



24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers/Students

## Netball

Yesterday, three of our netball teams, Seniors, U15 & U13s, played in the County Cup Netball Finals at Presdales. This was a fantastic achievement as the competition only runs for these age groups and we had qualified for all three finals!! Unfortunately, the U15s and Seniors lost their matches with the Seniors' final score being a very close 20-19. However, the U13s won making them County Champions!! Well done to all teams and thanks to the PE department for their amazing coaching on a very rainy afternoon.



## Italian Trip

Welcome home to the Year 9 and 10 Italian students from Roma. We look forward to hearing about their amazing experiences. Thanks to Mrs Evenden and Ms Jennings for the organisation of the trip.

## Parking (again!!)

We have received even more complaints from our local residents about parental parking, in particular, parents parking on the grass verges on Windmill Field Road. I would be very grateful if all parents could be considerate when parking locally, or park further afield and ask your child to walk to meet you.

## Coach Transport on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March (a further reminder...)

School finishes for the Easter break at 12.45pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Normally, the buses pick up the students early. However, we have checked with the school transport providers and they have advised us of the following:

- **Uno** will pick up at 3:30pm as normal
- **Regs** will pick up at 3:30pm as normal
- **Micks** will pick up at 12:45pm
- **Golden Boy E85** will pick up at 12:50pm
- **Golden Boy E86** will pick up at 1:30pm

Students can stay on the school site and wait in the school canteen if alternative arrangements cannot be made.

### **'How To Revise in Maths' Workshop - Year 11**

It was great to see so many parents/carers with their children attend the 'How to Revise Maths' workshop in the school hall on Tuesday evening. We explored how students can best prepare for their summer GCSE Maths exams and provided a range of resources and strategies that they can use. There was even an opportunity for students to work with their parents/carers on some Maths problems. Students applied their knowledge well and parents/carers also rose to the challenge. The key messages from the evening were revise 'little and often' and to 'be active by doing lots of practice'. For those who were unable to attend, the 'Preparing for GCSE Maths' booklet will be distributed to students in Maths lessons before Easter and the presentation from the evening has been sent out via EduLink to all parents/carers of Year 11 students.

### **Immunisation Catch-up Clinics**

#### **Message from Community and School Aged Immunisation Service:**

There are some young people who have missed important vaccinations as a result of the Covid pandemic and the interruption to our services over the last two years. Our Team is running the following catch-up clinics during Easter and parents can contact the School Aged Immunisation Team at [admin.imms@nhs.net](mailto:admin.imms@nhs.net) or **01727 732062** if they would like to book their child in.

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Bishop Stortford
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Waltham Cross
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Bowling Road

We will be back in the summer term to deliver the HPV2 vaccinations; dates will be provided to the school shortly. This will also include Year 8 and Year 9 HPV vaccines as these were postponed due to the pandemic.

### **Take Your Daughter To Work Day 2023**

Just a reminder for all Year 8 parents to complete the TYDTWD 2023 [Google Form](#) to confirm where your daughter will be attending on the 27<sup>th</sup> April. This is a great opportunity for students to experience a workplace and to develop their "soft skills". Please email me or Mrs Bowden if you have any questions about the day.

### **House Creative Writing Competition**

The deadline for the competition will be extended to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to allow students to create a story over the Easter holidays. We have had lots of entries so far but would like to see more across the whole school!

This year's challenge is to write the opening chapter of a detective story in 800 words or less. It must include a character with the name of one of the houses: Parks, Frank, Curie, Nightingale, Pankhurst or Windsor.

Entries can be emailed to Ms Hobbs at [ahobbs@presdales.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ahobbs@presdales.herts.sch.uk) or handed to an English teacher. Please include your name, form and house.

### **Bar Mock Trial**

Good luck to the group of Year 12s who will be participating in the national Finals of the Bar Mock Trial tomorrow.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

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