



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Friday 13th March

Dear Parents/Carers/Students

U15 Netball

Congratulations to our U15s Netball team, who this week were crowned County Champions. The girls beat St Albans High School in a very intense and close game. Mrs Warner said, *'Player of the Match could not be separated tonight. I could talk non-stop about why each player deserves it today. Beyond proud of the teamwork, resilience, sheer grit and determination from every single player'*. Thank you to Mrs Warner for coaching the team; this is a fantastic achievement.



Parent/Carer Survey

A reminder to complete the [parent survey](#), which closes on Monday morning. Thank you for your support.

Duke of Edinburgh

Well done to all the students who completed their two-day practice expedition for the Bronze DofE Award this week. A sensible decision was made not to camp overnight, but the girls enjoyed two days of walking. I am sure they will sleep well over the weekend! My thanks to Mr Bedwell and Miss Clarke for supporting the girls, and to Mrs McMenamin for organising everyone.

Year 10 'Big Interview Day'

A huge thank you to the 18 volunteers - including parents, trustees, and former students - who joined us this morning for Year 10 Mock Interviews. Our students did a brilliant job putting their interview workshop skills into practice, discussing their CVs that were created in Unifrog, and navigating professional questions with confidence. The feedback from our guests was incredibly positive; the high level of organisation from our students was noted. It was a joy to see such active participation from the year group.

Lunchtime Careers Talk

At lunchtime today, we were thrilled to host Sarah Riley, Head of Property Management at a premier ultra-prime residential block property management company, for an engaging careers session. Attendees gained an exclusive look into the day in the life of a Property Manager as Sarah shared firsthand experiences of managing multi-million pound portfolios.

It was a fantastic opportunity to hear the strategic leadership skills required for the modern workplace and practical advice for those looking to break into the industry. Thank you to Mrs Gray and Mrs Stephenson for organising both careers events.

Creative Writing Competition 2026

A huge thank you to all students who entered the Creative Writing Competition based on their favourite song lyrics. The winners are:

KS5 Winner - **Maria Lungu 12CB**

KS5 Highly Commended - **Evie Pratt 13ET**

KS4 Winner - **Bea Flawn 11LH**

KS4 Highly Commended - **Molly Hole 10MC**

KS3 Winner - **Freya Lawson Harrison 8AP**

KS3 Highly Commended - **Sophie King 7AE**

World Book Day 2026

To celebrate World Book Day 2026, students have been invited to take part in the following competitions:

- Design your own book hat (create a hat based on your favourite book)
- Create a book character potato (decorate an old spud to make them look like your favourite book character!)
- Design a book token (this is an external competition, and the template has been sent to students on EduLink).

Deadlines for all competitions: 20th March 2026. Please hand to Ms Severino.

Thank you to Ms Severino and the English team for organising and supporting the creative writing compassion and the WBD activities.

Charity Fundraising

Well done to Sophia Lunn, Year 7, who raised £337 for The Dogs' Trust by putting on bake sales outside of school and through her Just Giving page. This is an impressive achievement, and I am sure the charity will be very grateful for her efforts.

Parking in Presdales Court

Can I ask that parents are mindful of where they park at the end of the school day when waiting to pick up their child? We have received complaints that cars are blocking drives and access to the day centre. We would ask that everyone is considerate towards our neighbours. Thank you.

Inset Day

A reminder that the school is closed on **Friday 20th March** for an inset day.

Last Day of Term - Bus Information

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

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mr M Warren
Headteacher