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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

Year 9 Options

Over the past week, our Senior Leadership Team have had the pleasure of meeting all Year 9 students individually to discuss their options, career aspirations and general school life. We were all impressed with the students we spoke to and enjoyed hearing the many careers that they are interested in pursuing. A reminder to Year 9 students and parents that our annual Options Evening will take place on **Wednesday 29th January**. There will be a 20-minute presentation at 6.00pm in the hall explaining the options process. Students and parents will then have an opportunity to visit subject rooms to talk to teachers about the content of the GCSE courses offered. Teachers will be available from 6.20pm until 7.45pm. Parents do not need to book places for the Options Evening.

Year 11 Learn4Living

On Wednesday, our Year 11 students had their last L4L day. Sessions included alcohol and risk, taking care of your body, managing money: saving and pensions, parenting costs and skills, and finally sex, contraception and risk. Thank you to Mrs Fry for organising the day, and to all the visiting and Presdales staff who delivered the sessions. The students were excellent throughout the day.

Year 13 Parents' Evening (PCM)

Thank you to all the Year 13 students and parents who attended the PCM this week, the last one at Presdales! I hope that you all found the feedback worthwhile and that the students are now ready for the final push towards their summer exams.

Year 10/12 In-Class Assessments

Well done to the Year 10 students who have finished week 1 of their in-class assessments. We wish them well for next week, and the Year 12 students who start theirs on Monday. These important assessments allow teachers to gauge how students are currently doing on their GCSE/A Level courses and enables us to celebrate with, and support students as required.

U15 National Cup

Congratulations to the U15 football team on their 11-1 victory against Ashlyns School in the 5th round of the National Cup. The girls are now through to the last 16 teams nationally, which is a fantastic achievement. Good luck in the next round.

Important Health Information

Please click <u>here</u> for a parent letter from Dr Rachel Joyce, HWE ICB Medical Director for NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Mrs Gregg, Pastoral Support Assisant, who leaves Presdales today for a promotion in another Hertfordshire School. Several of you will have spoken to Mrs Louise Gregg on the phone over the years. She will be missed at Presdales and we wish her well in her new role. We have already welcomed Mrs Judy Wareham, who joined us at the beginning of the week as our new PSA.

Wishing you all a pleasant and restful weekend.

Regards

Mr M Warren Headteacher