



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

Welcome back to all of our students. I do hope that you and your families enjoyed the Christmas Holiday and have come back to school refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

Mock Results

Yesterday, our Year 11 and 13 students were given their mock results. For several years now, we have tried to mimic the experience they will have in the summer, where students collect their results at the same time from the hall. Overall, we are very pleased with the mock outcomes. It is clear that many students have worked very hard and will be pleased with what they achieved. There are some who know their results were affected by timing issues in individual exams or not reading a question correctly. There are also a small number of students who need to increase their work rate over the coming months.

From January onwards, we start offering clinics in many subjects to support those students who are currently achieving grades below their estimates. Students will be informed which sessions they need to attend over the coming days. We do expect them to accept this support with open arms and go to the sessions with a positive attitude. All students have been encouraged to ask for help when needed and to speak to their teachers about what they need to do to improve. For the majority, this is to keep doing what you have been doing over the past 18 months. Further information on support strategies will be sent directly to Year 11 and 13 students and parents/carers.

We know the run up to the exams can be stressful, and every student will cope with this in different ways. If you are concerned about the wellbeing of your child as we get close to the exams, then please contact the school.

SEND Think Tank

In the past, a number of parents/carers have kindly volunteered to participate in a SEND Think Tank and have given valuable feedback and ideas on a range of areas of school life. This term, Mrs Stewart, SENDCo, will be organising a Think Tank session with Dyslexia as the focus. Each year we have a whole school SEND focus and this year it is Dyslexia. If you or your child are dyslexic or have dyslexic traits and you would like to join the Think Tank sessions, please email SENDsupport@presdales.herts.sch.uk with 'Dyslexia Think Tank' as the subject heading on the email. Our first session will be online, from 7.00pm - 8.00pm on Thursday 25th January. Think Tank sessions are usually once a half-term. We look forward to hearing from you and working with you.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend.

Regards

Matthew Warren
Headteacher