



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

I hope that you all had a pleasant half term break.

This week, our Senior Leadership Team met with all students in Year 9 individually to discuss their subject choices for next year. Embarking on a GCSE course is a very exciting time, as students get to choose several subjects that most appeal to them. As part of these conversations, we also discussed career aspirations and what they need to study to achieve these goals. The students were very impressive and were able to articulate their thoughts very effectively. A reminder that we have our Year 9 Options Evening on Tuesday 25th November at 6.00pm.

Next Monday, we look forward to repeating this process with our current Year 11 students. Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday 13th November from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

Year 11 Learn4Living (L4L)

This week, all Year 11 students took part in four different L4L workshops exploring the areas of Cancer awareness, Sexual Health, Deep Fakes & Image Sharing, and Finance (Credit and Debt). As you can appreciate, some of this content is quite challenging. We were so pleased with the enthusiasm and positive attitudes that our Year 11 students showed through the morning - they took the information seriously, contributed well and had lots of questions! Thank you to those staff who led sessions and to Mrs Fry for organising the morning.

Readathon

In order to raise money for our school library and to buy books for sick children in hospital, the English Department is launching the Read for Good Readathon. It will take place during the week commencing **Monday 8th December 2025**. Students will need to complete the sponsorship form on EduLink, take part in the Readathon, collect the money, and then hand it to Ms Severino once completed. Students can read whatever they want during the week. There are prizes and vouchers to be won for those who raise the most money. It can also be counted as a **Super Curriculum Task**. Ms Severino has messaged students on EduLink with copies of the sponsorship form and more information will be shared during form time.

International Rugby Players Visit Presdales PE

On Wednesday afternoon, our GCSE and A Level PE classes were treated to an inspirational talk from Syd Gregson and Lotte Sharp who are currently a part of the staff body at Heath Mount school.

They started by giving an overview of their playing journeys and how that has led them to play for their current club Saracens, as well as competing on an International stage. They shared their experience of the values, attitude and mindset that their club encourages, and how they seek to uphold those values both on and off the pitch.

It was humbling to hear how both players juggle their sporting commitments around their full time jobs. This dedication and resilience revolves around their love of the sport, and the motivation to be the best version of themselves. Lotte and Syd also made many links to our examination topics by applying practical examples of their training programmes, diet and nutrition, goal setting and ensuring peak performance for matches.

We had an incredible insight into the lives of two top class athletes; the highs, the lows and the constant drive to challenge themselves. Thank you to Mrs Warner for organising the visit and thank you to Syd and Lotte for coming to Presdales.

U13s Football

Congratulations to our U13s Football Team who won 8-0 yesterday in a dominant display against Edwinstree School in the County Cup. This was an impressive all-round performance of skill, speed, power and energy from start to finish. The girls led 4-0 at half time and added a further four goals in the second half without reply.

Lots of fantastic performances across the pitch with Amy C being voted Player of the Match by Edwinstree. Coaches Player was shared between Lily F and Scarlett F. Well done to all the girls!



Lunchtime Career Talk

This lunchtime, our Year 11-13 students interested in Veterinary Medicine had a fantastic opportunity to hear from former student, Emily Stacey. As a qualified Vet and current Emergency and Critical Care resident, Emily provided an engaging and highly informative session. Students gained valuable clarity on the various pathways into the profession, the structure of a Veterinary degree, and a peek into the day-to-day realities, including common procedures and advanced treatments in emergency care. This session offered tangible, real-world guidance for their future career planning.

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Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mr M Warren
Headteacher