



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parents/Carers/Students

Year 11 Prom

Last night, we held our Year 11 Prom. It was a wonderful evening of celebration with a year group who have been brilliant throughout their time at Presdales. With all the GCSE exams now completed it was an opportunity for the girls to relax and reflect on what they have achieved. My thanks to Miss Haywood, the Year 11 Form Tutor Team, and all staff who helped prepare for last night, also those who came to support the girls.



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Conference

Last week, to mark Pride Month, our Inclusion and Diversity reps took part in our second EDI conference. We heard talks from Ambassadors from the charity Just Like Us. They spoke about their experiences of being a LGBT+ young person. One of our reps gave a very informative talk on the history of Pride and why it is still important now. We also discussed how we could be allies to the LGBT+ community. Thank you to Ms Coulson for leading the conference.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

We are working with HFL Education to understand the use of AI in our school community. The government have recently released guidance for schools around the use of AI, and we are keen to hear from parents as we continue to build our AI strategy.

We would be grateful if you could complete a [survey](#), by 24th June to let us know your views. We do encourage you to use the space to raise ideas and issues about AI.

Industrial Cadets

Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 Industrial Cadets who have recently finished their projects. The girls have worked incredibly hard with their GSK mentors over the last 12 weeks, the teamwork and commitment has paid off. Yesterday they spent the day at GSK, they presented their work to a team of expert judges. Well done to the girls for winning both trophies on offer. Thank you to Mrs Warburton for supporting the girls throughout their project.



Year 12 Enrichment Week

It has been an incredibly busy week for Year 12 students. On Monday, Year 12 had their Learn 4 Living day which involved sessions run by Druglink, Herts Young Homeless, and InvestIn. Tuesday and Wednesday saw Year 12 students completing their personal statement workshops. Finally, on Thursday over 30 Year 12 students attended the Apprenticeship Day which included sessions on CVs, cover letters, psychometric tests, and interviews. We were also very lucky to have representatives from Tesco, Deloitte, and GSK present to the students on their companies' apprenticeship offerings - they provided some amazing advice for the students to take forward into Year 13.

Current Year 11/13 - Note for the diary

Presdales Speech Day 2025

Speech Day will take place on Monday, 15th December 2025. Our Speech Day is our school's formal celebration with students, parents/carers and is where students are presented with their GCSE and A Level certificates.

We are delighted to welcome our guest speaker, Lottie Mills, a Presdales alumna (Class of 2019), winner of the BBC Young Writers' Award 2020, and author of *Monstrum*, which was longlisted for the 2025 Dylan Thomas Prize. Please can Year 11 and 13 parents/carers complete the google form that was recently emailed to you so we can ensure you receive your invitation in the autumn term.

Wishing you all an enjoyable, hot, weekend!

Mr M Warren
Headteacher