



# PRESDALES SCHOOL

*Achievement for all*

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

On Monday, several of our students and ex-students (who completed the award with us), were at Buckingham Palace to receive their Gold Award from the Duke of Edinburgh. This is the first time that we have had students, who have completed DofE at Presdales, achieve the Gold Award. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done to Maisie Pryke, Zoe Van Maanenbergh, Holly Yeoman, Maddie Hopwood, Rebecca Davies, Teddy Anderson, Evie Reilly and Emma Mitchell. There are a further 23 students who are due to complete their Gold Awards later this year.



We currently have 141 Year 9 students on their Bronze Award expedition, which finishes today. Well done to all of the students, several who have found it tough going. Thank you to Maisie Johnson, Gracie Cook, Molly Barnard, Lucy Bloomer and Holly Hart (Year 12), who volunteered to support the Year 9s last night and this morning.

None of the above could happen without our amazing team of staff who work tirelessly to deliver the DofE program at Presdales. Thank you to Mr Bedwell, Mrs McMenamin and the team leader, Miss Haywood.

### **Year 12 Politics Trip to Parliament/Downing Street**

Last Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, the Year 12 Politics students went on the annual visit to Parliament that was postponed from last September because of the funeral of the Queen Elizabeth. Two years ago, as an additional part of the visit, they were able to get a photo in front of the famous black door in Downing Street, but this year they went one step further. Thanks to the efforts of one of our parents, the students were given a tour of No. 10 and a Q&A meeting with the PM's wife, Akshata Murty, and three of her staff. Details (and photos) to follow in next week's edition of PressTales.

### **U14 County Football**

Congratulations to Ava McManus, Olivia White and Mia Schillaci-Rowland, who have all been selected to represent the Hertfordshire U14 County Football Team. They were three of 20 players selected, from 180 trialists.

### **Year 11 & 13**

As you reach the end of the first week of your exams, I wanted to say well done. Your attitude has been brilliant. Take some time to rest before your next exam.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Mr M Warren  
Headteacher