



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Year 10 and 11 Information Evenings this week. It was good to see so many parents and to be able to share key information for the year ahead. A reminder that we have the last two year groups next week on Wednesday 27th September (please note that Year 9 are first)

Year 9 **6.00pm**

Year 8 **7.15pm**

Charity Week

Well done to Frank House who have been working hard this week to raise funds. The Film Night was attended by over 150 students, more than anyone anticipated. Thank you to the students for supporting this event.

Attendance

We know there are roadworks locally that are affecting travel. A reminder that the warning bell sounds at 8.35am, when students should be in registration. The registers are taken at 8.40am, so anyone not in form at that time is late.

Attendance at school is vitally important if students are to achieve their potential. Statistics from our own GCSE outcomes in 2023 show the following progress made by students according to their attendance:

- GCSE outcomes for students in school for at least 90% of the time were **0.7** of a grade **better** than the national average for all students
- GCSE outcomes for students in school for at least 95% of the time were **0.8** of a grade **better** than the national average for all students
- GCSE outcomes for students in school for 80% or less of the time were **0.6** of a grade **below** the national average for all students

We continue to work with parents to ensure high attendance from all students, and we thank you for your support with this.

U14 National Cup Football

Congratulations to our U14 football team who beat Sandringham School 6-1 in the first round of the National Schools Cup. This is the first time we have entered this competition. Mr Macrae said, 'After going a goal behind after just 30 seconds, Presdales dominated the remainder of the match running out convincing winners. Great performances all over the pitch in horrendously wet and windy conditions. Player of the Match was Liv White who scored a hat-trick. Well done girls!'

Student performance at The Royal Albert Hall

Congratulations to Georgia Fowler, Year 9, for her solo at the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday 17th September. It was part of a performance by all the Theatretrain clubs from around the country. There were hundreds of children taking part, so for Georgia to get a solo was an amazing achievement.

'Preparing for GCSE Maths' Workshop - Year 11

The Mathematics Department will be hosting a parent/carer and student "Preparing for GCSE Maths" workshop on **Thursday 5th October** from 6 to 7pm in the school hall. It is a great opportunity to ensure your child has the tools they need to succeed in their GCSE Maths exams in the summer.

We will be providing information on the most effective strategies that can be applied when revising Mathematics, signposting you to resources that are available to students and putting some of the strategies into practice in the session. We will also inform you about the feedback from examiners on the GCSE Summer 2022 series so that students can learn from mistakes made by other students and ensure they are step ahead in preparing for their GCSE Maths exams.

If you are planning on attending, please click [here](#) and complete the short form by Wednesday 27th September. We look forward to seeing as many Year 11 students and their parents/carers as possible.

PressTales

Please click [here](#) for the first edition of PressTales for this academic year.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend

Regards
Mr M Warren
Headteacher