



# PRESDALES SCHOOL

*Achievement for all*

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

## Christmas Hampers

Thank you so much to all students and parents who donated a present for the Christmas Hampers. These were collected yesterday by Debs Bonfield on behalf of The Hertfordshire Charity. The response from our students has been overwhelming and is a testament of the culture that we have at Presdales. The hampers will support 30 families at Christmas.



## Year 9 Options Evening

Thank you to all staff and Year 10 students who supported the Year 9 Options Evening on Tuesday. The attendance rate was very high and whilst many of the girls are clear on the subjects they want to study; it was a useful evening for those who are not so sure. A reminder that the deadline for the options application form to be completed is Friday 12th December.

## Year 10 Learn4Living (L4L) Workshops

This week, Year 10 students took part in two different L4L workshops exploring the areas of Deep Fakes and Image Sharing, and Extremism. As you can appreciate some of this content is quite challenging; our Year 10 students worked well, made valuable contributions, and asked questions when needed.

## Online Update

Following an investigation into Year 7 phone misuse this week, we are bringing to our parents' attention two platforms that you may not be aware of. Whilst the issue was in Year 7, it would be useful for all parents to speak to their children.

## WhatsApp 'Channels'

WhatsApp has introduced a "Channels" feature that functions much like a public Instagram or TikTok feed. Students can create public channels that anyone can follow. Crucially, while posters/channel owners are easily identifiable, individuals who join/view the channel are protected by privacy settings. This means viewers/followers can potentially screenshot, share content, or react/comment (depending on settings) in a way that is hard to trace, shielding those who might be spreading content or causing harm.

## 'Anonymous Messages' Website

A new website, referred to by students as 'Anonymous Messages' (like the past YOLO/Tellonym platforms), is being used. This platform allows students to write completely anonymous messages to one another. As we experienced with YOLO a few years ago, this function is being used to circulate rumours/cause a lot of issues generally.

### **Rudolph Run - Fundraising for Isabel Hospice**

Year 7 are taking part in a 'Rudolph Run' on Thursday 11th December to raise money for Isabel Hospice. The Hospice provides vital palliative care services to anyone in Eastern Hertfordshire who needs them. To be able to continue to provide their services free of charge, Isabel Hospice needs to raise £7 million every year and, although the NHS funds 30% of this, the rest relies on the community, government grants, and their retail stores. If you are able to support this fundraising effort please make a donation to the Just Giving page [here](#).

### **Speech Day**

To allow the school to prepare for our annual Speech Day on Monday 15th December, the school will close at 12.00pm. We have been in contact with the bus companies and they have shared the following:

Golden Boy E85	- Early pickup
Golden Boy E86	- Early pickup
Mick's Travel	- Early pickup
Reg's	- No early pickup
Uno	- No early pickup

### **Carol Service**

The annual Carol Service will take place at 6pm on Tuesday 16th December at St Mary's Church, Ware. The service lasts for one hour and entry is free. Even if your child is not taking part, you are welcome to attend.

### **Last Day of Term**

The term will end at 12.45pm on Friday 19th December. The bus companies have confirmed the following:

Golden Boy E85	- Early pickup
Golden Boy E86	- Early pickup
Mick's Travel	- Early pickup
Reg's	- Early pickup
Uno	- No early pickup

A reminder that the school is closed on Monday 1st December.

We wish you all a pleasant long weekend.

**Mr M Warren**  
**Headteacher**