore travel options to and from school. It will also help Presdales towards becoming a greener school by reducing our carbon footprint.

We would encourage you to sign up to the Home Run App in order for this service to be as effective as possible. **Please click the link [here](#) to sign up to our private network.**

Food Bank Donation

We would like to give you advance warning that the Deputy Heads of House will be organising a donation to the Hertford and Ware food banks. Further information will be sent out next week, with regards to the type of items that are suitable for donation. Items can be donated from Tuesday 6th to 9th December.

We hope that with the rise in living costs and Christmas fast approaching you feel able to contribute to this worthy cause.

PressTales

Please find the link [here](#) for this week's PressTales which has lots of information about upcoming events.

Christmas Raffle 2022

The PA have organised a Christmas Raffle to help to raise money for the school. It is one of our biggest fundraisers each year and we hope you are able to support this.

Students should have brought home tickets this week and first prize is a family ticket for Standon Calling music festival in July 2023. Students can return their money and the ticket stubs to the main office over the next few weeks. As an added incentive, there will be a prize for the form that sells the most raffle tickets in each year group.

Reminder

I would like to remind you that School is closed on Friday 2nd December for an occasional day and Monday 5th for an inset day.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Mr M Warren
Headteacher