



# PRESDALES SCHOOL

*Achievement for all*

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Dear Parents/Carers/Students

## **Parent Trustee**

Congratulations to Emma Cannon who obtained the most votes in our recent Parent Trustee elections. Mrs Harvey, Chair of the Trust Board, passes on her thanks to those who put themselves forward, and to all who took the time to vote. We look forward to welcoming Emma to our next board meeting in December.

## **Sixth Form Open Evening**

A reminder that we have our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. We look forward to welcoming our current Year 11 and external students who can find out more about our A Level offer. The event runs from 6.00pm until 8.00pm.

As part of the transition process from Year 11 to 12, we ran our Year 11 Career Futures day yesterday. There were A Level taster sessions for those students who are considering this route. During the morning, our students were given the opportunity to experience all subjects which are not offered at GCSE, for example, Media, Psychology, and Politics. In the afternoon, they chose to attend taster sessions in subjects which are offered at GCSE, for example, Physics, German, and PE.

For our Year 11s who are considering pursuing a college pathway, they visited both the Broxbourne and Ware Hertford Regional College campuses. They experienced what college life would be like and also spent time in different departments. They thoroughly enjoyed participating in sessions such as Fashion, Media Makeup and Travel & Tourism. We hope our students benefited from the day which was designed to enable them to make informed decisions regarding their choices after GCSEs.

## **KS3 Music Concert**

All parents are welcome to attend our Key Stage 3 concert on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. There are over 150 performers taking part and tickets can be purchased on the door. The concert will start at 6.00pm.

## **A Level Trip to Germany**

It was a real pleasure to hear that our German A Level students used their half term break to enhance their German language and many other life skills. The students experienced daily life in a German city, navigating their way from England to Düsseldorf on the train network, negotiating the local public transport and organising visits and meals on a budget using their knowledge of German. They were excellent ambassadors for Presdales, visiting our two partner schools in Düsseldorf and Erkrath, where they were able to meet and exchange ideas with young people of their own age. They showed resilience, integrity, creativity, kindness and an ability to participate as a global citizen. Further details will be in our next edition of PresTales. Thank you to Mrs Yates and Mr Baldwin for taking the students on the trip.

## **STEAM Fortnight (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics)**

This week has been the start of STEAM fortnight. On Tuesday morning, Year 8 participated in a Virtual STEM morning, hosted by the PPMA, where they had the opportunity to find out about different engineering careers. They also designed and made an 'Eco Factory Roller Loader' to move a marble as slowly as possible from A to B. The final part of the session was to design a new piece of tech and then pitch their idea to the rest of their form group. Year 8 displayed great creativity and design skills. Well done.

Today Year 7 welcomed Ali and Matt Grey who came to talk about Careers in Design. They shared their fascinating and inspirational career journey with the students which included design in fashion, architecture, medical, packaging and satellite communication. This was an excellent introduction to the creative industries, working with engineers and scientists to change the world. There are more activities planned for next week.

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**Tesco Blue Token Community Grant**

Thank you to all students and parents who added a blue token to the Presdales pot at Tesco in Ware. We were awarded £500, which will go towards the fund for replacing production lighting.

**Funding Opportunity - Your Help is Needed**

The Benefact Group is giving away £5,000 to 10 charities supporting children and young people. We are asking anyone over the age of 18 to nominate us by using this [link](#). Scroll down to enter the main draw, type Presdales in the search box and then select the "291941 - PRESDALES SCHOOL ASSOCIATION " option. The form is very short as does not require any spend or marketing signup. The site will be open for nominations between Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

If we are successful, then the money will go to our Parents Association, who work throughout the year to raise money for our school. Recent donations have included the deposit for our new minibus, outside seating and keyboards for the Music department.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend.

Kind regards

Mr M Warren  
Headteacher