



Principal Letter – Autumn Term Week Ending 17th November 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

I would like to extend our thanks to those parents who were able to join the Parent Forum last week, there were some valuable conversations. One key area of discussion was whether Parents/Carers' Evenings should return to face to face or stay online. This question was raised by a few of you at our PIs earlier in the year. The forum enabled an opportunity to look at the pros and cons of both and what is abundantly clear, is that we all value in person connections. However, online is efficient and easily accessible for everyone and it does mean that any parent/carers can join from anywhere, including overseas! So, we have decided to keep Parents/Carers' evenings online but explore what other informal opportunities there are to get you in to meet with staff in person, such as the Year 7 Social evening which is always spoken of in such high regard.

The forum also discussed Awards Ceremonies and what these may look like moving forward. Thank you for the feedback, it is invaluable in helping us to make decisions. Watch this space for more details, there will be something organised towards the end of the summer term and dates for you attend.

It was wonderful to see so many of our young people at the KS3 disco this week, much fun was had by everyone (including the staff) which is always good to see.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Top Passmores Points Achievers – 10th November – 16th November 2023:

Amelia Surtees	Year 7	58
Scarlett Nolan	Year 7	56
Alicia Beeharry	Year 7	54
Fin Hodson	Year 7	52
Rosie Stacey-Bocking	Year 7	52
Albert Trofin	Year 7	51
Rebecca Iona	Year 7	46
Isobel Baynes	Year 7	45
Jay Arber	Year 7	45
Ruby Clarke	Year 7	44

Melody Everett	Year 8	55
Harrison Morgan	Year 8	50
Aiden Stringer	Year 8	46
Freya Langham	Year 8	45

Max Surtees	Year 8	43
Harry Doye	Year 8	42
Hayden Zuna	Year 8	42
Maddie Benge	Year 8	40
Charlie Brown	Year 8	39
Emylei Windeler	Year 8	39
Kye Barnes	Year 8	39
Ryan Youens	Year 8	39

Lillie Saunders	Year 9	48
Joshua Wheatley	Year 9	45
Robbie Clark-Harding	Year 9	44
Yasemin Withey-Yilmaz	Year 9	44
Stefan Chindris	Year 9	42
Rebecca Haynes	Year 9	41
George Bennett	Year 9	40
Dylan Theophil	Year 9	39
David Mustata	Year 9	38
Lacee Young	Year 9	37
Pj Sunshine	Year 9	37
Ronnie Applegate	Year 9	37
Xander Munns	Year 9	37

Mario Olaru	Year 10	46
Daisy Chambers	Year 10	41
Sam Wix	Year 10	40
Wiktorja Krupowies	Year 10	38
Christopher Scott	Year 10	37
Oliver Cooper	Year 10	36
Emily Beckett	Year 10	34
Keira Webb	Year 10	34
Kian Izatt	Year 10	34
Maya Connell	Year 10	34
Tamzin Mason	Year 10	34

Kieran Atherton	Year 11	46
Maisie Peacock	Year 11	37
Lucy Martin	Year 11	29
Orla Daniels	Year 11	28
Eloisa Bellamy	Year 11	27
Freddie Pannell	Year 11	21
Alyssa Crandle	Year 11	20
Karis Walker	Year 11	19

Sonny Brooks	Year 11	19
Hayden Cook	Year 11	18
Maheen Anwar	Year 11	18
Ruby Guinness	Year 11	18
Ruby Holmes	Year 11	18

House Passmores Points – 30th October – 16th November 2023:

Dragon	18112
Griffin	17173
Lion	17790
Unicorn	17118

Appointments

Where possible, please provide prior warning of any appointments during school hours and ensure the student is aware if they need to leave school early.

Passmores Academy Christmas Concert

The Passmores Academy Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday 14th December 2023. This is a festive celebration and showcase of students' work in the music department, including both curriculum and extra-curricular clubs. The evening will include a variety of music and dance items.

We would very much like to see you at the Christmas Concert to celebrate and support our students' endeavours in the performing arts. Tickets are available from The Data Team Office at a cost of £3.00 for adults and £1.00 for students/OAPs/primary school children. The doors open at 6.30pm and the concert will commence at 7.00pm.

Refreshments will be available at the interval in the heart space.

David Butler, ASLT & Head of Music

Barcelona 2024

If your young person is going on the Barcelona trip (1st - 3rd March 2023), could you send their passport details to Mr Farmery or Mrs Friedner please to the following addresses:

a.farmery@passmoresacademy.com

c.friedner@passmoresacademy.com

Careers News

Open Events

- Fashion Retail Academy, 18th Nov
- New City College, 18th Nov, 10am-2pm
- Hertford Regional College, 21st Nov, 5.30pm-8pm
- Writtle College, 25th Nov, 10am-3pm

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about NETFLIX

Netflix is a subscription-based streaming service that allows users to watch TV shows and movies on any internet-enabled device that supports the software, such as smart TVs, phones and tablets. The pandemic saw a surge in children consuming on-demand content as many families relaxed their screen-time rules. Netflix's diverse range of programming caters for all age groups – so it's important for parents to recognise the potential risks of children using the service and the measures to help their child enjoy a safe streaming experience.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Netflix produces and curates an extensive catalogue of content that can provide hours of entertainment. If they share the same user account as an adult, this can potentially lead to children accidentally viewing all manner of inappropriate content, including nudity, profanity and extreme violence. This can happen easily on shared accounts, as Netflix cannot establish who's watching.

BINGE-WATCHING

Netflix allows users to view shows and movies quickly and easily without adverts or interruptions, making excessive screen time a concern. Binge-watching has become more common during the pandemic, due to Netflix's regularly updated content and algorithms which recommend content very similar to what's previously been enjoyed. Marathon viewing sessions can lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the next day.

SCREEN ADDICTION

From TVs and phones to consoles and tablets, Netflix is available on almost any device with an internet connection – making it extremely difficult to manage children's screen time. The service is now adding games to its mobile app, tempting users to spend even more time on the platform. Screen addiction can distract children from important activities like schoolwork and socialising, and can impact their health by reducing their exercise and sleep.

HACKING ATTEMPTS

With millions of users worldwide, Netflix is often targeted by hackers who try to steal usernames and passwords to gain access to people's accounts. If successful, they can then steal payment details or try to sell stolen personal data on the dark web, providing other criminals with a profitable opportunity. Netflix also doesn't provide two-factor authentication, making the hackers' task that little bit easier.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Netflix's Teleparty feature became popular during lockdown periods as it allows users from different households (friends and relatives, for example) to synchronise when they watch content. It requires an access link to be sent to the people you wish to invite; the link, however, can also be distributed to people you don't know. A text chat feature enables interaction with the other users in real-time; this represents a risk to children if a stranger gains access to the Teleparty.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP ACCOUNTS SECURE

Netflix doesn't use two-factor authentication, so a strong password is vital. Your child's Netflix password should be unique (not one they've used elsewhere) and a minimum of eight characters with a mix of letters, numbers and symbols. Emphasise not to share their login details with anyone and remind them to always log out after using the app – so their account remains inaccessible, even if their device is lost or stolen.

CHECK MATURITY RATING

Netflix warns about content that includes violence, sex, profanity and nudity. These warnings form part of the show or movie's 'maturity rating'. Users can restrict age ratings to avoid children viewing age-inappropriate content. On their profile, open the Profile and Parental Control settings and choose the maturity level for the shows and movies you want to allow.

CREATE A KIDS' PROFILE

Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile means your child can only access content which is suitable for children aged up to 12 years. All other content is automatically blocked. This rating can be further restricted via the child's profile settings. Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile will help to prevent your child from viewing age-inappropriate content.

SET UP PROFILE PINS

Netflix account holders can lock profiles using a four-digit PIN. Doing this can prevent your child from accessing the wrong account and viewing content that isn't appropriate for their age. Try setting a PIN for each account on your Netflix app – ideally avoiding numbers that would be easily guessed, such as dates of birth. Remember not to share these PINs with anyone, including family.

SWITCH OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a show or movie concludes, Netflix's algorithms select content with similar themes that it thinks your child will enjoy next. This new content starts automatically after a 10-second countdown. Disabling this auto-play feature reduces the possibility of your child being shown something inappropriate and provides a natural break to help prevent them becoming too immersed in Netflix.

CHECK VIEWING HABITS

Netflix has tools which enable parents and carers to monitor what their child has been watching. Selecting 'Viewing Activity' in each profile's account settings displays a list of what content has been viewed (and when). This can reassure parents that their child is watching age-appropriate content and can open avenues for discussing your child's favourite shows and movies, and why they like them.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Online Parent Groups



Supporting Teenagers Emotional Wellbeing

Suitable for parents of children aged 12-19 years. This course is run over 3 weeks, with an optional fourth session. This will look at ways to help your teenager manage their emotional wellbeing.

Monday 6th November 2023
Monday 13th November 2023
Monday 20th November 2023
Monday 27th November 2023 (optional)

5:30-7pm via Zoom

Challenging Behaviour (at home)

Suitable for parents of children aged 4-11 years. This course is run over 6 weeks. This will focus on an issue you are experiencing with your child and will work on strategies and ways to help deal with the issue/behaviour.

Tuesday 7th November 2023
Tuesday 14th November 2023
Tuesday 21st November 2023
Tuesday 28th November 2023
Tuesday 5th December 2023
Tuesday 12th December 2023

7-8:30pm via Zoom



Helping your Child Manage their Fears and Worries

Suitable for parents of children aged 4-11 years. This course is run over 4 weeks. This will help parents work on a focussed issue they are experiencing with their child and work out strategies to help.

Thursday 9th November 2023
Thursday 16th November 2023
Thursday 23rd November 2023
Thursday 30th November 2023

1-2:30pm via Zoom



To access this FREE service you must:

- Have a child attending an school that our Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are currently working with in Harlow, Epping Forest District and Uttlesford.
- Have access to Zoom
- Able to attend ALL pre-planned sessions

If you are interested, please complete the application form by scanning the QR code



If the course you are interested in is not showing, this is because it has reached full capacity of attendees.

We will send you an email to confirm a place on the course along with joining instructions approx. 1 week prior to the course start date. Please check your mailbox regularly including your Junk/Spam folders.

If you have any queries, please contact your area admin:
Harlow - mhstharlow@mindinwestessex.org.uk
Epping Forest - mhsteppingforest@mindinwestessex.org.uk
Uttlesford - mhstuttlesford@mindinwestessex.org.uk

There are limited places available so please book your place as soon as possible.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, MUSIC
AND DELICIOUS TREATS!

1ST DECEMBER 2023

6-8:30PM

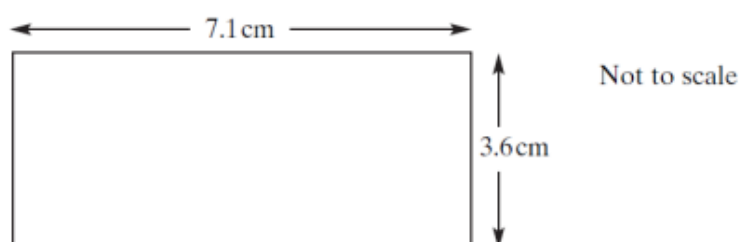
PASSMORES ACADEMY
TRACYES ROAD
HARLOW

ENTRANCE FEE
ADULT: £1
CHILD: 50P
OVER 60: 50P
UNDER 5: FREE

Maths Problem of the week:

Spot the Mistakes:

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1. A rectangle has length 7.1 cm and width 3.6 cm.



Calculate the area of the rectangle.
Give your answer to 1 decimal place.

$$7.1 \times 3.6 = 25.56 \text{ cm}^2$$

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2. Wayne worked for 3 hours 20 minutes on one Saturday.
He was paid £6 per hour.
How much was he paid on this Saturday?

$$3.2 \times 6 = \text{£}19.20$$

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3. Shelley drives 225 miles in 4 hours 30 minutes.
Calculate her average speed.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Speed} &= \text{distance} \times \text{time} \\ &= 225 \times 4.5 \\ &= 1012.5 \text{ miles per hour} \end{aligned}$$

Answer to the last Maths Problem:**ANSWERS**

1 $y = x^2$ Q	6 $y = x^3$ E	11 $y = \frac{1}{x}$ F	16 $y = 2^x$ H
2 $y = x^2 + 2$ C	7 $y = x^3 + 2$ A	12 $y = \frac{1}{x^2}$ B	17 $y = 2^{-x}$ M
3 $y = x^2 - 2$ G	8 $y = x^3 - 2$ R	13 $y = \frac{4}{x}$ J	18 $y = -2^x$ D
4 $y = x^2 + 4x + 4$ K	9 $y = -x^3$ I	14 $y = -\frac{1}{x}$ P	19 $y = 2^x + 2$ O
5 $y = x^2 - 4x + 4$ S	10 $y = -x^2$ N	15 $y = -\frac{1}{x^2}$ T	20 $y = 4 - x^2$ L

Forthcoming Events:

Friday 24 th November	INSET Day
Friday 1 st December	FOPs Xmas Fayre
Thursday 7 th December	Year 7 Harlow Playhouse Pantomime 2.15pm
Friday 8 th December	Year 8 Harlow Playhouse Pantomime 2.00pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Principal's Challenge Trip
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Concert 7pm



Natalie Christie

Principal of Passmores Academy

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Interested in becoming a primary or secondary teacher?
 Contact Gareth Walsh on g.walsh@passmoresacademy.com