



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Students

Secondary Transfer Evening

Next Thursday, we have arguably one of the most important evenings in the school calendar. Whilst we are over-subscribed each year, we never assume that this will always be the case. One evening does not define a school, it is what we do every day that matters. However, you can never make a second first impression, so it is important to us that we show prospective students and their parents and carers who we are and why Presdales is a good fit for any child.

I want to say thank you in advance to all our student helpers who will be coming in to support the school on Thursday evening. You are the face of the school and the ones who can talk first-hand about your experiences at Presdales. My thanks to parents and carers who will be dropping off and picking up their children. All information about timings has been sent out by Miss Turner.

A reminder that **Friday 16th October** is an inset day. The school will be closed to all students.

KS4 Learn 4 Living (L4L)

Over the last week both Year 10 and 11 students have completed their first L4L workshops of this academic year. Year 10 explored Extremism and Online risk whilst Year 11 completed workshops on Cancer awareness, Sexual Health, Finance and Alcohol & Risk. Students participated well and asked lots of questions in the workshops. Thank you to Mrs Fry for organising the days, and to those staff who delivered sessions.

EduLink - Parent Details

Please can all parents and carers to log into EduLink to check contact information is up to date and correct. Please update any information that has changed. Please email admin@presdales.herts.sch.uk if you have any issues.

Presdales Parents' Association

If you would like to support the school and find out more about the Parents Association and the work that they do, please follow the PA on Instagram.



Harvest Collection

Message from Mrs Davies:

I am an Exam Invigilator and Cover Supervisor at Presdales, and part of the Senior Leadership Team that runs The Hertford Pantry.

Last Easter and Christmas, students, parents and staff kindly donated Easter Eggs and Christmas Hampers that were given out to those families that find it challenging at this time of year.

We are reaching out again asking for your help and generosity with Harvest just around the corner, we are appealing and asking for donations to fill our shelves with dried goods to give out to our community.

A bit of background and information of the work The Hertford Pantry do.

We collect food from many local supermarkets including Tesco, Marks and Spencers, Sainsbury's, Coop and Waitrose. A team of volunteers go out to the local stores, collect crates of food that otherwise would go to landfill, they then deliver the food to the hubs, where they sort it out and label it with the date. These amazing volunteers go out late at night and in all weather conditions.

We hold sessions on a Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at Sele and on a Thursday at Pinehurst. Volunteers lay all the food out on tables so our visitors can see exactly what we have, we then welcome our visitors always with a warm smile and a chat whilst they help themselves to food. On average we see 50 families per session. There is no criteria, no paperwork to hand in, anyone can come to our sessions. After the session we clear up, take any crates back to the appropriate store and have a general clean.

Students can bring food in any day up to half term with the final collection day being Friday 23rd October at break. There will be a collection box in reception to place your donation in, or pupils can hand in at form time, with a couple of students collecting donations and then delivering them to the boxes which will be placed outside Mrs Cainelli's office (the room behind reception)

Foods to donate - Any non-perishable, dried goods

For example:

- Tinned meat and fish - Corned beef, ham, tuna, salmon
- Tinned Vegetables - Carrots, potatoes, peas, sweetcorn, tomatoes, beans and pulses
- Tinned fruit and puddings - Peaches, rice pudding, custard, fruit cocktail
- Jars of cooking sauces, pasta and curry sauces
- Dried pasta, spaghetti, rice, noodles
- Tins of soup
- Boxes of cereal, porridge oats, breakfast bars
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate, jam, honey, marmite
- Packets of biscuits, crackers, savoury snacks
- Fruit juices and non-alcoholic drinks, bottles of squash
- Toiletries - toothpaste, soap, shower gel, toilet rolls, toothbrushes
- Washing up liquid, washing powder

PLEASE REMEMBER WE CAN NOT ACCEPT ANY KIND OF FRESH PRODUCE INCLUDING FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

Just think if every student bought in one item each into school, that would be an incredible amount of food donated to The Hertford Pantry going to those that need a little bit of extra help.

Our opening times of the sessions are:

Sele Farm Community Hub

Mondays - 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Wednesdays - 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Saturdays - 11.00am – Midday

Pinehurst Community Centre

Thursdays 1.30 - 2.30

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mr M Warren