



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

I do hope that you all had a pleasant and restful summer break, and were able to spend quality time together as a family. It seems more regular now that hot weather signals a return to school. We are pleased to see all students back, looking refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

During the summer, the Year 11 and 13 cohort from last year came into school to collect their GCSE and A Level results. We are proud of what both year groups achieved despite the move to mark papers at pre pandemic levels. An overview of our provisional results can be found [here](#).

RAAC

You will have seen from the national press that several schools across the country have had a disrupted start to the school year due to RAAC being identified on their school site. We carried out the required checks as requested by the DfE earlier this year and none was identified.

Information Evenings

As in previous years, we will be holding in-person Information Evenings for all year groups. We welcomed Year 7 parents into school this week and shared key information for the year ahead. Please see below for the upcoming evenings.

Thursday 14 th September	Year 12	6.00pm
	Year 13	7.15pm
Wednesday 20 th September	Year 10	6.00pm
	Year 11	7.15pm
Tuesday 26 th September	Year 9	6.00pm
	Year 8	7.15pm

Read for Good Readathon

In order to promote reading across KS3 and raise money for charity (and our school library), the English Department is running the Read for Good Readathon. It is to take place the W/C 25th September. The aim is for students to get sponsored for reading during that week. Further information has been sent out to parents and students via EduLink.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Ms Severino at rseverino@presdales.herts.sch.uk.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please click [here](#) for this term's Extra-Curricular clubs.

Year 7 students will be invited to a club fayre next week during lunchtime, where they can find out more information regarding clubs.

Once a student starts attending a club, parents will be able to view their attendance on EduLink.

The expectation is that all Year 7 and 8 students attend at least one club a week.

Parking

A polite reminder to parents not to use the Chestnut Vets' car park at the bottom of Hoe Lane when dropping off and picking up your children. Thank you for your support with this.

COVID

Over this term, we are likely to see more students pick up seasonal colds. We would encourage students to be in school as much as possible, however if they are really not well enough to be in school then please keep them at home until they are well enough to return. If you choose to test for COVID, then the guidance still states that under 18s testing positive for COVID should stay at home for three days.

I wish you all a pleasant and enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mr M Warren
Headteacher