



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

New 'Start of Lesson Routine'

Over the past fortnight, all students have been informed through their year group assemblies and form times about the 'start of lesson routine' that we have introduced at the school. The main rationale for this is to provide students with time to retrieve prior knowledge and ensure it is stored in their long-term memory. Research has proven that regular retrieval and students self-testing themselves has a positive impact on progress and the ability to perform better in assessments. When entering a classroom, we want students to immediately begin with independent activities which support retrieval. This includes using their mini whiteboards to review their learning from last lesson, last week, last term or last year. Teachers will support with prompts. You can find a copy of the 'start of lesson routine' poster, which is displayed in every classroom as a visual reminder to students, in the 'Noticeboard' area of EduLink.

SEND

Online weekly meetings with the SENCO: 10-min weekly meeting slots are available to book via our school cloud booking system. These meetings are for any parent/carers who has concerns/updates about their child's SEND needs. If you cannot make Wednesday mornings, please email SENDsupport@presdales.herts.sch.uk to request an alternative meeting slot.

Emails from SENDsupport@presdales.herts.sch.uk may be going into your junk folder, please keep an eye out for them as some important emails have been missed.

U14 Football

This week has seen the emotional highs and lows of sport for our U14 football team. On Monday, the U14 team narrowly lost 3-2 (in the last minute) in the last 32 stage of the National Cup. The students played well, and were only just beaten. However, on Wednesday, the team picked themselves up and fought hard for a 4-2 victory against Ashlyns School in the County Cup Quarter Final. Well done to all of the students involved in both matches, they should be very proud of their achievements.

Parents Association

Our parent association is looking for a treasurer to support the work that the group does for the school. If you are interested, please contact pa@presdales.herts.sch.uk.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mr M Warren
Headteacher