

Newsletter

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Passmores
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, that's a wrap everyone, term 1 complete! We have shared the love with our young people during our end of term assemblies and been entertained with some fantastic music. It has been a long, but rewarding term, with so many highlights, which we have endeavoured to share with you every week.

As always, we will be bidding farewell to some staff today, most notably Mrs Fitzpatrick having been with us for 20 years, who is retiring and Mr Chadwick who is off to ventures new. We wish them, and all staff who are moving on, the very best for the future.

Mr Chadwick's departure does mean some changes to the leadership team for January and a slightly different structure as we have appointed two Vice-Principals, Mr Fish and Mrs Goddard and Mr Shine and Mr Walsh as Assistant Principals. We are looking forward to the new term and what that brings.

For now, for the last time of 2024, from us to you, we wish you season's greetings and hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Take care.

Natalie Christie
Principal of Passmores Academy

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TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVERS

Tuesday 3rd September to Wednesday 18th December 2024

Seip, Joshua	Year 7	389
Boughlalah, Adam	Year 7	381
Smith, Luke	Year 7	381
Mimms, Joshua	Year 7	374
Mahon, Charlie	Year 7	373
Howe, Tate	Year 7	372
Mason, Lucas	Year 7	364
Mahon, Olly	Year 7	353
McIntosh, Jack	Year 7	349
Laurino, Thomas	Year 7	346

Jackson, Annie	Year 8	402
Surtees, Amelia	Year 8	359
Hodson, Fin	Year 8	350
Brandle, Aiden	Year 8	333
Lee, Isaac	Year 8	332
Rainford, Cherish	Year 8	329
Klarzak, Leon	Year 8	320
Wright, Megan	Year 8	317
Beckwith, Olivia	Year 8	313
Urman, Lana	Year 8	313
Jackson, Annie	Year 8	402

Year Group Attendance (9th to 12th December 2024)

Year 7	89.72%
Year 8	87.99%
Year 9	86.24%
Year 10	88.77%
Year 11	81.99%
All Students	86.99%

Brown, Charlie	Year 9	370
Sowunmi, Ronel	Year 9	295
Hill, Sadie	Year 9	283
Broughton, Marnie	Year 9	278
Collins, Lily	Year 9	271
Benge, Maddie	Year 9	266
Zuna, Hayden	Year 9	263
Watters, Katie	Year 9	258
Renker, Grace	Year 9	251
Warner, Max	Year 9	251

Foster-Gaish, Lily-May	Year 10	393
Honan, Faraya	Year 10	345
Kearns, Gwen	Year 10	319
Francis-Melvin, Sid	Year 10	310
Dolling, Tommy	Year 10	308
Stevic, Lana	Year 10	306
White, Beth	Year 10	303
Egbo, Francis	Year 10	302
Dack, Benjamin	Year 10	287
Foster-Gaish, Lily-May	Year 10	393

Kearns, Connie	Year 11	260
Vetori, Rileygh	Year 11	244
Cobie, Izzy	Year 11	226
Olaru, Mario	Year 11	212
Mahon, Katie	Year 11	210
Horton, Charlie	Year 11	202
Budzinski, Wojciech	Year 11	200
Barker, Annabel	Year 11	194
Clark, Liam	Year 11	194
Stringer, Lara	Year 11	194
Boylan, Holly	Year 11	192

Thought for the Week...

This week, students celebrated their achievements and those of their peers in the **end-of-term House and Year Group assemblies**. These gatherings provided a fantastic opportunity to recognise the hard work, dedication, and success of students across the school community. It was wonderful to see so many well-deserved prizes handed out and to celebrate the positive contributions made by our students this term.

In the News

Our **In the News** segment saw students take part in an **End-of-Year Quiz** and reflection activities. This was a chance to look back on 2024, explore the key events that shaped the year, and engage in meaningful discussions. Students reflected on their personal highlights and the achievements of the wider community, rounding off the year with a sense of pride and accomplishment.

Other News

The week was packed with festive fun and celebrations:

- **Spelling Bee Champions:** The final **House competition** of the term, hosted by the **English Department**, saw students showcase their impressive spelling skills. It's fair to say we have some very talented spellers at Passmores who represented their House and Year Groups with great pride. Congratulations to our champions!
- **Non-Uniform Day:** On Thursday, we celebrated the **winning House in each Year Group** for this half-term. Students enjoyed a comfortable day in their own clothes, with plenty of festive attire adding to the seasonal cheer!
- **Passmores Acts of Christmas Kindness (PACKs):** Our PACKs campaign continued this week and culminated in a **fantastic festive sing-along** in the Heart Space on Friday. The school was alive with music, dancing, and smiling faces as we ushered in the holiday season together. It was a truly joyous way to end the term!

Looking Ahead to After Christmas

As we return after the Christmas break, we look forward to starting 2025 with enthusiasm and a renewed focus:

- **Thought for the Week** will see students complete session three of their 'Mind Matters' and 'Time to Talk' programme.
- **In the News** will see students explore goal setting for the year ahead, encouraging them to reflect on their ambitions and set achievable targets for the term.
- **House Events** will begin once again, with students getting back into the competitive spirit and representing their Houses with pride in upcoming challenges.

We wish all of our students, families, and staff a restful and joyful Christmas break. Let's come back in January ready to embrace new opportunities and continue striving for excellence together.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Passmores Academy Pastoral Team!



Principal Challenge Trip

We wanted to share a quick update about the recent trip to the Harvey Centre last Wednesday, where over 200 students went to watch *Red One*.



The students selected for the trip were the top 50 in their year group this term for excellent conduct, and we are thrilled to say they were fantastic throughout the whole experience. They walked to the cinema together, showing great responsibility and respect for each other and the public. Their behaviour was exemplary—whether they were walking through town or settling down to enjoy the film.

It was a well-deserved reward for their positive attitude and hard work this term.

Well done to all students who joined us!



CAUGHT DOING GOOD...

(Monday 16th – Friday 20th December 2024)



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Evie Breeds Mia Oliver Leo Gregory George McGinley Lily Park	Elle Clarke Lewis Wong Max Hollands Reggie Gates	Aiden Stringer Tyler Guinness Layton Parlour Othniel Defor Ashton Tombs	Riley Long Mia Wilson Stanley Hills Lexi Brewer	Olivia Bullock Karis Barrett Lewis Richards Charlie Doye

CHRISTMAS AWARDS ASSEMBLY - WINNERS

EXCELLENT EFFORT IN ENGLISH

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Annabel Aimes	Rosie Aken	Matthew Arber	Ronnie Applegate	Izzy Cobie
Arthur Chatters	Aiden Brandle	Maddie Benge	Maizie Ball-Parish	Isabelle Smith
Maria Denkwicz	Daniella Costantinou	Doran Conall	Teddy Delieu	
Lucas Jablonski	Ella Greenhalgh	Isabelle Groves	Gracie Edwards	
Lillie-Rose Jones	Lucy Hollis	Rhys Hockley	Sophie Melville-Taylor	
Lucas Mason	Penny Howard	Taliah Rufuse	Phoebe Miles	
Isla Spence	Annie Jackson	Morgan Wallace	Luisa Osei	
	Lily May	Katie Watters	Brayden Rouse	
	Ruby-Mae Salter		Yasemin Withey-Yilmaz	
	Aaron Serpytis		Jaime Wyburn	
	Ashanti Smith			



ACHIEVEMENT IN MATHS

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Arthur Chatters	Jay Arber	Erik Andersons	Riley Breeds	Taylor Barnes-Lindoe
Lillie-Rose Jones	Will Carter	Naavah Dixon	Jayden Burns	Ellie Blake
Lucas Mason	Ruby Clarke	Sadie Hill	Louis Dinnell	Keira Bliss
Sophie Addison	Daniella Costantinou	Max Kane	Rebecca Haynes	Crystal Boothby
Dorcas Adesina	Khalia Doku	Maisie Phillips	Jessie Humphries	Teddy Case-Kirk
Scarlett Almond	Ellie Fleming	Grace Spence-Tremayne	Maisie Reid	Liam Clark
Jack Bolwerk	Autumn Green	Max Warner	Lana Stevic	Quincy Dixon
Kai Charles	Lewis Green	Lacey Webb	Tanaka Tawonezvi	Ellie Doherty
Maxwell Coleman	Annie Jackson	Lilly White		Olivia Donoghue
Alfie Flynn	Jasmine Rowlett	Roxana Zajdel		Lola Hughes
Tate Howe	Emily Stacey-Bocking			Oliver Marsh
Jack McIntosh	Megan Wright			Isabelle Smith
Adam Reynolds				Lexi Urquhart
				Alex Zielonka

SCIENTIST OF THE TERM

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Logan Coombe	Jacob Chadwick	Samuel Cudmore	Jack Crutchlow	Rhoda Adesina
Tate Howe	Annie Jackson	Conall Doran	Hassan Farhan	Quincy Dixon
Jack McIntosh	Jennifer Osagie-Ighodaro	Harry Doye	Rebecca Haynes	Harry Dorrington
Charlie-James Morton		Thea Ely	Daraya Honan	Katie Mahon
		David Erikume	Ollie McGill	Lara Stringer
		Taliah Rufuse	Maisie Reid	
		Aiden Stringer	Beth White	



EXCELLENT EFFORT IN SPANISH

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Arthur Chatters	Lewis Green	Megan Burch	Ola Akinyeye	Rhoda Adesina
Maria Denkwicz	Amelia Grzankowska	Callum Chambers	Benjamin Dack	Quincy Dixon
Dorcas Adesina	Fin Hodson	Lily Collins	Ava Dorrington	Harry Dorrington
Janelle Campbell	Amy Layzell-Whitchurch	Maya Oprea	Ronnie Jay	Katie Mahon
Thomas Laurino	Samuel Lloyd	Demar Potgieter	Joshua Wheatley	Lara Stringer
Amelie Owen	Casey Mirza	Jack Redding		
Joshua Seip	Cherish Rainford	Ryan Youens		
Rayane Sooka	Karina Stano	Oskar Zborowski		
	Megan Wright			



EXCELLENT CONTRIBUTION TO THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Kingsley Chui	Tillie Evans	Charlie Brown	Ola Akinyeye	Rhoda Adesina
Maxwell Coleman	Isaac Lee	Naavah Dixon	Sophia Franklin	Taylor Barnes-Lindoe
Mason Langham	Rachel Ricketts	Maddie Fargeot	Hannais Luzitu	Molly Croome
Ben Mouncey-Jaggers	Ashanti Smith	Harrison Morgan		Olivia Donoghue
Mia Shraka	Rosie Stacey-Bocking	Demar Potgieter		Angel Fernandes
	Ethan Toku Appleton	Masal Tuna		Poppy Halleybone
		Roxana Zajdel		Yourdana Kasa
				Jaime Kiddell
				Owaen Lawrence
				Olivia Morgan
				Janelle Nutsukpo

FANTASTIC FRENCH

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Scarlett Almond	Alicia Beeharry	Yousra Aggouche	Ethan Armstrong	Rhoda Adesina
Adam Boughlalah	Aiden Brandle	Lylah Cass-Barnard	Kady Gregory-Dean	Quincy Dixon
Elsiemay Cooper	Maddie Crook	Samuel Cudmore	Jessie Humphries	Suki Hummerston
Tuba Farooq	Faye Golding	Leah Cuming	Harvey Hymas	Ella Nicholls
Alaina Groves	Evita Kundrotaite	David Erikume	Gwen Kearns	Lilly Nunn
Farrell Kwofie	Jasmine Rowlett	Max Kane	Melinda Morar	Erin Smith
Natalie Lin	Gemma Scott	Rein Keen	Maisie Reid	Bella Storey
De-Maria Mensah	Aaron Serpytis	Janice Nutsukpo	Dan Sahin	Amy Wang
Lois Nunn	Joshua Walker	Bailey Parnham	Romey Wink	Ella Wyatt
Teo Pavel	Lacey-Mae Wing	Billy Salter	Haydn Woodall	
Alice Rotheron		Max Savin		
Mia Shraka		Freddie Sawyer		
Drew Smith		Bo Walsham		
Luke Smith				
Tilly Spreadbury				



ACHIEVEMENT IN FOOD & NUTRITION

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Daniel Adesina	Jessie Barnes-Lindoe	Lexi Cowan	Beth White
Grayson Ford	Alicia Beeharry	Abena Frimpong	
Blake Knox		Abigail Harrison	
		Jacob Marshall	
		Kieran Miller	

ACHIEVEMENT IN TEXTILES

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 11
Freddie Howard-Garner	Tillie Evans	Maddie Bengé	Aleena Akhter
Jack McIntosh	Florence Norton	Isabelle Groves	
		Esme Owen	
		Grace Renker	



EXCELLENT EFFORT IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Alfie Clark-Harding	Rosie Cracknell	Ellie Ashford-Kemp	Joanne	Kelsey Horey
Eleanor Sanders	Paige Ellis	Megan Burch	Aiyamenkhue-edigin	Dylan Jones
Mia Shraka	Isabella Hards	Charlie Griffiths	Ola Akinyeye	Mel Wild
Christiaan Van Bosch	Dylan McAulay	Rein Keen	Ethan Armstrong	Sam Wix
	Ashanti Smith	Melissa Nicholls	Kristalia Tsirou	
			Layla Mooney	

EXCELLENT EFFORT IN DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Fabio Enache	Rosie Cracknell	Yousra Aggouche	Teddy Delieu	Taylor Barnes-Lindoe
Lois Nunn	Benedetta Laurino	Krystian Cerek	Ava Dorrington	Daisy Chambers
	Amelia Pay	Melody Everett	Jessie Humphries	Matilda Groom
	Megan Wright	Ella-Rose Judge	Lily Mills	Rleigh Vetori
		Lola Poyser	Georgie Pickering	
		Lola Wickes	Elza Rozenbite	
			Ben Sealey	
			Jennifer Wan	
			Romey Wink	



EXCELLENT EFFORT IN GEOGRAPHY

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Ashleigh Labalpiny	Alicia Beeharry	Charlie Brown	Frankie Fearon	James Cooper
Lois Nunn	Daniella Costantinou	Ronel Sowunmi	Rebecca Haynes	Quincy Dixon
Alice Rothern	Isabella Cox		Harvey Hymas	Odin Hanks
Elijah Rouse	Luke Taylor		Violet Julian	Jaime Kiddell
Tilly Spreadbury	Rosie Cracknell		Riley Long	William Kingsland
Freddie Vincent			Charlotte Man	
			Harmony Morgan	
			Emily New	
			Sawyer Norden	
			Mia Padley	
			Maisie Reid	



EXCELLENT EFFORT IN HISTORY

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Lucas Jablonski	Anyia-Joan Addison	Charlie Brown	Joanne	Katie Mahon
Lucas Mason	Olivia Beckwith	Samuel Cudmore	Aiyamenkhue-edigin	Senan Phelan
Mia Adams	Isabelle Boorman	David Erikume	Pink Hatton	Isabelle Smith
Sophie Addison	Paige Ellis	Eik Tian Goh	Faraya Honan	Jonathan Wodczynski
Scarlett Almond	Tillie Evans	Isabelle Groves	Luisa Osei	
Adam Boughlalah	Ellie Fleming	Rhys Hockley	Bogdan Zuy	
Oscar Bricknell	Dexter Groves	Ella Irons		
Joshua Edwards	Fin Hodson	Sophie O'Mahony		
Alfie Flynn	Nevaeh Nyarko	Bailey Parnham		
Mason Langham	Moore	Alisha Ramalingum		
Lois Nunn	Samuel Parkin	Jack Redding		
Alice Rothern	Cherish Rainford	Enzo Rocha Santos		
Ivan Wang	Rachel Ricketts	Taliah Rufuse		
Danielle Winckless	Jasmine Rowlett	Stanley Smith		
	Gemma Scott	Aiden Stringer		
	Aaron Serpytis	William Ward		
	Isobella Stewart			
	Amelia Surtees			
	Luke Taylor			



EXCELLENT EFFORT IN CREATIVE & TECHNICAL ENTERPRISE

Year 10	Year 11
Benjamin Dack	Aleena Akhter
Daisy May-Denton	Caitlin Pay



EXCELLENT EFFORT IN CREATIVE MEDIA

Year 10	Year 11
Pink Hatton	Daisy Chambers
Jack Wiggins	Harrison Houghton
Lacey Young	

EXCELLENT EFFORT IN ART

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Leila Cooper	Rowan Rex Blackman	Oleh Melnyk	Lexie Brewer	Harrison Houghton
Parker McDonald	Liara Hanks	Zajdel Roxana		Amy Kwok
Nikas Mickevic	Leon Klarzak			

EXCELLENT EFFORT IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Year 10
Alix Carey
Rebecca Goody
Kady Gregory-Dean
Gracie Howard-Brown
Jessie Humphries
Able Joes-Adom
Gwen Kearns
Melinda Morar
Lana Stevic
Yasemin Withey-Yilmaz

Year 11
Keira Bliss
Maya Connell
Wiktorja Jones
Gracie-May O'Connor
Miley Saint



PSYCHOLOGY CHAMPION

Year 10
Joanne
Aiyamenkhue-edigin
Faraya Honan

Year 11
Izzy Cobie
Katie Mahon

EXCELLENT PARTICIPATION IN CITIZENSHIP

Year 10
Pink Hatton
Logan Meredith
Yasemin Withey-Yilmaz

Year 11
Evie Bricknell
Suki Hummerston
Dylan Meredith
Senan Phelan
Jack Rhodes

ACHIEVEMENT IN PHOTOGRAPHY

Year 10
Gracie Edwards
Anna Jones
Mia Wilson

Year 11
Taylor Barnes-Lindoe
Delilah Gammons
Layla Mooney

MENTAL HEALTH AMBASSADOR

Year 10
Frazer Anderson
Lexie Brewer
Savannah Bullard
Teddy Delieu
Gracie Edwards
Savanna Gayle-Maleary
Jersey Harvey
Pink Hatton
Rebecca Haynes
Faraya Honan
Jessie Humphries
Rhianna Jackson Brown

Year 10
Gwen Kearns
Hannais Luzitu
Charlotte Man
Daisy May-Denton
Ashton Mills
Melinda Morar
Luisa Osei
Roksana Ozimek
Lacee Young
Daisy Simms
Harry Stevenson
Chloe Watters



CONTRIBUTION TO DRAMA CLUB

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Oscar Bricknell	Penny Howard	George Lambert	Faraya Honan	Molly Croome
Evie Vaughan	Isaac Lee		Christie Snell	Harrison Houghton
Erin Wilson	Jasmine Rowlett		Beth White	Lizzy Panagi
	Ethan Toku Appleton			

PASSMORES CREW

Year 7
Lillie-Rose Jones
Elsiemay Cooper
Daniel Donohoe
Sofia Onslow

Year 8
Skye Casey
Gracie Wild

Year 9
Freya Onslow
Taliah Rufuse

SUBJECT/INFORMATION UPDATES

Drama & Panto Review

On Friday 6th December we took over 360 pupils to Harlow Playhouse to watch this year's pantomime, **Dick Whittington**, if you didn't know, where have you been?!

Anyway, we are pleased to report that the huge scale operation, that was getting all the pupils to Harlow Playhouse by foot, was a total success, with all groups arriving in time to be seated (just!).

A wonderful afternoon was spent watching the show, our Year 8's were able to identify all the panto characters they have been learning about this half term in drama and all Passmores pupils were ready to holler back with their "It's behind you!" and "Oh no it isn't!" at the appropriate times.

It was lovely seeing so many of our young people have a thoroughly good time, joining in and experiencing live theatre in a local setting. For some of our learners, that would have been their first visit to a performance in a theatre; we are delighted to be able to offer this opportunity to so many of our community. As a drama teacher, I hope that for some, it sparks an interest in live theatre and that future lifetime theatregoers have been activated.

A huge shout-out has to go to all members of the cast and crew of Dick Whittington, thank you all for entertaining us for the afternoon and providing us with such a high-quality show. We may not have been a quiet crowd, but it was a real privilege seeing so many of our young community enjoy the show, the venue and the experience.

Big thanks to all the staff that supported the administration of the excursion and accompanied our learners for the afternoon. We would not be able to do this without your goodwill and willingness to give up your own time. We'll be back next year....oh yes we will!

In other drama department news, we are continuing with our rehearsals at Year 7 & 8 drama club on Tuesdays and Excellence club with our older learners on Thursdays. Our showcase night will take place on Thursday 30th January. It promises to be a lovely evening where you can see what our fabulous young actors have been up to.

The evening will comprise of 7 short plays being performed for you. Tickets should be available on Ticketsource in the new year; a letter will come out to alert you.

We will also be holding a Year 11 set text performance on Thursday 23rd January, where you can come and see the Year 11 GCSE drama cohort share a performance of their set text "Gizmo" by Alan Ayckbourn. A physical comedy that examines how technology can support medical recovery. Again, tickets will be available in the new year on Ticketsource. Details to come when we are back.

From all in the drama department, we wish you wonderful break over the festive period. We are looking forward to slightly longer days and warmer temperatures on our return!

Happy Yuletide times to you all!



Child Development

Our first GCSE exam of this academic year is approaching, Child Development is scheduled for **Friday, 10th January**. All students have been working exceptionally hard in preparation, and we are confident that their efforts will pay off.

To provide additional support, we have organised two revision sessions during the holiday period:

- **Friday, 3rd January:** 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- **Monday, 6th January:** 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

These sessions are optional but will offer valuable opportunities to review key topics, practice exam techniques, and address any final questions.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child succeed. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Christmas Concert -

Our highly anticipated and truly wonderful Christmas Concert took place on the 12th December. It was a truly wonderful evening full of festive cheer, and of course lots of Passmores talent...



SPORTS/PE UPDATES

Year 9 Football – Boys – Harlow District Competition

Our Year 9 footballers were back in action this week, taking on local opposition St. Mark's in the Harlow District competition. St Marks were a tough opposition boasting star players in key positions that could cause us problems. We took the lead early on, finding weakness in St. Mark's high line, it had the feeling of Tottenham v Chelsea in 2023! We sensed that there would be further opportunities for us to score, however it was St. Mark's who scored the second goal of the game - once again through our defensive errors - it was a gift. This would however be the only mistake our back-line will make in the game which shows the strength we have as a year group, especially after losing key players.

The opportunities that we sensed would come continued and we took the lead once again exploiting their high line with our pacey attacking line taking full advantage. St. Mark's didn't quit though, they soon got a goal to level things up once again and if it wasn't for some great saves from goalkeeper Enzo Rocha Santos, they could have easily been 2 or 3 ahead. Coming in at half-time we felt that we needed to be more clinical and finish the chances we were creating... and that's what happened. We ended up scoring a further 3 goals and ran out 5-3 winners with goals from Ashiah Houghton-Sinclair and John Adesina ensuring a good win over our local rivals. Overall, a strong performance from the boys with new faces coming in and settling in really well, we look forward to our next fixture in the new year.

Year 10 Football – Boys – District League

Year 10's first game of the district league tournament was against St. Mark's at home. The game started off well with both teams battling to get the first goal and the lead. Passmores battled a bit too hard in the referee's opinion and gave away a penalty, allowing St Marks to take a 1-0 lead. Passmores pulled together to get themselves back into the game but with this pushing we conceded another goal just before half time. Going into the second half the boys were turning the screw to get a goal to bring us back into the game, a gamble that left us open at the back to go 3-0 down. Freddie Clarke scored a great well worked team goal to get the game back on track with the score now being 3-1. Unfortunately, Passmores then received two red cards which were detrimental to the team and the final score ended 5-1 as Passmores couldn't compete with only 9 players on the pitch.

Year 7 – Boys – Basketball Tournament

After last weeks practice tournament, the Year 7s were excited to get back on the court and test themselves against the other schools in Harlow. First up we played St. Marks who were the favourites to win the competition. After a cagey start with both teams missing easy lay-ups, St. Mark's scored a quick-fire couple of baskets to win 4-0. Next up, Burnt Mill and the boys learnt from previous mistakes and nailed the early layups to go 3 scores ahead; they kept this intensity and ended up 10-2 winners. Finally, were the hosts Mark Hall, who had one stand out player and the boys decided between them that they would double mark him out of the game and this tactic worked fantastically well as Passmores came out 10-0 winners.

So, the Year 7's were the runners-up in the tournament, well done boys.

Match Report: Passmores 2-1 St. Marks

On a biting and blustery Wednesday night, spectators flocked to the astro in their literal dozens to see the long-awaited return of elite football to Passmores Academy.

Onlookers were kept waiting in the cold as the St. Mark's team bus arrived over 20 minutes late. This wasn't the end of the mind games as the match began with rumours abounding that Mark's top two players were waiting in the wings in case things turned sour for the visiting side. In any case, the inimitable Harvey 'Hawk-Eyes' Bacon (pictured) was handed the linesman's flag and the match kicked off.



The opening exchanges were cagey and, to put it mildly, discouraging from a purist's perspective. Long balls were the dish of the day and let me tell, we were feasting.

Harry Smith, the self-titled 'Harlow R9', was the shining light for Passmores, showing for the ball more than any other player and mixing guile with hard work as he ran channels, fought for lost causes and pushed through defenders this way and that.

The first real chance fell Smith's way after excellent work in the middle from captain Bobby McDonald. Intercepting just behind the centre circle, he dragged it back past one attacker who careened past him, then pirouetted past the flimsy challenges of two more. Looking up, he released Smith with a bullseye through ball whose first time shot went hard towards the near post and brought a good save from the Mark's keeper. The game was at least 20 minutes old before Passmores' keeper Travis Morgan made his first claim. He quickly fired off a long ball looking to release midfield maestro Mikey Willet, but his pass was slightly too long, and the ball rolled harmlessly for a goal kick. This was Passmore's best period of the game and former West Essex U16 cup winner Harry Dorrington was central to proceedings. Having jogged the entire way to the game from the Harvey Centre you might be forgiven for thinking this would be a quiet one for the Harlow Iniesta, however, you'd be wrong. A signature Kevin De Bruyne whip from the half space on the right-hand side met Harry Lee arriving late at the back post but his tame shot was matched by the keeper who palmed it wide to safety.

The ensuing corner, again floated in beautifully by Harry 'H' Dorrington, was headed powerfully towards the top corner but heroically cleared off the line. The ball then looped up invitingly towards Smith on the edge of the six-yard box. With every other player on the pitch, mere footballing mortals as they were, waiting for it to drop, Smith instead chose to put his MMA training into practice, reaching his right boot high into the stratosphere, miles above his own head, he volleyed, kung fu style, Zlatan-esque, towards the top right corner. A stunning attempt but well held again by the Mark's keeper. St Mark's, sensing that they were in danger of getting overrun, then turned to the bench. A bold choice by the gaffer, hooking two of his players after only 25 minutes, probably destroying their self-esteem for some time, but it paid off immediately. The second the impact players jogged on the game turned. Within minutes a pinpoint slide rule trivela pass made its way past a despairing Matthew 'Mont' Montgomery at the back and was finished comfortably by the Mark's striker: 1-0.

They were growing in confidence now and despite dominating in every area of the first half Passmores were suddenly turned to a herd of footballing deer, caught in the headlights of the oncoming truck of St Mark's pressure.

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A goal bound shot from outside the area brought a smart save from Morgan, using his feet in De Gea fashion to keep out the Mark's midfielder after he'd cut inside from the edge.

Passmore's mini-implosion continued apace with players attempting skills, tricks and step-overs in the most ludicrous of situations. Even Mr Reliable, Beckenbauer McDonald was caught out charging down a blind alley on the right-hand side, his best impression of Kyle Walker ending up with the ball shooting into touch. His pleading looks at both manager Martin and the rest of his team seemed to sum up the current state of the game – a dead end and a team out of creativity, ideas, and patience. It was hero time, but who would rise up, Aquaman-like from the sea of mediocrity?

Cometh the hour, cometh the man – R9. Another long ball hoofed just over the half-way line was plucked acrobatically out the air by Smith. Facing off against two centre backs he shrugged off one before using his pace to knock it past the other, looking to be through on goal he touched back inside on the edge to unbalance the scrambling defence and finished low and powerfully at the near post, a classic Kylian Mbappe special, back when he was good.



This goal breathed new life into Passmores and once again McDonald took control of proceedings. He covered across well on a dangerous counter then burst forward past three stunned attackers. Looking up and seeing the ever-energetic Smith he passed accurately. The crowd held their breath, but a brilliant recovery challenge meant Passmores' only reward was another corner.

It was a topsy-turvy game coming up to half time and tensions were high. Manager Martin was going absolutely barmy complaining about 'drag-overs' and 'foot-ups', but the message wasn't getting through. Stand in left back Tommy Newnham was next to put his hand up, a powerful drive forward leaving two defenders in his wake. But sadly, in a painful reminder of Kieran Trippier's Euro's efforts, his lack of a left foot meant no cross was incoming.

The final chance of the first half came from another set-piece. 'H' Dorrington whipping in a corner, this time from the left-hand side, found a Passmores' head, but it was again cleared off the line. The ball fell kindly for Montgomery who fired not once, but twice after a great reaction save, the second attempt flying wildly off course.

The half time whistle blew, and it was all over for this reporter. Rushing off the pitch with the score poised at 1-1 you might wonder if the tears in his eyes were the stinging cold or the bitter regret at missing such a momentous game. I heard that Willet scored a peach in the last minute, you had to be there...

MOTM: Harry Smith (The Harlow R9)

Reporter at the scene: A Lovell

Sixth Form & College Open Dates 2024/2025

Colleges & Sixth Forms	Contact No.	Open Date
The Bishop's Stortford High School www.tbshs.org	01279 868686	Weds 6 th Nov Application deadline Fri 20th December
BMAT STEM Academy www.bmatstemacademy.org	01279 621570	TBA
The College at Braintree (Now part of Colchester Institute) www.colchester.ac.uk	01206 814000	Tues 21 st Jan 5pm-7pm
Cambridge Regional College www.camre.ac.uk	01223 418200	Sat 16 th Nov 9.30-12.30 Sat 25 th Jan 10-12.30 Thurs 24 th April 4.30-7.00
Capel Manor College, Enfield www.capel.ac.uk	08456 122122	Tues 19 th Nov 5.30-7pm Thurs 16 th Jan 5.30-7pm Sat 22 nd March 10-3pm
Chelmsford College www.chelmsford-college.ac.uk	01245 265611	Weds 5 th Feb 6-8.30 Weds 21 st May 6pm
New City College (Epping Forest), www.ncclondon.ac.uk	0208 508 8311	Sat 23 rd Nov 10-2.00 Sat 25 th Jan
Epping St Johns 6 th Form www.eppingstjohnsschool.org/	01992 573028	Weds 20 th Nov 6-8pm Application deadline Fri 20th December
F2 Academy www.vluk.org/course-location/f2academy/	07525 495818	TBA
Fashion Retail Academy www.fashionretailacademy.ac.uk	0207 3072345	Sat 30 th Nov Sat 14 th Dec Sat 11 th Jan
Harlow College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01279 868000	Tues 11 th Feb 5.00-8.00 Weds 30 th April 5.00-8.00
Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge www.hrsfc.ac.uk	01223 247251	TBA
Hertford Regional College www.hertreg.ac.uk	01992 411400	Thurs 21 st Nov 5.30-8.00 Tues 4 th Feb 5.30-8.00 Thurs 1 st May 5.30-8.00
Herts & Essex High School, Bishop's Stortford www.hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk	01279 654127	Thurs 12 th Nov 5.30-8.30pm

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Hockerill Anglo-European School, Bishop's Stortford www.hockerill.herts.sch.uk	01279 658451	Sat 23rd Nov Application deadline Fri 13th December
Leventhorpe School, Sawbridgeworth www.leventhorpe.net	01279 836633	Tues 5th Nov 6.00-9.00 Application deadline Fri 20th December
Presdales Sixth Form www.presdales.herts.sch.uk	01920 462210	Thurs 14th Nov 6-8pm Application deadline Fri 6th December
Sir Frederick Gibberd www.sirfrederickgibberdcollege.org	01279 307235 (c/o Burnt Mill Academy)	Sat 16th Nov 9.30-12.30 Application deadline Fri 31st January
St Marks School, Harlow www.st-marks.essex.sch.uk	01279 421267	Thurs 7th Nov 7pm-9pm Application deadline Fri 7th February
St Mary's Catholic School, Bishop's Stortford www.stmarys.net	01279 654901	Thurs 7th Nov 6-8.30pm
Stansted Airport College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01799 513030	Thurs 23rd Jan Weds 7th May
Writtle College www.writtle.ac.uk	01245 424200	Sat 16th Nov Sat 1st March

The Importance of English and Maths for Apprenticeships

A recent report has shown that only 1 in 4 apprenticeships are open to applicants without GCSE maths and English at grade 4 or above. Functional skills qualifications (FSQ's) are an exit requirement for apprenticeships. Around 7% of apprentices fail their apprenticeship because of them. This means more employers are asking for students to have these qualifications prior to starting.

Read the full report on:

[FE News | AELP: Only 1 in 4 apprenticeship vacancies now open to applicants without GCSE Maths and English](#)

CHOICES Magazine – December Issue

This magazine is aimed at parents and carers and explains about apprenticeships options, new changes to T- Levels placements, SEND resources, helping your young person to produce a CV and much more:

[December 2024 - Choices](#)

ANY OTHER INFORMATION

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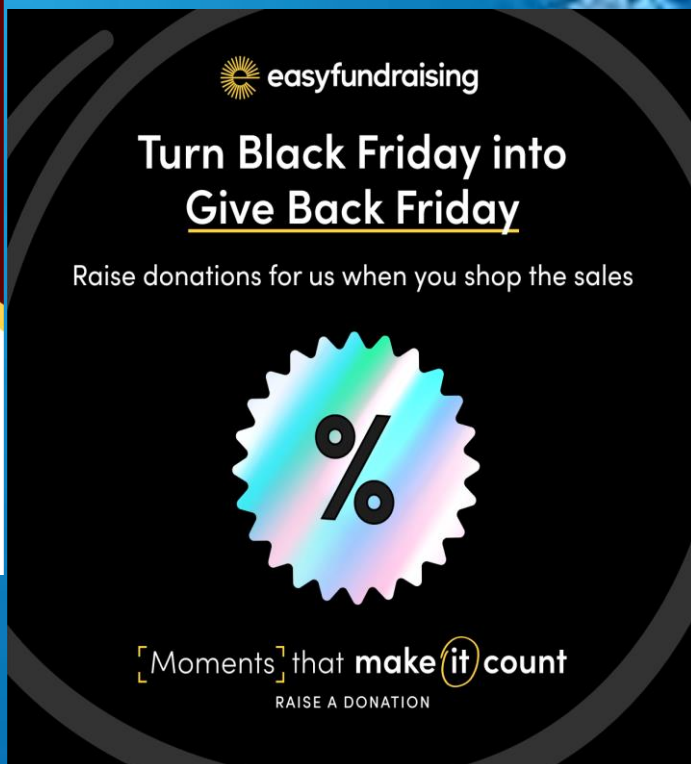
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Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January 2025	Christmas Holiday
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET DAY (4)
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Spring Term 1 Begins
Friday 31 st January 2025	INSET DAY (5)
Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February 2025	Half Term

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Currently, children are growing up in an immediate and throwaway culture when it comes to content that's consumed online. So much material is now deliberately created to be shorter in nature – and may often contain hidden elements such as advertising, or extreme political and cultural views. With complex algorithms built to keep people on their phones and engaging with social media content, it's becoming increasingly difficult to reduce time spent on these platforms.

1 REDUCE DOOMSCROLLING

It's concerning how common for young people to spend hours 'doomscrolling', trawling through social media and aimlessly viewing every post they see, many of which might make them feel sad or anxious. Social media can be useful for keeping in touch with friends and family, as well as staying up to date on current events. However, it's important to use it with a clear purpose. Instead of endlessly scrolling through content, which could lead to young people accidentally discovering harmful material.

2 TALK ABOUT THE CONTENT

It's important to keep apprised of the kind of content that a young person is being exposed to. Discussing what they're watching online can help you understand why they're using social media in the first place. Furthermore, ensure that children are aware of hidden content, such as advertising of a product – and that they know how to spot that the creator is being paid to talk about it.

3 FIND POSITIVE ASPECTS

Despite all the concerns, there's plenty of wholesome content on social media. It's worth spending time with children to help them find something suitable and enjoyable. Perhaps you'll even discover a joint interest, and you can enjoy the content alongside the child. As part of this, you should also point out why certain things shouldn't be given attention, explaining why it isn't suitable and why it's been created in the first place.

4 REDUCE SCREENTIME

Young people can sometimes be unaware of the exact amount of time they spend looking at social media. Smart phones don't just have the capacity to monitor screen time; they also record how much time is spent on each app. Consider setting targets to reduce this and support children to meet these goals, gradually reducing the amount of time spent on different apps.

5 FILL THE VOID

Monitoring and reducing screen time can create a lot of free time to fill, and young people can even face withdrawal symptoms when made to step away from their phones. To mitigate this, consider what offline activities you could introduce the child to, and what they would enjoy. This can ensure that young users will permanently opt out of their screen time, rather than temporarily doing so while they know it's being monitored.

6 REDUCE NOTIFICATIONS

One way in which social media platforms keep people coming back is through notifications. The algorithms behind these apps track people's daily habits, including the times of the day when they're most likely to engage with the platform. This data is then used to deliver specifically timed notifications to draw them back in. To avoid young users being exposed to this tactic, simply turn off notifications for the app in their phone's settings.

7 LIVE IN THE REAL WORLD

Overexposure to social media can distort someone's perception of the real world – from body norms to social conventions. This filtered environment can make it hard for young people to distinguish reality from online content, which is now becoming even more difficult with the rise of AI. To mitigate this concern, take time to teach young people how to discern truth from fiction, both on and off social media.

8 DIGITAL DETOX

Encouraging young people to take a 'digital detox', from even just a couple of the apps that they use, can result in an overall reduction of screen time and less exposure to potentially harmful content. Alternatively, rather than avoiding the app entirely, encourage children to take a 'digital detox' from content creators and influencers, and instead, keep in touch with friends and family – which is generally a far healthier use of these platforms.

9 MODEL GOOD BEHAVIOUR

Consider the habits that you're demonstrating to your children. How much time do you spend on your phone? How much do you 'doomscroll'? Comparing your own usage with the child's could bring things into perspective for them – or if it turns out that you're also overusing social media, it can turn screen time reduction into a joint mission, which you and the child can work on together.

10 BE CLEAR ON THE "WHY"

Research shows that young people can become addicted to social media. There are many schools that are moving towards being 'phone free' due to the negative impacts of using social media and phones continuously. It's important to explain to young people why managing screen time is important. Set out the benefits and ensure they have all the relevant information, so it's not just seen as a punishment.

Meet Our Expert

John Insley is a senior leader in a Birmingham secondary school and has vast experience in leading schools over the past 15 years – including the development of computing curriculums across primary and secondary schools, writing e-safety policies and supporting schools with computing and e-safety advice.



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Visit Santa's Hollow



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Santa is making this event really relaxed, as he knows that Christmas can be an
overwhelming time.

This year, Santa has some interesting company – a whole cast of Christmas characters,
both naughty and nice! Keep an eye out for any mischief-makers who might be plotting
to stop Christmas from happening and make sure to report them to Santa's Friends, who
truly love the holiday. Let's work together to keep the Christmas spirit alive and well!

Whilst with us in Santa's Hollow, you can take part in various activities, including painting a
figurine and decorating gingerbread biscuits.

You can also have a chat with the Big Man himself in his cabin, who will be giving out gifts
to all those amazing children, that he knows have tried their very best this year!

Write and post your letter to Santa in our special delivery post box too.

There will be some great photo opportunities, helping to us to bring the Spirit of Christmas
to your family, creating beautiful memories for all.

Santa and Friends will be visiting on
Sunday 1st Dec, Sunday 8th Dec and Sunday 15th Dec

Held at Plant Pots & Wellies, Harlow For more info and to book a ticket, please ask
for more details. Tickets are limited. Pre booking only

*Plant Pots & Wellies is a voluntary community project that provides horticultural therapy and
other activities for both children and adults with additional needs*

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There are many organisations in Harlow working to offer support, but often people don't know what is out there until they are in crisis.

At Harlow Hive, we have worked to produce a way of increasing awareness of the variety of services available and how to access them. Our aim has been to make this as clear and engaging as possible, and we are very proud of how the communitree has come together.

Follow the branches to a specific area of help and click on the organisations' logos to find out more.

Spotlight on services... FREE Parenting courses

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