

Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026 Issue 03



Dear Parents & Carers,

Well, what a night we had yesterday at our 2026 Open Evening!

It is always one of my favourite events of the year because it gives us such a brilliant opportunity to showcase everything Passmores has to offer – and our amazing staff and students certainly didn't disappoint!

The evening got off to a real 'bang' with our fantastic Samba Band welcoming visitors outside the front of the school and giving everyone a flavour of just what Passmores is all about. Talking of flavours, the 'street food' prepared and served by our staff and students in Hospitality & Catering was certainly one of the more popular attractions! With everything from jerk chicken and sausage & mash to Chinese noodles and Spanish tortillas, there really was something for everyone.

Not to be outdone, our Science team were once again wowing visitors with some truly spectacular experiments, while our Computer Science team were raising expectations – and drones! – with their impressive activities, and our very talented pianists provided a wonderful soundtrack in the heartspace. The whole building was buzzing with excitement, enthusiasm and, most importantly, lots of very proud Passmores staff.

I am never prouder of our staff and students than I am on Open Evening. In between giving my Principal speeches, it gives me a wonderful opportunity to walk around the school and be reminded of just how much we have to offer. From the creativity and talent of our students to the passion and commitment of our staff, it really is a special evening.

If your young person was one of the many students who volunteered to help last night, thank you! Open Evening simply wouldn't be the success it is without our amazing students giving up their time to support the school. They were excellent ambassadors for Passmores, and I hope you are as proud of them as we are.

Thank you also to all of you who came along to visit us. We hope you enjoyed the evening and got a real sense of what makes Passmores such a special place to be.

I'm also delighted to share our new school prospectus which was launched last night. It gives a real insight into our values, our approach to education and, most importantly, what makes Passmores such a special place for our young people. You can access the new prospectus by clicking the link [here](#) or scanning the QR code below.

Wishing everyone a relaxing weekend – after last night, I think we all deserve one!

Natalie Christie
Principal of Passmores Academy



TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVERS

Monday 14th to Thursday 17th September 2026

Stewart, Lottie	Year 7	162
Champ, Charlotte	Year 7	155
Senchia, Melissa	Year 7	155
Ucer, Berzan	Year 7	154
Bazzoni, Darcie	Year 7	152
Manea, David	Year 7	152
Guiver-kirk, Amber	Year 7	151
Karout, Rama	Year 7	148
Fillmore, Jake	Year 7	147
Godolja, Flavjo	Year 7	146
Whelan, Charlie	Year 7	146

Woodington, Isla	Year 8	283
Pashae, Arian	Year 8	282
Hoy, Rachel	Year 8	281
Capiron, Harrison	Year 8	275
Valasimaite, Dinara	Year 8	275
Morton, Tess	Year 8	273
Ward, Ryan	Year 8	271
Costantinou, Vinny	Year 8	269
Tarran, Franklin	Year 8	269
Buckenham, Luke	Year 8	268

Hartgrove, Connie	Year 9	170
Brown, Lexie	Year 9	168
Sava-Luchian, Eric	Year 9	164
Jakielska, Lena	Year 9	156
Loader, Daisy	Year 9	155
Stryczek, Calum	Year 9	155
Offei, Kweku	Year 9	154
Wilcox, Luke	Year 9	153
Ramadan, Layla	Year 9	151
Spiewak, Filip	Year 9	151

Mfon, Makiah	Year 10	173
Steel, Kayla-Rose	Year 10	158
Wejman, Adrian	Year 10	157
Kundrotaitė, Evita	Year 10	154
Pay, Amelia	Year 10	154
Urman, Lana	Year 10	154
Wright, Megan	Year 10	153
Abery, Emily	Year 10	152
Norton, Florence	Year 10	151
Ricketts, Rachel	Year 10	151

Groves, Isabelle	Year 11	151
Parnham, Bailey	Year 11	151
Defor, Othniel	Year 11	150
Andersons, Erik	Year 11	149
Cudmore, Samuel	Year 11	149
Gunter, Noah	Year 11	148
Cerek, Krystian	Year 11	144
Hills, Ronnie	Year 11	144
Smith, Esme	Year 11	144
Andrews, Mollie	Year 11	142
Owen, Esme	Year 11	142

Year Group Attendance w/c 14th September 2026

Year 7	95.62%
Year 8	91.89%
Year 9	90.63%
Year 10	90.09%
Year 11	89.56%
All Students	91.62%

PASTORAL UPDATES

It's been another wonderfully busy week at Passmores, with the school buzzing with energy, enthusiasm and plenty of exciting opportunities! From clubs packed to the rafters to students embracing new challenges and making a positive contribution to Passmores life, there has been plenty to celebrate. Our students certainly know how to make the most of a week!

Our pastoral curriculum has continued to encourage students to reflect, grow and think about the important role they play in our school and wider community.

Thought for the Week focused on the International Day of Democracy, with students exploring the importance of democracy, participation and having a voice. They considered how they can make a positive difference in their communities and the responsibilities that come with being an active citizen. And what better way to put those ideas into action than by stepping up and getting involved!

This linked perfectly with applications for leadership roles across our Houses and the wider school where students across the school were invited to apply for a range of leadership roles, offering them the chance to take on responsibility, represent their peers and help shape the Passmores community, as well as our Year 10 students putting themselves forward for the exciting role of Deputy Head Student, an exciting opportunity to develop their leadership skills and make a real difference to school life and help shape the Passmores community. Watch this space!

Our Year 11 students attended some of their Sixth Form assemblies, giving them the opportunity to explore their next steps and discover the possibilities that lie beyond Year 11 linking nicely into another main focus of the week, *Youth Mental Health*, giving students time to reflect on their wellbeing, hopes and aspirations for the future. They were encouraged to think about their future selves: the people they want to become, the choices they make and the support that can help them along the way.

A valuable reminder that growing up is a journey, and that looking after ourselves is an important part of it.

All these experiences are an important part of our pastoral provision, helping students build confidence, resilience, ambition and a strong sense of responsibility as they prepare for the future. Whether finding their voice, discovering a new pathway or stepping into a leadership role, our students continue to show us just how much they have to offer.

Another busy week, plenty to celebrate and so many reasons to be proud of our Passmores community.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

The Pastoral Team.



Weekly Winners

Week Commencing: 14th September 2026

Robyn Webb
Charlee Vanderhyde
Ashley Judd
Thomas Bilton
David Manea
Gabe Austin
Mason Herrett-Bowman
Tommy Unwin
Freddie-mae Gittins
Tommy Foster-Gaish

Staff Spotlight...

Miss Richards Takes on the Great North Run!

A huge well done to Miss Richards, who took on the iconic Great North Run on Sunday, completing the challenging 13.1-mile (21.1km) course!

Running alongside 63,000 participants from across the country, Miss Richards made her way from Newcastle to South Shields, crossing the finish line after months of training and preparation.

Even more importantly, Miss Richards was running to raise money for our school charity, No Child Without. Thanks to the incredible generosity of family, friends, colleagues and members of our school community, she has raised an amazing £615 for the charity!

A fantastic achievement for a fantastic cause.

Well done from all of us!



If you know of anyone (staff or student) that deserves a place under our spotlight,
email: k.stearn@passmoresacademy.com



SCHOOL TOURS

Thinking about joining us in Year 7?

Year 6 Tours run every Thursday at 9:00am &
10:00am this September & October 2026!

Call Miss Stearn or email

k.stearn@passmoresacademy.com
to book your place.

We can't wait to meet you!



BOTTLE LIDS

WE NEED YOU!

Small
lids make a
BIG
difference! ♥

RECYCLE
RE-USE
CREATE
A BRIGHTER
FUTURE! ♥



Our Design and Technology students are collecting plastic bottle lids (HDPE) which we melt down and turn into recycled plastic sheets for projects.

It's a brilliant way to show real life recycling and re-purposing!



HDPE

COLLECT THEM!

CLEAN THEM!

BRING THEM IN!


NO GREEN LIDS PLEASE!
We have tons of those already!
😊

WE CAN TAKE:

- Milk bottle lids
- Drink bottle lids
- Sauce bottle lids
- Shampoo lids
- Any HDPE plastic lids in any colour (except green!)

PLEASE DROP THEM TO:



The lid drop box in downstairs Dragon, D002, D003 or the Technicians Office.

THANK YOU! ♥

Together we can make a difference!

REDUCE ♥

REUSE ♥

RECYCLE ♥

CREATE



ATTENDANCE DROP IN

WHERE? Y103 ATTENDANCE OFFICE (OPPOSITE L101)

WHEN? EVERY WEDNESDAY BREAK TIME

WHO WITH? MRS LAWSON, MRS EKE & MRS SAVIDGE

**COME AND JOIN US TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR
ATTENDANCE AND WHAT IT MEANS.**

**ARE YOU WONDERING HOW CLOSE YOU MIGHT BE FOR A
REWARD TRIP?**

DO YOU HAVE A PERSONAL GOAL?

DO YOU HAVE ANY WORRIES AROUND ATTENDANCE?

WE ARE HERE TO HELP



EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

SEPT-OCT 2026

Dept.	Club	Day	Time	Room	Staff	Duration
Music	Steel Pans Student Group 1	Monday	3.30-4.30	L19	DBK/JDE	Termly
Music	Steel Pans Student Group 2	Monday	4.30-5.30	L19	DBK/JDE	Termly
Music	Steel Pans Adult Group	Monday	5.30-6.30	L19	DBK/JDE	N/A
Music	Passmores Music School Tuition	Tuesday	3.30-9.00	Music Dept	LHD	N/A
Science	Youth Club	Tuesday	3.30-5.00	Heartspace	AOS/AMT	Termly
Computer Science	Computing Club	Tuesday	3.25-4.15	tbc	AHN	Termly
Music	Year 11 Band	Wednesday	3.20-4.00	L19	DBR	Termly
Music	Piano Keyboard Club	Wednesday	3.20-3.50	L110	DBR	Termly
Drama	Year 9 - 11 Excellence Club	Wednesday	3.30-4.30	L107/L106	JGR	Termly
Music	Soul Band	Thursday	3.20-4.00	L19	DBR	Termly
Music	GCSE Booster Session	Thursday	3.20-4.00	L110	DBR	Termly
Geography	Geography Film Club	Thursday	3.20-4.20	U005	VNS	Weekly
Drama	KS3 Drama Club	Thursday	3.30-4.30	L107/L107/H all	JGR/PTG	Termly
Art	GCSE Art Club	Thursday	3.15-4.15	L106	GHS	Termly
Science	STEM CLUB	Thursday	3:20-4.20	L02	AOS	Termly
Music	Samba Band	Thursday & Friday	Break	L106	GAN	Termly

PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE SEPT-OCT 2026				
DAY	BREAK 10:55 – 11:15	STAFF	AFTERSCHOOL 3:30 – 4:15	STAFF
MONDAY	BASKETBALL SPORTS HALL	EAD		
	FOOTBALL ASTRO TURF	JKG		
TUESDAY	BASKETBALL SPORTS HALL	ADN	NETBALL - COURTS	OWY GCI ADN
	FOOTBALL ASTRO TURF	JWR	GYM	AMN JKG
WEDNESDAY	BASKETBALL SPORTS HALL	OWY	FOOTBALL – ASTRO TURF	AMN JKG JWR
	FOOTBALL ASTRO TURF	BBS	GYM	GCI AND
THURSDAY	BASKETBALL SPORTS HALL	GCI	BASKETBALL – SPORTS HALL	EAD
	FOOTBALL ASTRO TURF	BMY	GYM	OWY JWR
FRIDAY	BASKETBALL - SPORTS HALL	DLN	BTEC COURSEWORK CATCH UP PE DETENTIONS	
	FOOTBALL ASTRO TURF	AMN		

Year 11 – Important Dates...

The following assemblies have been arranged for you; all students will attend the Harlow & Writtle College presentations, but the sixth forms will be your choice.



The assemblies will be from 1.15pm - 1.45pm in the main hall.

- Wednesday 23rd September, Harlow College
- Thursday 24th September, Hertford Regional College
- Wednesday 30th September, CRE8
- Thursday 1st October, Sir Frederick Gibberd 6th form
- Wednesday 7th October, Writtle College
- Thursday 8th October, Stansted Airport College
- Wednesday 21st October, Leventhorpe 6th Form

Our Careers Fair is being held on Thursday 8th October, 4.30pm - 7:00pm at Stewards Academy. We really would like to see as many of our students there possible. (See poster attached on the next page).

Julie Kay
Careers Advisor

Young Professionals Get into Law Virtual Event

Get into Law online event for students in years 11-13, Weds 16th Sept, 5pm-7pm, register on:

[Young Professionals Get into Law Virtual Event Survey.](#)

This is an opportunity to find out more about legal careers.

**British Army**

Army insight webinar for parents, Thursday 1st Oct, 5.30pm-6.15pm, register on:

[Meet Your Army | British Army Insights: Parent Voices](#)



Year 11 College & Sixth Form Open Dates...

Hertford Regional College, Thurs 24th September, 5.30pm-8.00pm

Fashion Retail Academy, Sat 26th September

Sir Frederick Gibberd Sixth Form, Weds 7th October, 5.00pm-8.00pm

Stansted Airport College, Sat 10th October, 10am-2.00pm

Writtle College, Sat 10th October, 10.00am

Harlow College, Thurs 15th October, 5.00pm-8.00pm

Braintree College, Mon 19th October, 5.00pm-7.00pm

Cambridge Regional College, Weds 21st October, 4.30pm-7.00pm

Leventhorpe Sixth Form, Tues 3rd November

Epping St Johns Sixth Form, Weds 4th November

The Bishops Stortford High School, Thurs 5th November, 5.45pm-8.30pm

Presdales Sixth Form, Thurs 12th November, 6.00pm-8.00pm

Careers Fair – An Opportunity Not to Be Missed!

The Careers Fair is a joint venture between Passmores Academy and Stewards Academy, aimed at students in Years 10 and 11.



This is a fantastic opportunity for students and their families to find out more about the wide range of local post-16 options, all under one roof. There will be a wide variety of exhibitors, including local sixth forms, colleges, universities, employers and training providers.

Students will be able to explore opportunities across a range of exciting sectors, with representatives from organisations including the NHS, hairdressing, motor trade, construction, aviation, sport, care and many more.

The Careers Fair is a valuable chance for your young person to ask questions; explore different pathways and gain the information they need to make informed choices about their future after Year 11.

It really is an opportunity that is too good to miss!

Please come along and support your young person as they begin to explore the exciting opportunities available to them after Year 11.

Stansted Airport College Open Evening – Saturday 10 October, 10am-2pm

Witness the sights and sounds of a new campus located in the hustle and bustle of a busy airport whilst meeting our tutors and trainees.

Tickets for STAC event are available on Ticket Source:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/harlow-college/e-bpkgmv>



Harlow College Open Evening – Thursday 15 October, 5-8pm

Showcasing their vocational courses, A Levels, T Levels and Apprenticeships offer, including their SEND provision, as well as higher level and adult & part-time courses.

Tickets for Harlow College event are available on Ticket Source:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/harlow-college/e-xmgpey>



Live online Career Experience Days for students aged 13–18

Experience days in a range of sectors during Oct, Nov and Dec. The cost of these is £79. Sectors represented include Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Computer Science, Performing Arts, Midwifery, Psychology, Architecture, Engineering, Law and Business.

They are all online and include a certificate of completion. To find out more and book, click on this link: [CareerDays.co.uk](https://www.careerdays.co.uk)

Essex Apprenticeship Hub

We have attached a flyer about the apprenticeship hub. They will support young people to find apprenticeships. They are delivering a free webinar on their services, help and support. The first webinar is:



What is an Apprenticeship? - Essex Apprenticeship Hub

Wednesday 30 September 2026 | 6.15pm to 7.00pm | Online

Registration link:

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/what-is-an-apprenticeship-essex-apprenticeship-hub/>

In addition, their **Essex Apprenticeship Hub** and **Careers Padlet** showcases all our apprenticeship resources, current vacancies and recordings of previous Apprenticeship Hub Live sessions, helping young people stay informed and access opportunities at a time that suits them.

Future Doctors Month



Four free, live online medical work experience sessions for students aged 14–18. Students can join doctors each Sunday and work through a different interactive medical scenario:

11 October — A&E: Can You Save the Patient?

Students assess an emergency patient and decide what should happen next.

18 October — Inside the Operating Theatre: Anaesthetics

Explore anaesthesia, airway management, monitoring and how patients are kept safe during surgery.

25 October — The Diagnosis Challenge: Medical Detective

Students investigate a mystery patient, interpret the evidence and work towards a diagnosis.

1 November — Outbreak: Can You Stop the Spread?

Investigate an infectious disease outbreak and make clinical and public-health decisions.

All sessions are **live online at 2pm UK time** and recordings will be available afterwards, so students don't need to attend live. At the end of the programme, students can take their **Future Doctors Knowledge Test**, with those achieving 80% or above receiving a personalised certificate.

It's completely free and students only need to register once for all four sessions.

Register free for Future Doctors Month - www.premedprojects.co.uk/free

Open Events 2026-2027

Colleges & Sixth Forms	Contact No.	Open Date
Birchwood High School www.birchwoodhighschool.co.uk	01279 655936	Awaiting date
The Bishop's Stortford High School www.tbshs.org	01279 868686	Thurs 5 th Nov, 5.45-8.30pm
Bishops Stortford Football Academy academy@bsfc.co.uk		Awaiting date
BMAT STEM Academy www.bmatstemacademy.org	01279 621570	Awaiting date
The College at Braintree (Now part of Colchester Institute) www.colchester.ac.uk	01206 814000	Mon 19 th Oct, 5pm-7pm Sat 14 th Nov, 10am-12pm
Cambridge Regional College www.camre.ac.uk	01223 418200	Weds 21 st Oct, 4.30-7pm Sat 14 th Nov, 9.30-12.30pm Sat 23 rd Jan, 10-12.30pm
Capel Manor College, Enfield www.capel.ac.uk	08456 122122	Weds 16 th Sept, 5.30pm-7pm Sat 10 th Oct, 10am-3pm
Chelmsford College www.chelmsford-college.ac.uk	01245 265611	Weds 7 th Oct, 6pm-8.30pm Weds 4 th Nov, 6pm-8.30pm Weds 3 rd Feb, 6pm-8.30pm
CRE8 apply@learntocre8.com		Awaiting date
Epping St Johns 6 th Form www.eppingstjohnsschool.org/	01992 573028	Weds 4 th Nov
Fashion Retail Academy www.fashionretailacademy.ac.uk	0207 3072345	Sat 26 th Sept, 10am
Harlow College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01279 868000	Thurs 15 th Oct, 5pm-8pm Tues 2 nd March, 5pm-8pm
Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge www.hrsfc.ac.uk	01223 247251	Open date in the summer term for year 10 students
Hertford Regional College www.hertreg.ac.uk	01992 411400	Thurs 24 th Sept, 5.30pm-8pm Tues 24 th Nov, 5.30pm-8pm Thursday 4 th February Tuesday 27 th April
Herts & Essex High School, Bishop's Stortford www.hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk	01279 654127	Awaiting date
Hockerill Anglo-European School, Bishop's Stortford www.hockerill.herts.sch.uk	01279 658451	Sat 21 st Nov, 8.30am-12.30pm

Open Events 2026-2027

Colleges & Sixth Forms	Contact No.	Open Date
Long Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge www.longroad.ac.uk	01223 631100	Open date in the summer term for year 10 students
Leventhorpe School, Sawbridgeworth www.leventhorpe.net	01279 836633	Tues 3 rd November
New City College (Epping Forest), www.ncclondon.ac.uk	0208 508 8311	Sat 21 st Nov, 10am-2pm Sat 30 th Jan, 10am-2pm
Presdales Sixth Form www.presdales.herts.sch.uk	01920 462210	Thurs 12 th Nov, 6-8pm
Sir Frederick Gibberd www.sirfrederickgibberdcollege.org	01279 307235	Weds 7 th Oct, 5pm-8pm
St Marks School, Harlow www.st-marks.essex.sch.uk	01279 421267	Awaiting date
St Mary's Catholic School, Bishop's Stortford www.stmarys.net	01279 654901	Awaiting date
Stansted Airport College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01799 513030	Sat 10 th Oct, 10am-2pm Thurs 11 th March
Writtle College www.writtle.ac.uk	01245 424200	Sat 10 th Oct, 10am Sat 21 st Nov, 10am

Please contact the institutions to check details and times before attending.
Also, be advised that most ask for you to book a place for these events online.



**Oct
8th**

Stewards and Passmores

Careers Fair

When: 4:30pm-7:00pm

Who: Year 10 & 11

Where:

**Stewards Academy
Parnall Road,
Harlow, CM18 7NQ**



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 24 th September	Year 8 & 9 Parent/Carer Information Evening
Friday 2 nd October	Year 7 trip to Colchester Zoo
Thursday 22 nd October	INSET Day
Friday 23 rd October to Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	School Opens for Autumn Term 2



Lost property will be left out on the tables in the **Heart Space** on
Friday 18th September.

Anything unclaimed will be going to charity.

ANY OTHER INFORMATION

KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

School Address

Passmores Academy, Tracyses Road, Harlow, Essex, CM18 6JH

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Student Absence

Report via the  Arbor app

Change of Contact Details

h.day@passmoresacademy.com

Student Services

pastudentservices@passmoresacademy.com

First Aid

pafirstaid@passmoresacademy.com

Extra-Curricular Clubs

h.day@passmoresacademy.com

Account / Trips

s.hodges@passmoresacademy.com

Homework

datateam@passmoresacademy.com

Free School Meals

pastudentservices@passmoresacademy.com

For a full list of staff contact details, click [here](#)

Reporting An Absence

If you need to report your child absent from school, please ensure you are following the correct procedure on Arbor.



If notifying us via the app:

- Click on the 3 lines (at the bottom left of the dashboard).
- Log Absence (green bar at the top)
- Complete the information and click 'Log Absence'

If notifying us from a web browser:

- Click on the 'Quick Actions' button
- Click 'Attendance'

FRIENDS OF PASSMORES PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

**FRI
OCT
9**

**6.30
PM**

£5 PER PERSON

8 TO A TEAM

ALL AGES WELCOME

TICKETS VIA TICKETSOURCE

Bring your own food & drink!

**Some refreshments will be
available.**

Extra games throughout the night





Raising money to enhance your young person's education

OUR EVENTS

CHRISTMAS AND SUMMER FETES

Our Christmas Market Night brings in an array of outside stall holders selling lots of gifts and Christmas treats.

PASSMORES' GOT TALENT

We have now held two Talent shows. We doubled the amount of acts this year and introduced staff judges. The students involved can not wait to enter again in 2027

CAKE SALES/BINGO/QUIZ

These events get the brain working and the belly full! Packed with fun and laughter, there's something for everyone.

REFRESHMENTS AT SCHOOL EVENTS

During the year we support different events at the school to sell refreshments. These include: Parents/Carers and Information evenings, music and drama concerts and discos.

ABOUT US

Friends of Passmores is made up of staff and parents/carers of Passmores Academy, we work together to raise money to put back into the school, purchasing products to enhance the education of our students.

We try to hold an event each half term, from fetes, to cake sales, and talent shows.



WHY CHOOSE US?

- **Parents/Carers and Staff**



A great chance to work with your wider school community and to make a difference in your school.

- **A small time commitment – a big impact**



You can choose how much time you put into the team, but any time spent will make a big impact to your young persons education.

- **Educational Opportunities**



The money raised helps your child to enhance their education with new equipment or knowledge.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact us for more information or to join our team.

Email:



fop@passmoresacademy.com

Facebook: passmoresseasonalevents

Instagram: passmores_community



Friends of PASSMORES



AGM

*Have your say. Support our school.
Make a difference together. ♥*



DATE

1st October
2026



TIME

6pm



MEETING HELD IN

The Heart
Space



TOGETHER,
we can do great things!



FRIENDS OF PASSMORES

CHRISTMAS MARKET

4TH
DECEMBER
2026
6PM - 8PM

THE GRINCH IS
BACK

Merry
Christmas

£1 ADULT

50P U16 & OVER 60

FREE UNDER 5



FRIENDS OF PASSMORES

CHRISTMAS MARKET

4TH
DECEMBER
2026
6PM - 8PM

We are looking for stallholders.

Please email

fop@passmoresacademy.com

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view. Instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

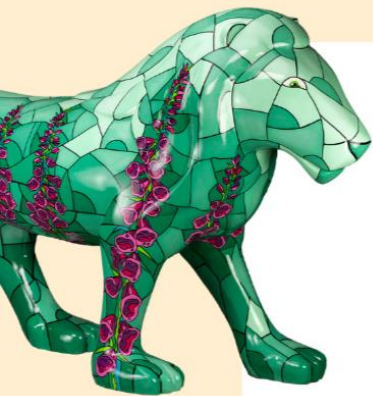
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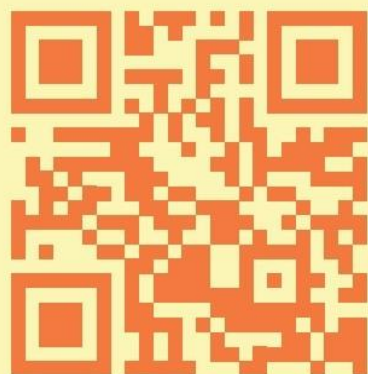
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