



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Students

Congratulations to our Year 11 and 13 students, who, after today, have finished all their public examinations. We are incredibly proud of how all students have approached this year's exam season. We know they have worked hard for many months to prepare and trust that the outcomes will reflect dedication to their studies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the preparation and delivery of the public exams. Planning an exams series, with multiple exams and up to ten exam venues each day is a logistical marvel. Mrs Waite, Examinations Officer, and Mrs Galletly, Assistant Examinations Officer, have worked tirelessly to ensure the exams have run smoothly. I also thank our team of invigilators, without whom we could not run the exams. The weight of responsibility on them all to ensure exams are run to the regulations should not be underestimated.

We look forward to celebrating the outcomes with students and parents in August.

Year 11 Prom

Last night, the Year 11 Prom was held at Three Lakes. It was wonderful to see the girls arriving with their parents, taking photos, and then dancing the night away to celebrate an end of a milestone at Presdales. As always, the students were amazing and I hope they had a fantastic time. Thank you to Mrs Bowden, Mrs Chandler and all the staff who helped organise or attend the evening.

Important Update: School Uniform & Hot Weather

Due to the exceptionally hot weather forecasted for next week, we are temporarily relaxing our school uniform policy to help ensure our students remain safe and comfortable throughout the day.

For all of next week, students have the option to wear their **school PE kit** to school instead of their regular uniform. Students are still welcome to wear their school uniform if they prefer.

We strongly encourage all students to bring a refillable water bottle to school and apply sunscreen before leaving home.

Changes to FSM Eligibility

The Government has announced that from September 2026, all children whose families receive Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of household earnings. Applications can now be made, and we encourage all parents and carers who receive **Universal Credit**, or other qualifying benefits to check their eligibility and apply, even if they have applied before and been refused. We recommend you do this before the end of term in July to ensure you can access this at the start of the new academic year.

Children who already receive Free School Meals **do not** need to reapply unless contacted by the school or local authority.

To apply please visit:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

The whole process should only take 5 minutes, and we strongly advise that you apply, even if you have not been eligible in the past.

Measles - Message from HCC Public Health

Dear Parent, Carer

The number of children with measles has increased since the start of the year, with most cases in unvaccinated children aged 10 years and under. Measles is a very infectious illness which can make children very unwell and sometimes leads to serious complications. Sadly, two children in England have died from measles in 2026.

In Hertfordshire we have had outbreaks of measles in some of our schools and cases of measles are increasing. I am therefore asking that parents take the following actions:

- *Check your child's red book or the NHS App to make sure your child is up to date with their vaccinations.*
- *If your child has missed one or both doses of MMR, please contact your GP practice to arrange an appointment.*
- *You can also contact your local Community & School Aged Immunisation Service who run vaccination sessions for all ages. Details can be found here:
<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/service-details/service/hertfordshire-and-east-england-community-and-school-age-immunisations-35/>*
- *If your child is ill and you are worried it might be measles, check symptoms of measles here:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles>. If you need help, please phone your GP or 111 and follow their advice.*

An alternative vaccine is available for those who want to avoid pork products. You can find out about this when booking an appointment. The MMR vaccination is safe and free in the NHS and highly effective in protecting children from three serious diseases, Measles, Mumps and Rubella."

Yours faithfully

*Sarah Perman
Director of Public Health
Hertfordshire County Council*

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

**Mr M Warren
Headteacher**