



# PRESDALES SCHOOL

*Achievement for all*

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Dear Parents/Carers/Students

It has been a busy couple of weeks at Presdales. Last week 24 students went to Venice for the annual Italian trip and our Year 12 geographers spent the early part of this week in North Yorkshire at the Cranedale Field Centre, completing their fieldwork component. On Tuesday, 119 Year 12 students attended the UCAS convention at the Excel Centre and those students participating in the World Challenge Trip to Croatia, had a training session in preparation for their upcoming adventure.

Yesterday, we had the pleasure of holding our formal opening ceremony for the new 3G pitch. Several special guests were invited including Gracie Pearse, an ex-Presdales student who is now a professional footballer with Charlton Athletic. After watching the U12s vs U13s match, Gracie was able to spend some time working with the girls. We were also pleased to welcome Mrs Karen Trew the Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, The Mayor of Ware, Deputy Mayor of Hertford and representatives from several groups involved in the bid process and those who are now using the pitch. We are very fortunate to have this great facility.



## National Schools Netball Finals

Many congratulations to our U14s Netball team who, last weekend, came 6th at the National Finals. They were the highest placed state school. The team only lost two games all day in a fiercely competitive half of the draw and scored more points than most teams in the other half of the draw. The eventual winners of the tournament, Yarm School, only lost one game all day - that was to Presdales. The girls should be immensely proud of their achievement. Thank you to Mrs Warner, Miss Fentiman and Ms Awad for training and taking the girls to the tournament.



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### **Year 10 Learn4Living Workshops**

Last week, Year 10 completed a series of Learn4Living workshops covering a range of PSHE topics on themes including taking care of our mental health, managing stress and how to improve our study/revision skills. They worked very effectively with Glia Learning. The students were positive and enthusiastic in the sessions, making excellent contributions to class discussions and activities. Our parent evening session delivered by Glia Learning was well attended and provided a huge amount of positive help, information and advice. Thank you to Mrs Fry for organising the events.

### **Services for Young People**

Young people aged 10-21 years old and up to 25 years old with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), are invited to have their say on decisions that affect their lives as the Government prepares to launch the National Youth Strategy. The Government has launched a national listening exercise to let young people have their say on support services, facilities and opportunities they need outside the school gates. This includes what issues matter to them in their local area, what services they think should be available to young people and how money should be spent in their area.

The survey is now open and will close on 16 April. Please click [here](#) for the Government statement and click [here](#) on how to take the survey.

### **Matilda**

Last Friday evening, several members of the senior team went to the West End to watch Angelica Scott, Year 8, perform the lead role in 'Matilda The Musical'. It was a mind-blowing performance; Angelica was amazing. Her run has been extended so she will be performing for a few more months. Well done Angelica.

### **End of Term**

A reminder the spring term ends on Friday 4th April at **12.45pm**.

We have been in contact with the bus companies about early pick up times. Please see information below:

Golden Boy E85	Yes
Golden Boy E86	No
Mick's Travel	Yes
Uno	No
Reg's	Yes

The summer term will start on **Tuesday 22nd April**.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Regards

**Mr Warren**