



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

PressTales

Please click [here](#) for this week's PressTales. This edition contains some great pictures of the Ski Trip as well as the mouth-watering food made by the Year 11 GCSE students.

U13 and U14 Football

Congratulations to both our U13s and U14s football teams who, this week, both made it to the County Cup Finals. The U13 team beat Chauncy 4-2 in the semi-final and the U14s team beat Parmiter's School 4-2 in their semi-final. This is the first time we have had teams from these age groups in the County Cup Football Finals. Well done to all students and staff involved.



The Hertfordshire School Football Association are looking for sponsors for the County Cup Finals in all ages for both girls and boys. If you would be interested in sponsoring a final, then please click [here](#) for details. The suggested package from the HSFA costs £100.

House Creative Writing Competition 2024: Chapter One

The English Department has just launched this year's House Creative Writing Competition. Students in all years and all staff are invited to write the opening chapter of a thriller* novel in no more than 1000 words. The story title must include one of the following words: War, Secret, Protest, Queen, Experiment or Vote. All stories should be suitable for readers across years 7-13. Entries can be typed or handwritten and should be handed to an English teacher or emailed to Ms Hobbs at ahobbs@presdales.herts.sch.uk by the end of the day on Monday 22nd April. There will be a winner in every year group plus a staff winner. We would love to see lots of entries, so please do encourage your child to have a go!

*Thriller = fast-paced, exciting stories, usually involving crime, spies, secret missions, plot twists, tension and cliff-hangers.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Well done to the 142 Year 9 students who have been on their two-day practice expedition this week. We do hope that the girls have enjoyed the experience of being with friends, walking and camping overnight. The DofE Award has a high profile at Presdales, as we believe that the program is beneficial to the development of young people outside of the normal curriculum. Last academic year, we had the highest number of awards achieved by any provider in Hertfordshire. Thank you to Miss Haywood and Mrs McMenemy for their leadership of the program at Presdales.



Model United Nations

Starting today and continuing over the weekend, 20 students will be taking part in the MUN conference at Haileybury School. The MUN is essentially a role-playing activity, in which students assume the roles of delegates representing various countries in the committees of the United Nations tasked with solving a range of global issues through research, lobbying and debate. The theme this year is 'Collaboration Within a Polarised World'. Thank you to Mr Spurgeon for preparing our students and to those staff supporting the event over the three days of the conference.

School Trips

We wish all of the students going on the school trips to Germany, Italy and Spain an enjoyable and safe journey. These trips allow students to immerse themselves in the local culture and language and I am sure they will have a fantastic time.

HCC Services for Young People - Holiday Activity Programme

Please find below details on the various activity programmes that are on offer for young people over the Easter holiday. These are run by HCC. There is priority booking for those eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

- [Holiday Activity Programme Hatfield/Welwyn](#)
- [Holiday Activity Programme East Herts](#)
- [Holiday Activity Programme Cheshunt](#)

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.
Kind regards

Mr M Warren
Headteacher