



# PRESDALES SCHOOL

*Achievement for all*

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Dear Parents/Carers/Students

I hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break and were able to have some quality time together as a family. Year 11 and 13 students have returned with a mixture of trepidation and excitement, ready for the exam series that lies ahead. My message to those year groups is if you have worked hard until this point, keep going - you are ready! If you know you have tried your best, that is all that matters. As Miss Turner told the Year 13's in assembly this morning, it is never too late until the end of your very last exam.

## Hertfordshire Emotional and Mental Wellbeing Schools Mark

I am pleased to inform you that we have achieved 'Advanced Practice' in the Herts Emotional and Mental Wellbeing Mark for Schools. We have held this award for three years, and recently submitted our renewal application. Please find below a comment from the assessor report:

*'The EMWiE Team is pleased to award Presdales School 'Advanced' practice to the Emotional and Mental Wellbeing in Schools Mark. Presdales demonstrates commitment and dedication to a wide range of activities to support mental health, emotional wellbeing, resilience, and kindness which encompasses a comprehensive 'whole school approach'. The Mental Health Leads initiatives and support are driven with commitment and passion by the Deputy Head, Sara Miller. There is a culture of continuous improvement throughout the school, ensuring that Presdales "never stands still" and that the students' needs are addressed and supported. Congratulations!'*

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

Well done to the 68 students, who by the time you read this, will have completed their three-day practice expedition for the Silver Award. Despite the wet start on Wednesday, all students completed the expedition. I am sure they will have a great sense of achievement, although they may be very tired over the weekend! Thank you to the DofE team at Presdales for supporting the girls through the expedition. Further information will be shared in the next edition of PressTales.



**U13s Football**

Congratulations to the U13's football team who, this week, were crowned District Champions, after beating Goffs School 2-1 in the final! Well done to our U12's team who also made it to the District Final, but unfortunately came up against a very strong Goffs team and were beaten 2-0. Well done to all of the girls involved, it has been a very good season.

**Message from Hertford Rugby Club**

The club is experiencing regular traffic issues when parents are dropping off and picking up their children. They have signs and bollards along the main drive which are regularly being moved. Please can parents refrain from doing this.

They have also seen an increase in speeding from the students who park in the Rugby Club. A reminder that the speed limit on the main drive is 15mph. We are very fortunate that the Rugby Club allows our students to park on their land. Please do not abuse this, otherwise they will remove the privilege. Thank you for your support.

**Trust Board**

Yesterday, we welcomed 8 members of our Trust Board into school. They spent time with staff and students and were able to see the school in action by visiting form time and lessons. We then spent time reviewing our school improvement plan for next year. I am grateful to our Trust Board for giving up their time to come into school and for their ongoing support acting as 'critical friends'.

Thank you to those who completed the parent survey. This has now closed and we will evaluate the data over the next few weeks. This will be shared with our Trust Board and an overview report will be sent to parents in due course via my weekly update.

**LinkedIn**

Presdales School now has a LinkedIn profile. We are starting to share information about events that take place in school. We will also use it to keep in touch with our alumni which will help develop our school's careers program further. Please visit the profile if you use LinkedIn and also share with any ex-students you may know. <https://www.linkedin.com/school/presdales-school-ware>

Wishing you all a pleasant and enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards

**Mr M Warren**