



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parents/Carers/Students

I rarely use this platform to address issues or events that happen outside of Presdales, however I feel the recent tragedy in Solihull should not go unmentioned. Our thoughts are with the families of those young boys who lost their lives in such tragic circumstances. The impact of their deaths will affect so many people in that community for a long time. I would urge all students to be extra careful when anywhere near frozen water. Please do not go on any frozen rivers/lakes and do not attempt to retrieve a pet if they run on the ice and do not come back. You should always call for professional assistance.

December Dates

- **Monday 19th December: Speech Day.** School ends at **12.30pm** for all those students not involved in Speech Day in the afternoon.
- **Wednesday 21st December: Last day of term.** Students are dismissed at 12.45pm.

Adverse Weather

I would like to thank our site team for the hours they put in on Monday to ensure that we could open on Tuesday. Whilst the move to remote learning is now fairly smooth, we do prefer students to be in school. We were disappointed that our annual carol service had to be cancelled. A recorded version will be shared with all parents before the end of term.

Christmas Lunch

Thank you to our canteen staff and all those involved in the planning and delivery of the Christmas lunch on Wednesday. Nearly 950 meals were served in just under two hours. It was a pleasure to see the canteen and hall full of students pulling crackers, laughing and joking and enjoying their meal.

Careers Breakfast Invite

As you may be aware, Presdales School is working towards the Quality In Careers standard. We would like parents to be involved in evaluating the current programme and bringing new ideas they may have to the table. We are running a Careers Breakfast on Friday 13th January from 8:00am to meet and discuss ideas with Julie Stephenson, Careers Lead, and Alison Hobson, Careers link trustee. If you would like to be involved then please email Julie Stephenson on jstephenson@presdales.herts.sch.uk.

For further information on the current careers programme, please click [here](#).

Christmas Sixth Form Revue

Well done to the Year 12 students who organised and delivered our annual Sixth Form Revue. There were three performances on Thursday so that all students could watch. Students from the charity committee also sold refreshments and raised £471.46 for our school charity.

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to the parent association for organising the Christmas raffle. The prizes were drawn today and the lucky winners will be informed in due course. We look forward to next Tuesday, when we have our Christmas Fayre for our Year 7 and 8 students.

Speech Day – Monday 19th December (Reminder)

School will finish at 12.30pm on Speech Day. 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.

All Year 12 students who were Presdales students last year are expected in the morning to rehearse and to be present at Speech Day to collect their certificates, as it takes place during a normal school day.

Year 12 will register as normal at 8.40am and then go promptly to the rehearsal. Year 12 students who joined us this year from a different school are not expected in school on this day at all. There will be no lessons for Year 12. We look forward to celebrating and applauding our students in this way, the first time we have been able to do it in person since 2019!

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Kind regards

Mr M Warren
Headteacher