



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

As we come to the end of the first term of this academic year, I would like to say well done to all students for a superb term. The number of reward points being gained is up on last year and we are now tracking how many words our students are reading through our virtual library (in excess of ten million in Year 8!). The last few weeks have been busy, with mock exams, Speech Day and other annual events taking place. The students have been excellent throughout.

Speech Day

It was a pleasure to welcome back our ex-year 13 students, and those who left Presdales at the end of Year 11 to our annual Speech Day on Monday. Students received their GCSE/A Level certificates and many students were also awarded additional prizes in recognition of their achievements across the school. We were joined by our guest speaker, Dr Sala Abdullah, a Consultant General and Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeon based in London. We were also joined by our ex-Head Girl and ex-Deputy Head Student, who closed the afternoon with their valedictory speech. We wish all of our former students the very best for the future.

Christmas Fayre/Raffle

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets which raised £800 for the PA. We are grateful to them for their continual support of the school.

Yesterday, we held our annual Christmas Fayre for Year 7 and 8 students. Each form put together a stall for other students to raise money for the school charity and school council. The gym was very noisy with 180 students trying out the various activities that had been arranged for them. The students raised £575 in two periods, which is a fantastic achievement. Well done to all involved, especially 7PB who led the way with £100 raised.

Super Curriculum

Over the Christmas break, students may wish to complete some of our engaging and wide-ranging set of Super Curriculum tasks. It is a great opportunity for students to deepen their knowledge and understanding in a subject area which they have a particular passion or curiosity for. Year 7 students are expected to complete three tasks during the academic year. It is optional for Year 8 to 10 students, but we strongly encourage them to get involved. Please take some time to look through the Super Curriculum Google site with your child and encourage them to complete a task over the break. All completed tasks should be completed on UniFrog. Teachers will look forward to seeing the tasks on our return in January. You can access the Super Curriculum Google site through our school website on the 'Curriculum' page or by clicking [here](#).

PressTales

Please click [here](#) for the final PressTales of this term.

Thank you to all parents for their continued support of the school, it is appreciated. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable break over the festive period. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on **Monday 8th January**.

Best wishes

Mr M Warren
Headteacher