



# PressTales



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## Headlines

Dear Parents/Carers

Our Secondary transfer evening is approaching fast (Thursday 12th October 5.30pm - 8.30pm). We look forward to welcoming prospective students and their parents. I would like to thank the students in advance for the support they are giving the school on the evening, by either guiding or helping out in classrooms. This year, for the first time, we have been running tours during the school day. These have proved to be very popular with parents and their children.

The students are continuing to gain increasing numbers of reward points. You should now be receiving these by email. We are looking at the system to see if it will also allow us to send them to the students and to secondary contacts on our system. Up until end of day 29 September, 7088 rewards had been earned. This is nearly four times the number of consequences. The number of consequences given out has reduced dramatically each week.

A reminder that we have three more information evenings left:

**Year 8 Tuesday 17 October 7.00pm**

**Year 10 Monday 30 October 7.00pm**

**Year 9 Tuesday 14 November 7.00pm**

Following the recent parent governor elections, we are pleased to announce that Paul Abraham, Oyindamola Bishi and Madeline Waller were voted onto the governing body. Thank you to those parents who voted. We look forward to working with our new governors. We would like to thank Mark Voaden, whose term of office as a governor has come to an end, for the time and commitment he has given over the past few years. We have valued his expertise on our premises committee.

Kind regards

**Matt Warren, Headteacher**

**Open Evening  
Thursday 12th October  
5.30pm - 8.30pm**

A reminder that school will close at 12.45 pm on Thursday 12 October for Open Evening.

**Inset Day  
Friday 13th October**

Please note that the school will be closed for Inset Day on Friday 13th October 2017.

## Presdales School



**Open Evening**

**Thursday 12 October 2017**

**5.30 pm to 8.30 pm**

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Ware  
Hertfordshire  
SG12 9NX

Tel: 01920 462210  
[www.presdales.herts.sch.uk](http://www.presdales.herts.sch.uk)

The Headteacher, Mr Warren, will speak at 6.00pm, 7.00pm and 8.00pm. Tickets available on arrival. Parents and their daughters will be able to see the work of departments and meet staff and students.

Guided tours will be available.

We have limited parking on site but there is overflow parking at Hertford Rugby Club.





## Presdales' prefects

Congratulations to the following students who have just received their prefect badges:



Left to right:

**Natasha Kinsella (Charity Ambassador)**  
**Hannah Bates (Sports Ambassador)**  
**Lydia Silcock (Senior Music Student)**  
**Minty Penn Clark (Senior Music Student)**  
**Rebecca Ali (Librarian)**  
**Abigail Ross (Librarian)**

## Language prefects



Meet our new Year 12 Language prefects for this academic year! They are all studying one or 2 of our 5 languages on offer at Presdales at A Level and have all been successful following an application process to give us the very best ambassadors for languages. They will be very busy in the coming year, helping with lower school classes and GCSE classes, running language clubs for Year 7 and leading assemblies, amongst many other things. We are very glad to have such a talented group willing to share their obvious passion for languages.

**Libby Batchelor Darcy Brennan Mollie Brown Amy Carton Hannah Davies Tia Pinnington  
Tabitha Povey Charlotte Powell Elena Simou Olivia Sparey Corr Francesca Weblin**



## Presdales PTA

Presdales PTA has officially been dragged into the 21st century, we are on Facebook!!

Please like and share: [Presdales School PTA](#)



This facebook page is run and managed by the Presdales PTA and you will be able to find information on upcoming events at Presdales such as:



### 17<sup>th</sup> October - Year 8 Information Evening

Wine (have we got your attention?) and cheese evening. Come and join us after the information evening for a glass of wine or cup of tea. Second hand uniform will also be for sale.



### 24<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Fayre

3.45pm – 4.45pm in the hall – everyone welcome

If you would be willing to donate a prize for the raffle we would love to hear from you.

Stall holders needed – new stall holders welcome. Also if you usually have a stall and haven't heard from us, please get in touch:

[pta@presdales.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@presdales.herts.sch.uk) or contact us via



## Non Uniform Charity Day

Our first Non-Uniform Day this academic year in support of the school charity, **teens:)unite**, is being held on Friday 20th October. The Charity Committee would like



everyone to take part and to make a voluntary £2.00 donation (or more if you would like to contribute as a family) to this extremely worthwhile cause. We would be grateful if donations could be returned to Mrs Eyre in the School Office in an envelope marked with your daughter's/son's name and form group. Many thanks

## Rewards



Following the introduction of the reward system, we would like to congratulate the following forms for having the highest points in their year so far:

- 7EW
- 8LH
- 9JP
- 10AW
- 11LC
- 12AH
- 13PS

Well done!

## Election of Parent Governor

Three Parents have been appointed to the Board of Governors: Paul Abraham, Oyinda Bishi and Maddie Waller. Thank you for parental support in the recent ballot.

## eSafety - Autumn 2017

Please [click here](#) for the latest edition of eSafety News from Herts for Learning.

## Absence Line

Please help us to support your child and ensure that they achieve their best through excellent attendance at school. Parents/carers are asked

to advise the School by telephone or email, before 8.45am if possible, each day a student is going to be absent.

**Student Absence Telephone:**

**Student Absence Email:**

01920 462210 - Option 1

[attendance@presdales.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@presdales.herts.sch.uk)



## Vacancy at Presdales

Application forms are available on the [school website](#)

and should be sent to Mrs M Stanley as soon as possible, please. We are looking to recruit a **MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT**, 12.00-2.00pm five days a week, term time only. The job involves working as part of a team to supervise in the Dining Room. Salary £8.29 per hour including fringe.

## Tempest Photography

school by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Any orders after this date will need to be made direct to Tempest.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Goodwin on [cover@presdales.herts.sch.uk](mailto:cover@presdales.herts.sch.uk)

Our school Photograph order forms have been handed to students this morning to bring home.

If you would like to place an order please return the form and payment to the

## Music Fees

Music Fees for the Autumn Term are now overdue. If you have not paid your balance, please do so to The Finance Department as soon as possible.

## Overdue Library Books

We have a number of overdue library books. We would, therefore, be grateful if they could either be returned to the library or renewed. Many thanks.

## Change of contact details

If any of your contact details have changed please notify the school by either by emailing [admin@presdales.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@presdales.herts.sch.uk) or by asking for a Change of Details form in the School Office.

## Letters home

All letters are sent home via InTouch. Copies of letters can also be found on our website under **Quick Links** or by clicking [here](#). However, if you require a hard copy of a letter, please request one from the school office.

## News from Drama

Year 11 GCSE Drama students performed their Devised Drama examination on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The students were responding to a stimulus based on The Battle of the Somme. Each of the three groups created a 11-15 minute performance inspired by their research. The performances showcased lots of their Drama skills and ability to perform in a role which is sensitive to historical context. Additional challenge was demonstrated by incorporating Puppetry, Live music and Frantic Assembly inspired Chair Duets. The students performed to a high standard and were incredibly professional and supportive to each other under exam conditions. Thank you for your hard work. Now continue that focus writing up those portfolios!

Miss L Mack and Miss S Ward  
Drama Department





## News from Art

### Head Teacher's Award - September

Congratulations to Freya Church Year 10 who produced an excellent watercolour/coloured pencil still life study of fruit. This is now framed and put up in Mr Warren's

office. Well done to her for her skilful techniques and careful application of colours.



### Year 12 Printing Workshop on Monday 18th September

Year 12 enjoyed a day of experimenting with Lino printing techniques for their portfolios. Well done to all for working so hard and producing high standard prints.



### Presdales School Artists and Photographers of the Month – September

#### Artists of the Month

- Year 7 - Molly Barnard
- Year 8 - Maddie Fowler Noon
- Year 9 - Kaci Parcell
- Year 10 - Freya Church
- Year 10 - Amelia Baxter
- Year 10 - Emelia Bryant
- Year 11 - Jessica Whitby
- Year 11 - Steph Cottham
- Year 11 - Imogen Raphael
- Year 12 - Amy Pozzilli
- Year 13 - Annie Angus

#### Photographers of the Month

- Year 12 - Tierney Kinsella
- Year 13 - Anna Thompson

Well Done From The Art Department!





## More from Art

### Year 12/13 Art & Photography Trip to London - 22nd September

Our students enjoyed a busy day in London visiting the Tate Modern, Bankside Gallery, Victoria & Albert Museum as well as other locations for photo shoots as part of their coursework. Well done to all for their exemplary behaviour and support to the teachers. The day was full of inspiration for all of the students' individual projects.



## Christmas Card Design Competition



### Presdales School Christmas Card Design Competition 2017



Years 7- 13 are welcome to design

- All media accepted, painting, drawing, photography, textile etc.
- Entries must be A5 in size
- Please include your name & form group on the back
- Please give your entry to Mrs Francis in A1

Deadline date: Tuesday 1st November 2017



## News from PE

### Netball

Well done to the Year 8 netball B team who won 33-1 against Chauncy this week. Player of the match was Emily Moring.



Well done to the Year 8 netball A team who won 27-10 against Chauncy this week. Player of the match was Mia Hannington.



### Football



Gracie Pearse in Year 10 has recently been on an England Under 16's training Camp at St George's Park. As part of her England duties she was asked to be a ball girl at the men's England V Slovenia

Match at Wembley last night. Such an inspiration to the girls at Presdales!

## PE Students of the Month - September



### Congratulations to:

- Year 7 - Grace Cox for exceptional effort in PE lessons.
- Year 8 - Emilia Johnson for being actively involved in lessons even when injured.
- Year 9 - Isabelle Henn for lending a year 7 her whole PE kit.
- Year 10 - Francesca Holmes for an immaculate GCSE theory book.
- Year 11 - Janelle Oguchi for excelling on the trampoline

### Hockey

Excellent Under 16 Hockey Tournament this week ... the girls were brilliant (as always).

1st match a great draw against Knights Templar (1-1- goal from Emily Parry) a great win against Queenswood (1-0 - goal from Evie Reynolds) and then a final battle against Parmiters saw us draw 1-1 finishing top of our table!

45 minutes later we went on to play Haileybury in the semi final; and unfortunately lost 4-0... including conceding a couple of injuries.

Congratulations girls - you were brilliant - man of the match was our super first time goalkeeper, Charlie Head!



## Sporting Fixtures in October and November

### October

- 9th Oct : Year 7 & 9 Netball v Simon Balle (H), 3.45pm
- 10th Oct : U15 County Cup Hockey v JFK @ Herts University
- 12th Oct : Cross Country @ Broxbourne
- 16th Oct : Swim Gala at John Warner
- 19th Oct : Year 9 Netball v RBA (B Team) (H), 3.30pm

### November

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov : Year 7 & 8 Netball v RBA) (H), 3.30pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Nov : Year 11 Netball v Chauncy (H), 3.45pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov : Year 7 A&B Netball v Chauncy (H)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov : Year 9 & 10 Netball v Chauncy (H), 3.30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Nov : School Games U12 & U14 Basket ball, U13 & U15 Handball @ Wodson Park
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov : Year 7 A&B, Year 8 A&B, Year 9 & 10 Netball v Broxbourne @ Wormley, 4pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov : School Games U14 & U16 Badminton and U12, U14 & U16 Futsal
- 20<sup>th</sup> Nov : U15 County Cup Hockey v RMS @ JW
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov : Year 7 A&B, Year 8 A&B, Year 9 & 11 Netball v JW @ Wormley, 4pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov : Years 8 (C Team) & 10 Netball v SB (A), 3.45pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Nov : Years 7 & 8 Football Cup @ Stevenage
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov : Level 2 Table Tennis Tournament @ Haileybury Turnford, 4pm





## Year 12 Government & Politics Visit to Parliament

On Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of September the Year 12 Government and Politics students visited the Houses of Parliament. The trip allowed students to bring our studies to life and fleetingly experience what we have been learning in one of our A Level units about the British constitution and the powers of Parliament.

After a short train journey we arrived at Westminster, greeted by the familiar buildings we've seen on the news (and in textbooks!). We were then given some time in small groups to explore, eat and compete in a challenge of which group could take the most (and to some extent funny) photos and tweet them to the politics department on twitter (@PresdalesPols). Through this light-hearted challenge, we got to visit a variety of sights, including Downing Street, Big Ben, the Supreme Court and multiple offices such as the Cabinet Office.



After posing with an assortment of notable individuals (unfortunately in statue form) we reconvened to be given a tour around the Houses of Parliament. We were able to view the two different chambers, along with the Queen's robing room, the lobbies and more. In doing so, we were quizzed on our knowledge from class along with learning more about the history of Parliament and the different duties of the Houses. Following our tours, we attended a debating workshop and learnt about the essentials of debating in Parliament; to put this in to context, we split into two groups and debated the question of 'Should school uniforms be banned?' seeing some very passionate responses from each side.

The day was both fascinating and enjoyable, leaving some students with the hope of someday working in Westminster. Consequently, we'd like to thank Mr Spurgeon and Miss Powell for organising such a fantastic trip and hope to see next year's cohort enjoy it too!

**Katie Adamson and Maisie Mautterer, Year 12**

## Year 7 Team Building Days at Cuffley Camp

As part of the primary to secondary school transition at Presdales, we organise a day trip to Cuffley Camp for all of Year 7.



The main aim of the day is to develop vital team building skills and to establish new friendships. It

is an invaluable and very enjoyable part of making a new start at secondary school!

The students are now looking forward to their Isle of White trip in March!







## School Calendar

### October

- Wednesday 11th : Year 10 & 11 Textiles Trip
- Thursday 12th : School finishes at 12.45pm
- Thursday 12th : Secondary Transfer Evening, 5.30-8.30pm
- Friday 13th : Inset Day
- Tuesday 17th : Year 13 Biology Trip
- Tuesday 17th : Year 8 Information Evening, 7.00pm
- Wednesday 18th : Artist Visit
- Thursday 19th - Tuesday 24th : Russian Trip
- Friday 20th October : Charity Day (1)
- Monday 23rd - Friday 27th : Half Term
- Monday 30th : Year 10 Information Evening, 7pm
- Tuesday 31st : Year 10 Geography Trip

### November

- Wednesday 1st : Shakespeare School Festival Workshop, 1.30-5.30pm
- Wednesday 1st : Shakespeare School Festival Performance, 7.00-10.00pm
- Friday 3rd : Year 11 PSHE Day
- Monday 6th - Monday 13th : Year 9 French Exchange (away)
- Tuesday 7th : Year 12/13 Senior Maths Challenge
- Thursday 9th : Year 12 Sociology Trip
- Friday 10th : Year 13 Psychology Trip
- Tuesday 14th : Year 9 Information Evening, 7.00pm
- Wednesday 15th : Year 10 PSHE Day (TBC)
- Wednesday 15th : Sixth Form Forum, 7.00-9.00pm
- Thursday 16th : Creative Arts Showcase Evening
- Monday 20th : Year 13 Sociology Trip
- Wednesday 22nd : Year 9 Buddhist Monastery Visit (half year group)
- Thursday 23rd : Year 9 Buddhist Monastery Visit (half year group)
- Thursday 23rd : Autumn Music Concert
- Friday 24th : Year 10 Skills London Careers Fair Trip
- Friday 24th : Christmas Fayre, 3.45pm-4.45pm
- Wednesday 29th - Saturday 2nd : Year 8 & 9 German Trip
- Friday 30th - Wednesday 13th December : Year 11 Mocks

## Trips

Please be aware that if you send in your reply slip without making a payment your child's place is not secured.

If you have any difficulty paying a full deposit for a trip, please enclose an accompanying letter with a smaller deposit.

### Reminders

- **Year 11 GCSE Wire Workshop (18th October)** - Voluntary contribution of £10.00 by 6th October please.
- **Year 10 Geography Trip (31st October)** - Voluntary contribution of £27.00 by 11th October please.
- **Year 9 RE Trip (22nd/23rd November)** - Voluntary contribution of £17.50 by 19th October please.
- **Year 10 Skills London Trip (24th November)** - Voluntary contribution of £15 by 3rd November please.
- **Year 8 & 9 German Trip (29th November to 2nd December)** - Parents Information Evening on 16th November from 6pm until 6.30pm in the lecture theatre.
- **French Exchange** - Next payment of £145 is now overdue.
- **Year 7 Little Canada Trip (March 2018)** - The £75 deposit is due before Friday 6th October. The final payment of £125 is due by Friday 15th December. Places still available.
- **Year 9 Battlefields Trip (May 2018)** - There are a few places still available. Please send in your daughter's permission slip with £30 deposit.
- **GCSE History Revision Guides (£2.50 each)** - Slip and payment due by 11th October.

## Calendar

The full school calendar for the current academic year can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

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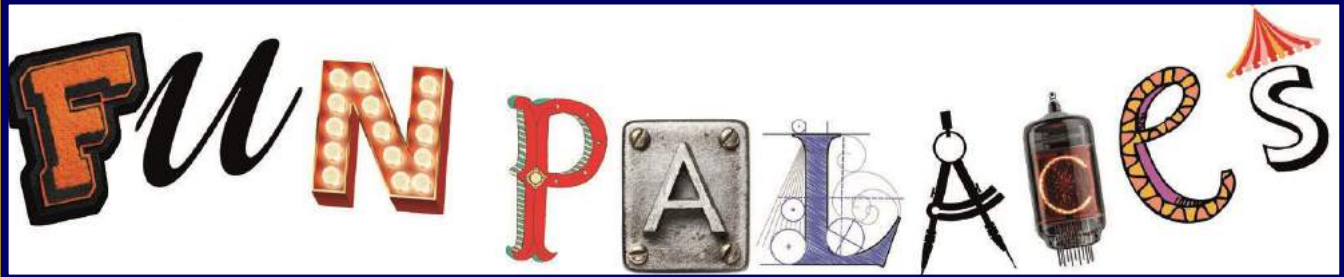
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**WARE'S THE FUN PALACE -  
SATURDAY 7TH AND SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2017**



Taking place on the weekend of 7th and 8th October at The Southern Maltings and Ware Arts Centre, Ware's the Fun Palace is an opportunity for the local people of Ware, and the surrounding area to come together and celebrate all that this amazing community has on offer.

From craft and music to science and nature, Ware's the Fun Palace will give people of all ages and backgrounds an opportunity to take part in workshops, events and performances, all of which are completely free. For a list of what is on across the weekend, then please click here:

<http://www.waresthefunpalace.co.uk/planned-workshops>

Everything on offer is being run completely by volunteers and therefore, whether it's delivering workshops, manning the stalls, or serving the delicious refreshments that will be on offer throughout the weekend, there is an opportunity to get involved. We need Ware's the Fun Palace to be all about OUR local community. If you have an idea for a workshop or have a talent you would like to teach to others, then why not contact us today and one of the Ware's the Fun Palace Makers will be in touch

<http://www.waresthefunpalace.co.uk/contact>

Fun Palaces all over the country are showcasing what is great about their local community and we are doing the same. Life should be varied, exciting and fun. With your help and participation, Ware's the Fun Palace will give people the chance to experience just that.

**Ware Arts Centre, Southern Maltings, Kibes Lane, WARE, SG12 7BS**