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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

## **New Year 7 (September start) Parents**

Presdales staff are in the process of visiting all primary schools to speak to teachers and see the students who will be joining us in September. From today, the weekly update will also be sent to the new Year 7 parents. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our community, and look forward to meeting you at the welcome evening on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The weekly update, along with our fortnightly publication 'PressTales', aims to give parents a brief snapshot of what students have been doing in school and an opportunity for us to share key messages.

#### **Parent Survey**

Thank you to all parents who were able to complete our recent parent survey. Please click <a href="here">here</a> for an overview of the outcome. It is important to us to hear the views of our parents and we are grateful for the numerous positive comments that we received. The report addresses some of the trends that have come through in the survey.

## **National Biology Challenge**

The Biology Department recently ran the nationwide Biology Challenge for all Year 10 students who study the separate sciences. Well done to all 56 students who took part. Further information about all participants and the awards they achieved can be found in the next PressTales. A special mention to Martha Ker who scored Gold, placing her in the top 5% nationwide, and Darcey Sumner who scored Silver placing her in the top 15% nationwide. Thank you to Miss Lee and the Biology department for facilitating this event.

# **Book Swap in the Library**

All students are invited to take part in an organised book swap in the Library at lunchtime on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Students are encouraged to look through the books they have at home, choose one they have already read and no longer need and to donate to the book swap. Any student who donates a book to the book swap will be able to choose another book that has been donated to take home. We would like to encourage as many students as possible to take part in this book swap and would appreciate parental support by encouraging your child to do so.

#### **Hatched Chicks**

Thank you to Mrs Clayton, Science technician, who took home our hatching chicks over the half term break and looked after them throughout the week. I understand that we were expecting ducks, but when they started hatching early it was clear from their little feet that we had chickens! Mrs Clayton had to feed them five times a day. The chicks have been part of our Science lessons this week.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Regards

Mr M Warren Headteacher





