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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

As we reach the end of another academic year, there is much to celebrate. On Monday, we had our inaugural Summer Festival followed by Presdales Rocks. On Tuesday, the Sports Awards evening showcased the amazing achievements of so many students over this year. Students are given so many opportunities to shine, and it is pleasing to see how many of them take these up. Thank you to the Music and PE departments for the time they have given this week to showcase our students.

Since September, the students have amassed 161,646 reward points, which is over 10,000 more than last year. They continue to buy into the values of the school and this is demonstrated by their actions throughout the year. These include, volunteering at Pinewood School, our sports leaders working with several primary schools and, for the first time this year, each House has led a charity week. We are delighted with our students' successes and achievements this academic year.

We are extremely proud of our Ofsted inspection outcome in March and the subsequent report. We believe this captures what Presdales is all about on a daily basis.

PressTales

Please click <u>here</u> for the last edition of PressTales this year. There are several articles, including House results, Sports Awards, sports day, and much more.

Staff Farewells

We say farewell this term to several staff, a few who are retiring, some relocating and some taking up promotions in other schools. My thanks to all of these staff for their service, some over many years. They have given countless hours to support our students and families. We wish them well in the next stage of their lives/careers.

Mrs Liz Dillon	Business Studies
Mrs Anna Hobbs	English
Miss Alison Johnston	Maths
Mrs George Martin	Exams officer
Mrs Karen Share	Maths
Mr Joe Spurgeon	Government and Politics
Mrs Rachel Stewart	SENCo
Miss Amy Stitson	Geography

I am pleased to say that we are fully staffed for September in all areas.

Million Words Prize

This year the students have read an astronomical number of books and we have been celebrating their achievements. The 'Million Words' Prize was introduced at the beginning of the school year, with the students being set a target to read over a million words in order to be entered into a prize draw. Remarkably, over 60 students have reached this target and we are extremely proud of them. Lara Adams Rothwell - Year 9 won a £10 voucher, Nell Price - Year 7 won a £25 voucher and Molly Hole - Year 8 won our top prize, a £50 voucher. We cannot wait for another fantastic year of reading.

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Year 8 Probability Fayre

In their last few Maths lessons, the whole of Year 8 have been designing games for other students to play. All of the games had to be based on probability, and the aim was to make a profit, using pretend money, by the end of the probability fayre. On Thursday, all students in Year 8 came together to set up their games. The students were joined by some staff and Year 12 students who played the games. Many of the groups made a profit of £10-£15, which is impressive as each game only cost 10p to play. We have future Young Enterprise entrants in the year group! Well done to all students involved and thank you to the Maths department for organising the event.

Super Curriculum

Over the Summer holidays, your child may wish to complete a task or two from 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. Please take some time to look through the Super Curriculum Google site with your child and encourage them to complete at least one task over the holiday period. All completed tasks should be recorded on UniFrog and evidence uploaded onto Google classroom when they return in September. Teachers will look forward to seeing the completed tasks. You can access the Super Curriculum Google site through our school website on the 'Curriculum' page or by clicking <u>here</u>. Please also take a look in our latest edition of <u>PressTales</u> to see which students were awarded Best in Subject, and achieved Bronze and Silver Awards for their engagement in the Super Curriculum.

Information from the Director of Public Health

Please click here for communication from HCC regarding MMR and whooping cough vaccinations.

Start of Autumn Term 2024

Just a reminder that school will return on Wednesday 4th September for Years 7 and 12 and the whole school will return on Thursday 5th September 2024.

Wishing you all an enjoyable, restful and safe summer.

Regards

Mr M Warren Headteacher