



Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

This week has been the start of the appeals process for year 6 students. It is tough listening to families who desperately want their young person to be able to come to Passmores and whose lives have been turned upside down with the rejected offer. We are in a fortunate position to be over-subscribed, but it doesn't make the process any easier, we would take everyone if we could! What has been lovely is listening to the many reasons why Passmores was chosen in the first place, I have heard a wealth of compliments from parents which makes me feel even more proud of what we do every day (if that is at all possible!).

Thank you to those of you who were able to support with the work shadowing day for year 10s. We would love to be able to offer a block of work experience to our young people, but this isn't viable for a number of reasons, including financial implications. We know, having done this previously, what an impact time in a workplace has for young people, in helping them to understand not only the expectations of being in work, but in helping to make informed decisions about life beyond Passmores. Although one day is not ideal, it is still an opportunity that many young people have found invaluable. I appreciate that not all families were able to find placements, I know many of you tried so, thank you for your efforts.

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## TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVERS

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

|                     |        |    |
|---------------------|--------|----|
| Lana Urman          | Year 7 | 56 |
| Lily May            | Year 7 | 52 |
| Adrian Wejman       | Year 7 | 50 |
| Gemma Scott         | Year 7 | 49 |
| Samuel Parkin       | Year 7 | 44 |
| Mia Harding         | Year 7 | 43 |
| Sophia De Lima      | Year 7 | 43 |
| Will Carter         | Year 7 | 42 |
| Irina Cures         | Year 7 | 41 |
| Lucas Andrews       | Year 7 | 41 |
| Nevaeh Nyarko Moore | Year 7 | 41 |

|                    |        |    |
|--------------------|--------|----|
| Ryan Youens        | Year 8 | 58 |
| Charlie Brown      | Year 8 | 51 |
| Heath White        | Year 8 | 48 |
| Tyler Sherry       | Year 8 | 48 |
| Maisie Preston     | Year 8 | 47 |
| Kajus Jocas        | Year 8 | 44 |
| Katie Watters      | Year 8 | 43 |
| John Adesina       | Year 8 | 42 |
| Poppy Houghton     | Year 8 | 42 |
| Billy Salter       | Year 8 | 40 |
| Ellie Ashford-Kemp | Year 8 | 40 |

|                     |        |    |
|---------------------|--------|----|
| Lacee Young         | Year 9 | 31 |
| Maisie Reid         | Year 9 | 30 |
| Ava Dorrington      | Year 9 | 29 |
| Jack Wiggins        | Year 9 | 29 |
| Emily New           | Year 9 | 28 |
| James Edwards       | Year 9 | 27 |
| Maizie Ball-Parrish | Year 9 | 27 |
| Ronny Demleka       | Year 9 | 27 |
| Abdul Kamara        | Year 9 | 26 |
| Lewis Martin        | Year 9 | 26 |
| Violet Julian       | Year 9 | 26 |

|                    |         |    |
|--------------------|---------|----|
| Wojciech Budzinski | Year 10 | 52 |
| Emily Beckett      | Year 10 | 34 |



|                         |         |    |
|-------------------------|---------|----|
| Jonathan Wodczynski     | Year 10 | 34 |
| Jaymz Nicholls          | Year 10 | 32 |
| Luke Batt               | Year 10 | 31 |
| Abbie Newman            | Year 10 | 30 |
| Amy Wang                | Year 10 | 30 |
| Imi Hainsworth          | Year 10 | 30 |
| Mckenzie Laney          | Year 10 | 29 |
| Amelie Chadee Ramchurun | Year 10 | 28 |
| Charlie Hall            | Year 10 | 28 |
| Crystal Boothby         | Year 10 | 28 |
| Lola March              | Year 10 | 28 |

|                    |         |    |
|--------------------|---------|----|
| Heidi Peppard      | Year 11 | 30 |
| Gemma McAusland    | Year 11 | 28 |
| Maheen Anwar       | Year 11 | 28 |
| Megan Ingram       | Year 11 | 27 |
| Ruby Holmes        | Year 11 | 24 |
| Rocky Vinter       | Year 11 | 23 |
| Maisie Peacock     | Year 11 | 22 |
| Ellie Green        | Year 11 | 21 |
| Jayden Alade-Mason | Year 11 | 21 |
| Kyla Tombs-Stevens | Year 11 | 21 |

## HOUSE PASSMORES POINTS

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| <b>Dragon</b>  | <b>13554</b> |
| <b>Griffin</b> | <b>13096</b> |
| <b>Lion</b>    | <b>13747</b> |
| <b>Unicorn</b> | <b>13209</b> |



## YEAR GROUP ATTENDANCE

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

|                         | Average Attendance |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Y7                      | 91.27%             |
| Y8                      | 88.90%             |
| Y9                      | 88.72%             |
| Y10                     | 89.24%             |
| Y11                     | 86.37%             |
| Whole School Attendance | 88.92%             |

## PASTORAL UPDATE

### Thought for the Week: Cultural Appreciation Day - May Day

This week's thought for the week revolved around our third Cultural Appreciation Day, where students learned about May Day. Through engaging discussions and activities, students explored the cultural significance and traditions associated with May Day celebrations. This initiative promotes cultural awareness, appreciation, and understanding among students, fostering a sense of inclusivity and respect for diverse cultural heritage within our school community.

### In the News: Embracing Acceptance and Diversity

In the news segment, students continued their exploration of solidarity by delving into the importance of accepting others and their differences. Building upon previous discussions, students learned about the value of inclusivity, empathy, and respect for diversity within our school community. Through reflective activities and discussions, students deepened their understanding of the role acceptance plays in fostering a welcoming and supportive environment for all.

### Other News: Mental Health Ambassadors Clinic and Year 10 Work Shadowing

In other news, our dedicated Mental Health Ambassadors held their weekly clinic on Tuesday, providing a safe and supportive space for students to seek assistance for mental health concerns. Their commitment to promoting well-being and providing support underscores the importance of mental health awareness and advocacy within our school community.

Additionally, Year 10 students completed their work shadowing placements on Thursday, gaining valuable insights into potential career pathways and real-world workplace experiences. This initiative supports students in making informed decisions about their future education and career goals, empowering them to pursue their aspirations with confidence.

### Looking Ahead to Next Week: Celebration Assembly and GCSE Exam Preparation



As we look ahead to next week, excitement is building for the Year 11 Celebration Assembly on Tuesday, where students will be recognised and celebrated for their achievements and contributions throughout their time at Passmores Academy.

In conclusion, it has been another busy and productive week at Passmores Academy. As we approach the bank holiday weekend, we hope everyone takes the opportunity to rest and recharge before diving back into another week of learning and growth. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for what promises to be another dynamic and eventful week ahead!

#### **Caught doing good – Week ending Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

| <b>Year 7</b>  | <b>Year 8</b>   | <b>Year 9</b>  | <b>Year 10</b>   | <b>Year 11</b>   |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Archie Gale<br>Lawrence Forde<br>Ellen Clarke<br>Bobby Paxton<br>Kyraine Elliott | Tyler Guinness<br>Lexi-May Jones<br>Sofia ShrakaGrace<br>Renker | Harry Griffiths<br>George Howell<br>Bradley Wright<br>Paige Wright<br>Tommy Shaw | Philip Ball<br>Toby Larkin<br>Ein Mustfa<br>Louis Matthews | Adam Stratford<br>Huey Lai<br>Brais Bici Casa<br>Connor Holmes |

#### **Caught doing good – Week ending Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

| <b>Year 7</b>   | <b>Year 8</b>  | <b>Year 9</b>  | <b>Year 10</b>                  | <b>Year 11</b>   |
|---|--|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Mason Crouch<br>Aiden Brandle<br>David Pastelnicu<br>Sophie Clark | Lacey Webb<br>Januce Nutsukpo<br>Jack Redding<br>Max Warner<br>Zak Kearney | Frazer Anderson<br>George Howell<br>Lily Mae-Thorton | Janelle Nutsukpo<br>Miley Saint | Chleo Nichols<br>Freddie Pannell<br>Alfie Heathorn<br>Adam Stratford<br>Kyien Dobson |

## **SPORT / PE UPDATES**

### **Duke of Edinburgh**

Congratulations to all the year 9 students who completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice at the weekend. The conditions were very challenging as the rain did not stop but the students showed brilliant determination and teamwork in completing their routes. The students can now look forward to completing their assessment expedition in June!



### **Marshall arts competition**

Panagi wins gold at a national mixed Marshall arts competition. Well done Preston the Passmores family is very proud of you!



### **Football**

Congratulations to the Year 11 football team, West Essex U16 Champions. Read the match report for more information!

#### **[Year 11 Match Report by Mr Lovell](#)**

Congratulations to the Year 7 football team for becoming Harlow District Champions. It has been a great year for these boys who have shown commitment and determination towards the team and training sessions, showing great promise for the upcoming years. The boys made it to the WESSA final where unfortunately on this occasion the result went the wrong way for them, we look forward to making amends next year.

### **Athletics**

Well done to the year 7/8 boys & girls who represented Passmores in the Athletics competition at Mark Hall.

Results:

Year 7 Boys (track events) - 1st

Year 8 Boys (track events) - 1st

Year 7 Girls (field events) - 4th

Year 8 Girls (field events) - 4th

### **Upcoming Fixtures**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May - KS3 Years 7 & 8 Swimming Gala @ Burnt Mill

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Year 9 & 10 Athletics @ Mark Hall



## SUBJECT INFORMATION / UPDATES

### Year 11 Popstars – Cambridge University Talk

On Wednesday, the Year 11 Popstars and Most Able attended a talk with the Outreach team from Emmanuel College at Cambridge University. Tom and Francesca came to talk all about University: from the most appropriate Post-16 options for prospective careers, to the social aspects of University, informing students about the financial side and finally the collegiate system that is unique to Oxbridge. The students found it very illuminating.

Year 10 Popstars will be visiting Emmanuel College to experience a day in the life of a Cambridge Student.



### Jack Petchey SpeakOut Reginal Competition

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 the Jack Petchey Regional Competition was held at Becket Keys Free School in Brentwood. Fifteen schools were represented at this event and **Tazmin H (Year 10)** represented Passmores Academy. The title of her speech was "Silent Revolution" and she delivered the speech in a confident and eloquent manner. Tazmin received a personal commendation from the Mayor of Brentwood who congratulated her on the content and delivery of her speech.

Sonny B (Year 11) was on the judging panel for the event. As a runner up in last year's competition he was invited to be on the panel – an invitation he readily accepted. He excelled in his judging role and received a gift from the Jack Petchey Foundation as a reward for his efforts.

Congratulations to both students. You are both wonderful ambassadors for our school!

Miss Brooking, Mr Lovell and Mrs van der Lith

### Youth Club

Dear Parents/Carers

If you are collecting your young person from youth club, please could you arrive promptly at 5pm.

Many thanks Janet & Lynne



## MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

13 Tenzin is given this question.

A11

Factorise fully.

$$2x^2 + 6x$$

Here is his answer.

$$2x^2 + 6x = x(2x + 6)$$

Explain why Tenzin's answer is not correct.

## ANSWER TO LAST WEEKS MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Which of the numbers below  
are multiples of 10?

30, 37, 307, 370, 3700  
30, 370, 3700

Which of the numbers below  
are multiples of 3?

57, 409, 147, 343  
57, 147

What is the difference  
between 4734 and 2809?

1925

The sum of the 4 digit numbers ABCD and DCBB is a multiple of 10.

The digits A,B,C and D are consecutive integers

The number ABCD is a multiple of 3

Find the difference between the numbers ABCD and DCBB

A B C D

D C B B +

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D + B is 10

ABCD  
3456

6544 - 3456  
= 3088



## CAREERS NEWS

### Open Events

#### Writtle College Girls Football Academy Taster Sessions for years 10 and 11

Writtle College offers the Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport Coaching and Development with Female Football Academy course. They are holding some taster sessions led by coaches from Leyton Orient FC, over half term, on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

Agenda:

- 3:50-4:05 arrival and registration
- 4:05-4:10 intro to Writtle College
- 4:10-4:15 intro to Leyton Orient
- 4:15-5:15 training
- 5:15-5:30 debrief

Please book online: [Schedule Appointment with ARU Writtle \(acuityscheduling.com\)](https://acuityscheduling.com)

## ANY OTHER INFORMATION

A reminder that Friends of Passmores summer event this year will be a Spiritual Wellbeing Day.

If you or any one you know may be interested in having a stall at this event, please contact the email below.

Our **Design a Poster Competition** is now open for students.

The poster must include:

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Time: 11am – 3pm

Location: Passmores Academy

Entrance fee: £1

Think: crystals, yoga, spa treatments, tarot, etc.

Please hand them to Mrs Cooper in Y030.

**Closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> May.**





Friends of Passmores  
Spiritual Well-Being  
Day  
29th June 2024



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

# What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom – the UK's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

## ONLINE LIVES

**99%**

of 8-17s had regular access to the internet

**65%**

of 13-17s prefer short videos to films and TV

**34%**

experienced harassment or bullying online

**11-18s**

felt more confident communicating online (71%) than in person (53%)

**87%**

of 8-17s felt pressure to be popular on social media

## SCREEN TIME

By children's age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child's screentime were ...



## POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...

Under-12s

YouTube **89%**

WhatsApp **37%**

TikTok **35%**

Snapchat **27%**

Instagram **22%**

Over-12s

YouTube **88%**

WhatsApp **82%**

TikTok **78%**

Snapchat **73%**

Instagram **69%**

## ONLINE GAMING

**68%** of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?

**74%** played with someone they know

**32%** played with strangers

## ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

**93%** 8-17s had at least one lesson about online safety

**93%** of children are aware of at least one thing they can do to stay safe online

**91%** children found these lessons useful

**78%** of 8-17s were aware of age restrictions for apps

**40%** admitted to faking their age to bypass these limits

## PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...

**77%** seeing age-inappropriate content

**70%** being harassed or bullied

**68%** seeing pro-self-harm content

**62%** having their data gathered by companies

**59%** being influenced by extreme views

**55%** having their reputation damaged

**51%** being pressured to spend money

## DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE

3-4s **67%** use tablets  
5-7s **77%** use tablets  
8-10s **73%** use tablets  
11-15s **95%** use phones  
15-17s **97%** use phones

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: [nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024](https://nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024)

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# Prom Outfit Donations!

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Monday to Friday 10am-1pm

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Customer Service Desk

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WAY TO PASS ON WHAT  
YOU NO LONGER WEAR!





**Forthcoming Events:**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May                                | BANK HOLIDAY                                 |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May                               | Year 11 Celebration Assembly                 |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May  | History and Computer Science trip to Belgium |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May | Duke of Edinburgh – Silver Training          |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                            | Year 10 Parents/Carers' Evening              |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May    | Half Term                                    |



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**Principal of Passmores Academy**

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