



PressTales



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Headlines

Dear Parents/Carers

We are now nearing the end of the public exam series, as well as our own internal examinations.

I would like to thank all of our invigilators who have been in all of the exams, and in particular our Exams Officer, Fiona Newbold, and the wider exams team who have worked tirelessly to ensure the successful delivery of thousands of exams this year.

Each year the JCQ (Joint Qualifications Council) will turn up unannounced to exam centres to inspect their practice. We were visited yesterday and received a green light in every category.

I am pleased to announce that a number of our students have been successful in the Russian National Essay competition that took place in March.

In the Year 8 category, our three entrants were placed 1st (I Foxon), 3rd (A Bassett) and Highly Commended (C Waring).

In the Year 12/13 category, our two entrants, E Simou and E Terziyski, both came in 2nd place, receiving a Special Commendation.

It is worth noting that all other schools that placed were private or selective schools.

Thank you to Mrs Willett and Mrs Murphy for the support they gave the students.

Kind regards

Matt Warren
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

June

- Monday 18th to Thursday 21st : Year 9 Spanish Trip
- Tuesday 19th : Music Trip (TBC)
- Wednesday 20th to Saturday 23rd : Year 10 & 12 Trip to Berlin
- Thursday 21st : String Recital
- Monday 25th to Thursday 28th : Year 8 French Trip
- Friday 29th : Summer Art & Photography A Level Exhibition, 4-7pm
- Saturday 30th to Monday 2nd July : Year 12 Silver Practice DofE Expedition

July

- Monday 2nd : School Show (rehearsal)
- Monday 2nd : Sports Day heats (morning)
- Tuesday 3rd to Thursday 5th : New Year 12 Induction
- Tuesday 3rd : School Show (rehearsal)
- Wednesday 4th : Year 9 PSHE day
- Wednesday 4th : School Show, 7pm
- Thursday 5th : Year 9 & 10 Technology Exhibition Visit
- Thursday 5th : School Show, 7pm
- Friday 6th : Sports Day (afternoon)
- Friday 6th : School Show, 7pm
- Saturday 7th to Sunday 8th : DofE Qualifying Expedition
- Monday 9th : Lunchtime recital, St. Mary's Church, Ware
- Monday 9th : Year 10 Art Trip
- Monday 9th : Year 8 HPV injections
- Tuesday 10th : Year 10 PSHE day
- Tuesday 10th : Year 12 Whipsnade Zoo Trip
- Tuesday 10th : Year 9 HPV injections
- Wednesday 11th : Year 8 Science Activity Day
- Wednesday 11th : Year 12 Cambridge Day
- Thursday 12th : New Year 7 day and new parents evening
- Thursday 12th to Thursday 19th : Year 10 & 12 Italian Trip
- Saturday 14th to Monday 23rd : Team 1 Year 8 & 9 World Challenge
- Monday 16th : Presdales Rocks
- Wednesday 18th : Sports Awards Evening, 7pm
- Wednesday 18th to Friday 27th : Team 2 Year 8 & 9 World Challenge
- Friday 20th : Term ends, 12.45pm

The full school calendar can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

Please [click here](#) for the PE fixtures.

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An invitation to Presdales Summer Exhibition '18
A celebration of
Sixth form Art & Photography work

by Eleanor Sparkes

Friday 29th June '18 4pm - 7pm in the Art Department

Well done and congratulations to all our Sixth form. Best wishes from the Art Department.

Photographed by Amelia Robinson
Modelled by Heather Lyford

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Presdales
Music Department
Presents

SONGWRITING COMPETITION 2018

with Special Guest Judge Hattie Whitehead

Entries must be original music and lyrics.
You can enter as an individual or a group.
Submit your entry as a recording to
music@presdales.herts.sch.uk by Friday
22nd June.
Shortlisted entries will perform in the final
at Presdales Rocks on Monday 16th of July.

For questions please see Mrs Hetherington
or Miss Ringer.

Presdales
Music Department
Presents

PRESDALES ROCKS 2018

featuring the
Annual Song Writing Competition
with Special Guest Judge Hattie Whitehead

Monday 16th July
7pm
Presdales School

Watch this space for ticket info!



School Production - Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th July 2018



Presdales School is proud to present our first ever musical production: 'Made in Dagenham'!

'Made in Dagenham' is a musical production with music by **David Arnold**, lyrics by Richard Thomas, and a book by Richard Bean. Based on the 2010 film of the same name, the show depicts the real events of the Ford sewing machinists' strike of 1968. Students and directing and producing staff from the Drama and Music departments have worked tirelessly, with an abundance of energy, enthusiasm and imagination, to bring you the entertaining, but also educating and motivating, showstopper that is 'Made in Dagenham'.

'Made in Dagenham' will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th July 2018. Tickets for this exclusive performance are priced at £8 for concessions and £12 for adults and can be purchased via **WisePay**. Due to the use of a projection screen in the production, the main stage will be extended and built out into the auditorium. This, along with health and safety regulations, means that our seating capacity is slightly smaller than normal. As a result, it is advisable to purchase tickets prior to the performance in order to avoid disappointment should we have reached our capacity.

Following payment, seating will be allocated on a first come, first served basis with the best seats in the auditorium being allocated first. If you have any specific seating requirements, please contact Mrs Eyre in the Main School Office on 01920 462210 who will be happy to assist you with this. In addition, if you do not have a WisePay account, please contact Mrs Eyre. Allocated tickets will be given out by form tutors during registration time. If you do not have a child at Presdales School, tickets will be available to collect from reception or can be collected on the evening of the performance.

The cost of staging a musical is high. A school production costs many hundreds of pounds to produce, from paying for the licensing agreement to perform the chosen play, to the hiring and purchasing of lighting, sound, staging and props. We do not make a profit by putting on such productions but instead our aim is to 'break even'. However, any proceeds that are made will be used on purchasing equipment for the relevant departments at school.

In order that we do not have to compromise on the quality of our production and can give both the participants and audience members the best experience possible, we are asking for sponsorship from parents, guardians or family members of pupils who may own or manage a business. In return we will be offering business advertising space in our Made in Dagenham Show Programme, which will be available for every audience member on the three nights of the show. We are asking for a contribution of £25 for a full A5 page advertisement and £15 for a half page advertisement. It is estimated that at least 100 audience members will view the show each evening. Furthermore, a copy of the programme will be left on display in the main school reception until July 2019.

If you would like any more information and/or wish to sponsor us by purchasing some advertising space, please can you contact MrsSFehmi@presdales.herts.sch.uk by Friday 22nd June 2018.

EdufundUK Ltd

Following on from the recently reported successful bid for funding of the 3D printer from their STEM fund, further bids were submitted to the remaining two EdufundUK Ltd award categories.

Mrs Nikki Albone was pleased to hear, just before half-term, that Presdales School had once again been successful. Pictured here with Edufund's Gareth Mottram are Mrs Davies, Mr Warren, receiving a cheque for Creative Learning tools, and Miss Weaver, receiving a cheque to replace the broken trampette and portable Bluetooth speaker for PE.

Presdales School is the first school to achieve a full house with EdufundUKs' three minor awards and we are currently awaiting a decision following a final round submission on a major bid for additional PE equipment.



Rewards

Congratulations to the following forms who have achieved the highest number of reward points this half term:

7EW
8EC
9SR
10LM



SMSC Corner

Themes in the last fortnight have been SMSC language and Healthy Living.





Junior Maths Challenge

A record number of 105 Year 7 and 65 Year 8 students took part in the Junior Maths Challenge this April. They had to think logically and creatively to solve mathematical puzzles for this 1 hour individual competition.

Congratulations go to all students who took part and the following students who were awarded certificates for their achievement. Laura Wilkinson and Zoe Drewitt in Year 7, together with Maggie Bristow and Megan Mo in Year 8 have been invited to take part in the follow-on round entitled the 'Junior Kangaroo' on the strength of their achievement in the challenge. This will take place on Tuesday 12th June.

Year 8 Gold

Maggie	Bristow
Megan	Mo
Maddie	Robb
Ivy	Chen
Lotty	Hobson
Isobel	Souter

Year 8 Bronze

Katie	Swindell
Gbayike	Adekola
Roisin	Hurley
Bethan	Sleath
Darcy	Chance
Maddie	Stewart
Elizabet	Brand
Lydia	Whiskin
Tabitha	Legg
Grace	Barnes
Niharika	Jha
Lauren	Hill
Hannah	Stapleton
Emilia	Johnson
Abigail	Cannell
Wiktoria	Luksza
Maeva	Leroux

Year 7 Gold

Laura	Wilkinson
Zoe	Drewitt
Sophie	Doyle
Olivia	Baldwin

Year 7 Bronze

Jasmine	Kelly	Emilija	Vipule
Josie	English	Yu Qiong	Chen
Adelaide	Peart	Anya	Jenkins
Holly	Coleman	Emily	Sheffield
Caitlin	Flatman	Rhianna	Venables
Megan	Linkson	Tara	Archer
Lucy	Sacre	Sophie	Christer
Grace	Cox	Jessica	Downing
Jessica	Scott	Evelyn	Youngman
Zoe	Smith	Ellie	Rushforth
Madalyn	Parker	Isabella	O'Reilly

Year 8 Silver

Leah	Manning
Zoe	Van Maanen-berg
Opeyemi	Adenekan
Ishara	Hettiarachchi
Kirsten	Gee
Isobel	Foxon
Maiya	Allchin
Jodie	Austin
Mia	Hannington
Mariko	Eglin
Ellie	Jenkinson

Year 7 Silver

Maisie	Johnson
Lydia	Freeman
Ami	Unadkat
Evie	Martin
Kim	Pittaccio
Madeline	Parry
Juliette	McKenna
Matilda	Endersbee
Alexis	Broad

Rachel Rugg-Gunn, Head of Maths

Presdales Afternoon Tea

On Wednesday 23rd May 2018, parents, friends and staff were delighted to attend an amazing Afternoon Tea prepared and hosted by our Year 10 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition students. Working under

strict exam conditions the students baked all morning producing delicious bread doughs, cakes, scones and homemade preserves. We are pleased to report that our students coped really well working under the intense 'Bake Off' pressure. They finished and presented their freshly baked products to a professional standard. The whole group were justly proud of their fantastic results and received very positive feedback from our guests on the day for their fabulous food.

A special thank you goes to the Art Department for the loan of the student artwork and to Mrs A Wall for setting the scene in our lovely Afternoon Tea room.

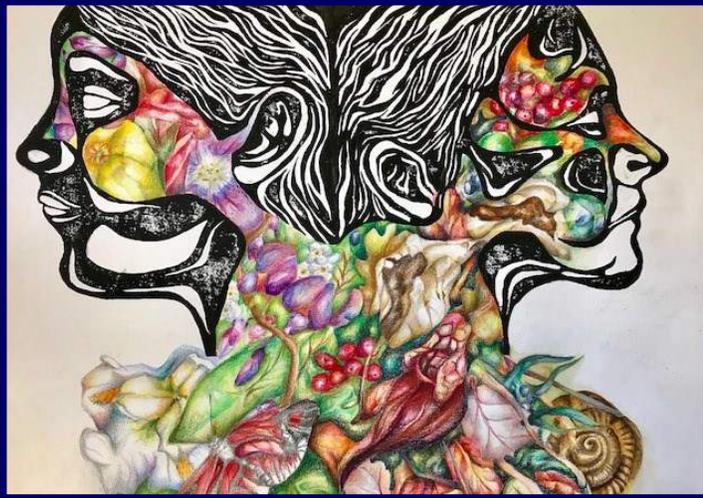
Mrs N. Garcia





Year 13 Fine Art A level work

An example of work from our wonderful students. Come and see more of their work at our Summer Art & Photography A Level Exhibition on Friday 29th June 2018 from 4-7pm in the Art Department.





News from PE

Rounders



Well done to the yr 7,8,9 & 10 rounders teams

who played last week against John Warner.

Year 7's won 7 1/2 to 7
Year 8's won 5 1/2 to 3 1/2
Year 9's lost 8 to 5 1/2
Year 10's won 12 1/2 to 4 1/2



Massive congratulations to the Year 9 Rounders team who came runners up at a recent district tournament. 8 teams is impressive girls! Brilliant team work, batting was fab and fielding was awesome! Well done!



Athletics

Well done to Daisy Creasey and Lauren Simpson who competed in the Herts Schools Athletics Championships. Daisy came 1st in the 300m hurdles with a 2 second pb and Lauren came 2nd in the 300m! Brilliant performances girls. Congratulations!



Herts County Netball

Well done to Amelie Anstead and Issy Henn who have been selected for the long squad for the U14 County netball team. Well done to Frankie Jones, Lottie Green and Juliette James who have been selected for the long squad for the U12 County netball team. Massive congratulations on being selected from over 250 girls in each age group!

Calypso Cricket

Well done to the U13 cricket team who came 1st out of 10 teams in the tournament this week. Amazing batting and great teamwork in the field. Well done to the U15 cricket team who came 2nd in the shield competition. They massively improved over the day and ended up winning a 'bowl-off' - great show by Millie Neave. Congrats girls!



Tennis

Over May half term, Charlotte Slack in Year 7 competed in some tennis competitions!

Chesham Bois - Grade 3 Regional - 12U Doubles **RUNNER UP**
Harpenden - Grade 4 County - 14U Singles **RUNNER UP** - 14U Doubles **WINNER**

Well done Charlotte, this is fantastic news!



Well done to our Year 8, 9 & 10 tennis teams who all won their district Nicola Mabbit tennis tournament and got through to the finals on the 25th June at Queenswood.

Football

Bengeo Tigers U13 Girls football team came 2nd in Division 4 of the Hertfordshire Girls Football Partnership League. Of the 18 league games played, they won 13, drew 3 and lost 2. Including cup and friendly matches, the girls scored 84 goals, conceded 32 and scored in 20 out of 23 games played in total.

Presdales girls make up a huge number of the team;

Charlotte Slack
Emilia Johnson
Emma Tammadge
Erin Leigh
Freya Oliver
Lucy Wells
Lydia Whiskin
Maddie Stewart
Ria Cabbani
Sophie Owen

The team is now recruiting for new members next season from current Y7 and Y8 groups and any girls who would like to make enquiries can contact hjowen1@gmail.com or mobile 07946 343794. We are particularly looking for a goal keeper but are happy to share this role with other players so everyone has a chance to play. Our deadline for registration for the 2018/19 season is 29 July.



Dancing

So, after 5 months' training and aged only 15 and 16, Madeline Drake in Year 11 and her partner, Ethan, are National Under 35 Novice Latin Champions. They also came 4th in U35 Ballroom. Well done to you both, congratulations!





STEM Careers Showcase

On Thursday the 24th of May, 14 year 8's visited Sandhurst Military Academy to attend a day about female careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). We started off our day by being welcomed by the Secretary of State for Defence, The Rt Hon Gavin Williamson. We were then taken to the career stands. These careers ranged from Code Breaking to Drug Trialling. We all enjoyed the VR headsets and the free food, pens, ruler, water bottles and fidget spinners. The different stalls offered many different pathways for women in STEM but the main focus was engineering.

We were then taken to lunch by the lake. Unfortunately it started to drizzle and we weren't able to see the first all-women Army Parachute Display Team jump. We then went back to the stalls where we were inspired by even more careers. For instance, we enjoyed the forensic scientist stall where we caught a criminal. All the stalls were very interactive and we got to see how mosquitos transmit malaria and other diseases.

Finally, we were taken to a lecture theatre where we listened to successful women engineers - these included Jacqui Murray (Deputy Director – Faraday Battery Challenge) and Lynsey Seal (London Fire Brigade Special Engineering Group). Sadly, our day had to come to an end but we were grateful for the experience.

Maddie Robb and Maddie Fowler-Noon



Attendees: Charlotte Waring, Bethan Sleath, Rosin Hurley, Madeline Robb, Madeline Fowler-Noon, Megan Mo, Erin Leigh, Jodie Austin, Ishara Hettiarachchi, Niharika Jha, Zoe Van Maenburg, Isobel Foxon, Maisie Pryke, Ellie Archer



Virtual Reality



Testing cars – with Capt J R Ellett RE BGE 1st Battalion Scots Guards



Building cars



Lunch by the lake

Changes to Hertfordshire SaverCard fares on Centrebus services

What is changing?

The discount being offered to SaverCard pass holders for day, week, termly and academic year tickets is being reduced to 20%. SaverCard monthly tickets will also be withdrawn.

Why is this happening?

The SaverCard scheme only offers a 50% discount on single and return tickets. Due to increased cost pressures that the business is facing (including rising fuel and staffing costs), against a backdrop of reducing subsidies from local authorities and government, we can no longer offer the same level of discount across our range of tickets. Standard monthly tickets are already heavily discounted and, therefore, we are unable to offer a further discount to children/SaverCard holders.

When is this happening?

On the 5th August 2018.

I normally buy a termly, academic year or annual ticket through the customer services team or your online shop. Are there any changes I should be aware of?

Termly and academic year tickets will still be available to purchase as

normal, but the discount available will be 20% of the adult fare.

Annual SaverCard tickets will no longer be available, but you will still be able to purchase a standard rate annual ticket.

Are you offering any early bird discounts on academic year tickets?

Yes, a 10% early bird discount will apply to academic year tickets only from 1st June 2018 to 31st July 2018. As these tickets will commence from the new academic year the revised discounted rate for SaverCard holders will apply to the prices.

Please note that the discount only applies to Academic Year Tickets and, once the offer has been withdrawn, no further discounts will apply. Customers are encouraged to ensure they take the offer up in good time, as the discounts are only valid for purchases made during these months.

Please remember that your season tickets will not be posted to you until early August in order to avoid passes getting lost or stolen.

Who can I contact for more information?

If you have any further questions or enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us at help@centrebus.com or by calling us on 0116 410 50 50.