



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parents/Carers/Students

New Year 7 Parents - September 2025

As in previous years, we are now sending our weekly update to the parents/carers of the students who will be joining us at Presdales School in September. We welcome you all to our school and hope that the weekly update will give you a flavour of what you can expect at Presdales. Further communication about transition day and evening will be sent to new Year 7 parents/carers in due course.

Year 11 Dress Up Day

It was wonderful to see our Year 11's today in their outfits. It was clear a great deal of effort had gone into preparing and coordinating their costumes. Our end of Year 11 and 13 celebrations are an important time for our students, and are in recognition of their hard work over their time at Presdales. We look forward to the leavers day next Wednesday for both year groups. I thank the students in advance for the spirit in which these days will be held and know they will use the day as an appropriate celebration.



Year 7 Kindness Tree

Over the past few weeks, Year 7 students have been collecting 'leaves' to put on our Kindness Tree. Each leaf represents an act of kindness that a student has shown towards another student, and that a member of staff has acknowledged and praised. Year 7 has a particular focus throughout the year on our school value of 'Kindness'. Thank you to Mrs Fry, Head of Year 7, for putting the tree together.



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Music Performances

There have been several music performances over the past few weeks, with more to come.

On Wednesday last week, some Year 11 and 13 musicians performed solo items in a concert at St Mary's Church, Ware, ahead of their exam leave. Family, friends, the church congregation and the wider community enjoyed the wonderful sounds of the piano, violin, cello, recorder, drum kit, acoustic guitar and voice. The styles of music presented by Presdales' musicians ranged from classical, musical theatre and rock with each student introducing their own piece. They were exemplary in their conduct and professional in their performances.

On Tuesday, we enjoyed our annual piano recital from some of Presdales' young musicians. Having the opportunity to perform on the grand piano in the dining room was a new experience for many. It was great to see students from Year 7 through to 13 share their playing with the audience. There was a wide range of genres presented and afterwards piano teachers Mr Lovell and Mr Poth had the opportunity to meet with the parents of the students they teach. We have recitals approaching for singing (7th May), woodwind and brass (13th May) and strings (22nd May). To the students - please complete the Google Form that was sent out if you are interested in taking part. The recitals are open to anyone who would like to perform to a small audience. Thank you to Mrs Cooper, Miss Sargent and our team of instrumental teachers for putting on the concerts.



German Spelling Bee Regional Final

On Monday, Emma Swindle, Annabel Mutch and Yu-Ting Chen took part in the Regional Finals of the German Spelling Bee in Cambridge. The competition involved learning how to spell 250 German words and their meanings. Whilst in front of an audience in a lecture theatre, they had to say and spell, using the German alphabet, as many as possible within a minute. Well done to Emma, who was one of the top four participants and will now represent the Eastern Region at the National Finals at Magdalene College, University of Cambridge. Emma now has to learn an additional 100 words. Well done to all involved and good luck to Emma for the finals. Thank you to Mrs Yates for entering and accompanying the girls.

Wishing you all an enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

Kind regards

Mr M Warren
Headteacher