



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all students, with a particular welcome to those students and families who have joined us this year. I do hope that the first full week has gone smoothly. The students have settled well and are back in the swing of daily school life.

We were extremely proud of our Year 11 and 13 students who left us last summer. They excelled in their examinations. Further details of their outcomes will be available on the school website in due course. We wish all those who leave for University in the next few weeks the very best.

Parent Information Evenings

Thank you to those parents in Year 7, 12 and 13 who have been able to attend the information evenings this week. I hope that you have found them useful. A reminder below of the upcoming parent/carers information evenings:

Tuesday 15th September 6.00pm Year 11

7.15pm Year 10

Wednesday 23rd September 7.30pm Year 8

6.00pm Year 9

Science Labs

Over the summer, we refurbished four of our science labs. They are now clean, bright and modern rooms. The project cost over £400,000 and we have spent several years saving for this project.

The majority of the money to pay for them came from the Presdales Educational Trust, which is the fund that many of our parents contribute to. The fund is now empty and we will be working hard to allocate funds in our school budget to refurbish the last two science labs, meaning all eight will have been refurbished in the past 5 - 6 years. I have added details of the PET below. If you would like to know more, or would consider making a donation, then please email PET@presdales.herts.sch.uk



PRESDALES SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL TRUST (Charity Number 1011452)

The Trustees of Presdales School administer a Charitable Trust which is known as Presdales School Educational Trust. The funds raised through this trust are used to enhance our educational provision beyond the basic standard which government funding ensures, and consequently enriches the life of the school.

The terms of the Charitable Trust enable us to ask parents/carers to Gift Aid a small sum of money, which is paid annually for a period of seven years. The suggested amount is £50 per annum for an only, or eldest student and a subsequent £25 per annum for younger siblings, although you are very welcome to pledge a larger or smaller amount if you wish.

For every parent/carer who pays the basic rate of income tax of 20%, the school can reclaim the tax from the Inland Revenue, so that an annual donation of £10, for example, is worth £12.50 to the school. For those parents/carers who pay the higher rate of income tax, the school can reclaim the basic rate of 20% and you are able to reclaim the balance through your own tax return. If you are not a taxpayer, you can still support the school by making a similar annual donation to the Educational Trust, without Gift Aiding your donation.

The scheme is administered by our Business Manager and Finance Team, who will maintain confidentiality over all related matters and will be pleased to answer any queries you may have about any aspect of the scheme.

Subscription to the Presdales School Educational Trust is entirely voluntary, but we very much hope that you will be able to support the school in this way.

To give you an idea of the projects that the Educational Trust funds have contributed to:

- Student toilet refurbishment
- Whole school roofing project
- Floodlights on the netball courts
- Contribution to the 3G Football Pitch
- Conversion of the Lecture Theatre to a second Drama Studio

School Drop Off and Pick Up

We have been asked by the veterinary surgery at the bottom of Hoe Lane to politely remind parents not to use their car park when dropping off or waiting to pick up students at the end of the day.

Wishing you all an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Mr M Warren
Headteacher