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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

As we reach the end of term, I want to say well done to our students for another great term. In particular, students in Years 11 and 13 have been working extremely hard to prepare for the upcoming public exams that commence next half term. Students have been awarded 121,781 achievement points, compared to 113,816 for the same period last year. Our overall attendance is 93.58%, compared to the national average of 91%. I know that students will be revising over the Easter break, but I urge all students to ensure that they build in downtime where they can switch off from school.

Today, we say farewell to Mr Bedwell, who has been at the school since September 2018. Mr Bedwell was instrumental in the development of Computing as a subject at Presdales. He also set up the Year 7 Crotchet Club and has helped out with the Duke of Edinburgh Award and STEM events. We wish Mr Bedwell all the best in his new school.

PressTales

Please click here for this week's PressTales.

Spring Concert

Well done to all of the students who took part in the Spring Concert yesterday evening. It was a pleasure to hear GCSE compositions, solo performers, groups of beginners and more established groups such as the orchestra and vocal groups. Thank you to Mrs Cooper, Miss Sargent and all of the peripatetic teachers for the work they do to teach and support our music students.

Learn 4 Living

On Tuesday the whole of Year 10 had their Spring Term Learn 4 Living drop-down day. They completed workshops on study and revision skills, caring for their mental health and managing stress. In addition, students explored how UK law affects their daily life. We were pleased to host, once again, Dr Martijn van der Spoel from Glia Learning, who delivered the revision skills sessions. Parents were also able to benefit from his expertise through an evening webinar session.

Whole School Photograph

A reminder that we have a whole school photograph on Tuesday 16th April. Separate communication has been sent about this and the students will be informed of the logistics at the beginning of the next term. Your support in ensuring that students are all in the correct school uniform (e.g. no PE Kit), is appreciated.

Celebrations for Year 11 and 13

A reminder that the Celebrations for Year 11 and 13 students is Wednesday 8th May. Information about the various events taking place to mark the end of Year 11 and 13 will be sent directly to those students and their parents.

I do hope that you all have some quality family time over the next few weeks. If you are travelling, then I wish you a safe journey. We look forward to welcoming all students back on Monday 15th April.

Kind regards

Mr M Warren Headteacher