



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

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Thank you to everyone who attended the GCSE Options Evening on Wednesday. There was a real buzz of excitement as our Year 9's and their parents/carers visited departments to speak to staff and students about the different subjects that we have on offer. The google form is now open and the deadline for completion is **Friday 14th February**. If you have any questions about the process, then please contact Mrs Stephenson (jstephenson@presdales.herts.sch.uk).

Today, our Senior Leadership Team met with all Year 11 students on an individual basis to discuss mock results, preparation for final exams, their general well-being as well as plans for the next academic year. As always, it has been a pleasure to spend a short period of time speaking to individual students about their time at Presdales.

Windsor House Charity Week

Next week is Windsor House Charity week. This year we are raising money for Make A Wish UK. The itinerary is as follows:

- Monday 3rd February - Colouring/ Drawing competition
- Tuesday 4th February - Bake sale
- Wednesday 5th February - Send a Valentine's gift to a student
- Thursday 6th February - Hot Chocolate stand
- Friday 7th February - wear a blue accessory to school

If your child is wanting to take part in any of these events, can we please ask them to bring cash. Whilst donations are warmly welcomed on Monday and Friday they are not compulsory. However, any other events throughout the week will require a donation. Thank you for your upcoming support!

Ellie Bostock (Year 13) and Jacob Colligan (Year 13) (Head and Deputy Head of Windsor House)

Parents Association

The Parents Association is looking for volunteers to help serve refreshments at the school production of Bugsy Malone. If you can spare some time to support them on either Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th or Thursday 13th February, please send an email to: PA@presdales.herts.sch.uk

Families First

Families First is the name of the Early Help services run by Hertfordshire Local Authority. Families can access help and support for all sorts of issues e.g. parenting advice and courses, school attendance and anxiety, money advice, domestic abuse, SEND Local offer and much more. Please [click](#) here for further details.

Department for Education - 'Growing up in the 2020s survey'

We have been informed by the DfE that several Year 8 students have been selected to take part in a national study of young people in England attending secondary school. 'Ipsos', the research organisation, will be sending letters directly to families to ask if they are willing to take part. We do not know who has been selected, but have been asked to reassure parents that this is an official DfE study.

Finally, congratulations to Liv White, Year 9, who has made the final squad of 18 for England School Girls (Football). This is a great achievement considering how many girls would have applied. Well done Liv, and good luck in your upcoming games.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend

Mr M Warren
Headteacher