



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

December Dates

- **Friday 2nd December:** School is closed for an Occasional Day.
- **Monday 5th December:** School is closed for an Inset Day.
- **Wednesday 14th December: Christmas lunch will be served.** The students are permitted to wear their Christmas jumpers throughout the day, with normal school uniform. This is optional.
- **Thursday 15th December: Christmas Non-Uniform Day.** The Charity Committee would like everyone to take part and to make a £2.00 donation. Donations can be made using Wisepay. The funds raised will be split equally between our supported charity, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, and the student led school council.
- **Monday 19th December: Speech Day.** School ends at **12.30 pm** for all those students not involved in Speech Day in the afternoon. Golden Boy Coach (E85) and Micks Travel will call at school at 12.30pm. The other coaches will arrive at the usual time as they also have to serve other local schools. If your child is unable to be collected early, then they can stay in school until the coaches arrive at the normal time. Year 12 students who were not at Presdales for their Year 11 are not required to be in school on this day.
- **Wednesday 21st December: Last day of term.** Students are dismissed at 12.45pm.

Bar Mock Trial

On the Saturday 26th November the Year 12 Bar Mock Trial team was at Snaresbrook Crown Court competing in the Outer London regional heat of the Bar Mock Trial. After a long and exciting day, the team were the winners of the heat and have now qualified for the national finals at the Royal Courts of Justice in London at the end of March. Well done to the students who took part and thank you to Mr Spurgeon for coaching and leading the group.

German Christmas Market

We currently have 84 students out of school on the Dusseldorf Christmas markets trip. They left at 5.30am yesterday and are due back on Saturday. We hope that they have an enjoyable time and that they practice their German whilst there.

Food Bank Donation

As mentioned last week, the Deputy Heads of House have organised a food bank collection for the Hertford & Ware Food Banks. Students can bring their donations to the Pastoral Office from Tuesday 6th to 9th December between 8.40am and 9.05am.

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

Vapes/E-Cigarettes

We have been made increasingly aware of the number of students who are vaping on the way to or from school. We have also recently dealt with an incident of students “vaping” in the toilets. Students should be aware that you must be 18 or over to buy or use vaping products. I have included a couple of images of “vapes” below as some of them are designed to look like highlighter pens and can be difficult to identify as a vape. Should you have any concerns, you may wish to speak to your child about this and maybe check their bag, coat or room for such items. If we are led to believe that a student may have been vaping or have a vape in their possession, then we may have to carry out a search in line with our policy. There is no place for such items in our school. Any student with a vape in their possession will be issued a sanction according to the school’s behaviour for learning policy.



I wish you all a pleasant and restful weekend.

Regards

Mr M Warren
Headteacher