

Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2024 Issue 26



FROM ALL THE STAFF
AT PASSMORES
ACADEMY...

HAPPY
EASTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

This has been a longer term than normal, and we have definitely felt the fatigue as we have crawled towards the end. But a very upbeat Passmores community left the building to glorious sunshine, looking forward to the next couple of weeks.

As always, our end of term is one of celebration – whatever challenges we may have faced are put aside to shine a light on those who have been seen and recognised by their teachers. Today we have given out just shy of 1000 awards and been treated to an array of performances. I am sure that there are some delighted young people coming home to you today.

We couldn't do what we do without the support of you, our parents/carers. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our Year 9 Options Evening and Parents/Carers evening, it has been a busy half term for you guys. It will be just as busy next term; things never seem to slow down! As our year 11s are on their final push for their exams, please encourage them to attend sessions during the holidays as staff are kindly giving of their time to help them achieve.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter; see you again in a couple of weeks and please get involved in our prize draw.

Natalie Christie
Principal of Passmores Academy



EASTER PRIZE GIVEAWAY

Do you enjoy receiving this newsletter?

Do you find it useful?

Is there anything you'd like us to include in future editions?

If you would like to complete our survey and be entered into our prize draw to gain a chance to win a delicious Lindt Chocolate Egg, please click on the link below:

[Newsletter Survey/Easter Raffle](#)





TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVERS
Friday 28th March to Thursday 3rd April 2025



Langham, Mason	Year 7	52
Chui, Kingsley	Year 7	42
Adams, Mia	Year 7	31
Aley, Dylan	Year 7	29
Kwofie, Farrell	Year 7	28
Labdon, Cian	Year 7	27
Rouse, Elijah	Year 7	27
Johnson, Lilly	Year 7	25
Paul, Anastasia	Year 7	25
Wheatley, Emily	Year 7	25

Dack, Benjamin	Year 10	25
Zalinski, Adrian	Year 10	25
Honan, Faraya	Year 10	24
Kearns, Gwen	Year 10	24
Akinyeye, Ola	Year 10	23
Crutchlow, Jack	Year 10	22
Aiyamenkhue-edigin, Joanne	Year 10	20
Francis-Melvin, Sid	Year 10	20
Breeds, Riley	Year 10	19
Dinnell, Louis	Year 10	19
Rossiter, Bailey	Year 10	19

Rogers, Mason	Year 8	36
Jackson, Annie	Year 8	35
Paxton, Bobby	Year 8	34
McGill, Harry	Year 8	33
Evans, Tillie	Year 8	32
Stewart, Isobella	Year 8	29
Crutchlow, Sam	Year 8	27
Lai, Korey	Year 8	27
Lloyd, Samuel	Year 8	27

Beckett, Emily	Year 11	21
Laney, Mckenzie	Year 11	20
Mustafa, Emin	Year 11	17
Lawrence, Owaen	Year 11	16
Stringer, Lara	Year 11	16
Webb, Macey	Year 11	16
Bull, Ilya	Year 11	15
Golding, Hannah	Year 11	15
Wix, Sam	Year 11	15

Coe, Mason	Year 9	32
Andersons, Erik	Year 9	25
Copas, Joe	Year 9	19
Fargeot, Maddie	Year 9	19
Keen, Rein	Year 9	19
Onslow, Freya	Year 9	19
Smith, Stanley/ Stan	Year 9	19
Guinness, Tyler	Year 9	18
Hogg, Sophie	Year 9	18
Tapambwa, Alisha	Year 9	18
Ward, William	Year 9	18
Warner, Max	Year 9	18

Year Group Attendance (17th to 21st March 2025)	
Year 7	92.7%
Year 8	90.16%
Year 9	87.53%
Year 10	87.49%
Year 11	85.1%
All Students	88.65%



Thought for the Week – End of Term House Assemblies

This week, Thought for the Week took the form of end-of-term House assemblies, where we celebrated the hard work and achievements of our students. It was wonderful to see so many students who consistently do the right thing being recognised and rewarded. The assemblies were filled with positivity as Easter eggs, vouchers, and other goodies were handed out to those who truly deserved them. A huge well done to all of the students who have shown great commitment to our values this term!

In the News – Empathy in ‘Mind Matters’ and ‘Time to Talk’

Students participated in Session 6 of their ‘Mind Matters’ and ‘Time to Talk’ workshops, with this session focusing on empathy. Empathy is all about putting yourself in someone else's shoes to understand their feelings and perspectives, which helps to build deeper connections and offer meaningful support to others. The session gave students the opportunity to explore and practise empathy, an essential skill for building positive relationships and fostering a supportive school community.

Other News





- **Ms Christie’s End-of-Term Assemblies** – Ms Christie’s assemblies this week highlighted individual and collective achievements from this term. It was fantastic to see so many students being recognised, with their efforts warmly applauded by their peers.
- **Golden Ticket Week** – Continuing the theme of positivity and celebration, this week was Golden Ticket Week, where students were acknowledged for embracing and embodying the Passmores values.
- **Non-Uniform Rewards** – The winning House in each year group was rewarded with a non-uniform day, a well-deserved treat for their consistent efforts and contributions.
- **Year 11 Easter Revision and Passport to Prom** - Every 30-minute revision session attended over the Easter holidays will count as two booster session signatures in your Passport to Prom. This is a great way to put yourself ahead in the race to have as many challenges signed off as possible and to be in with a chance of winning the £300 voucher to be used towards your Prom expenses. It’s also a great way for students who didn’t meet the Passport to Prom criteria for each half-term to complete the compulsory extra-booster sessions they were assigned.

It’s been a busy term filled with triumphs and challenges, and we are incredibly proud of everything our students have accomplished. We hope everyone enjoys a happy, healthy, and restful Easter break. We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday, 22nd April (Week 2), ready to kick off the new term with renewed energy and enthusiasm!

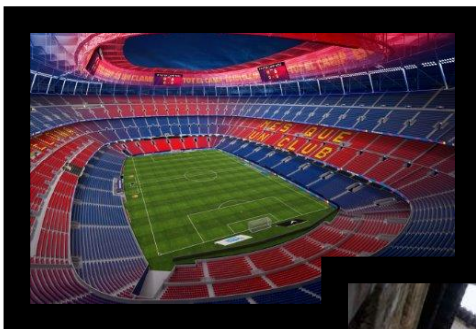




Chit Chat *and* Chocolate

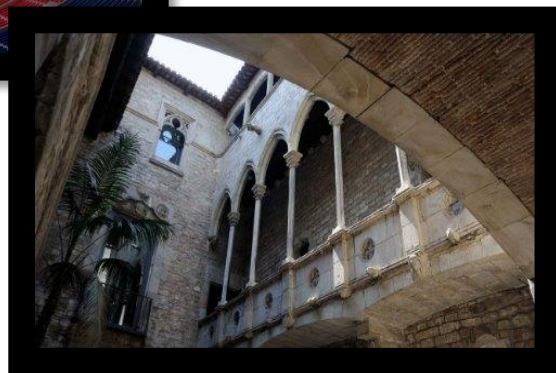
			
Janelle Nutsukpo	Senan Phelan	Kelsey Horey	Annabel Barker
Alfie Davidson	Theo Kuyumdzhev	Isabelle Smith	Alice Roffey
Georgia Howard	Bryony Kelso	Layla Mooney	Izzy Cobie
			Ethan Rouse

SUBJECT/INFORMATION UPDATES



Barcelona 2026

We are delighted to announce our next Spanish and art trip to Barcelona from the 6th - 8th March 2026. If your young person is in year 10 and currently studying Spanish or Art and you would like them to experience all that Barcelona has to offer, including The Nou Camp and the Picasso Museum to name a few, please email your interest to Mr Farmery (a.farmery@passmoresacademy.com).



YEAR 11 EASTER HOLIDAY REVISION SESSIONS

APRIL 2025

DATE	SUBJECT	TIME	ROOM
MONDAY 7TH APRIL	PHOTOGRAPHY	10AM - 3PM	D101
	CHEMISTRY - HIGHER	10AM - 12PM	L003
	CHEMISTRY - SEPARATE	1PM - 3PM	L003
	PHYSICS	9AM - 11AM	L006
	DRAMA	10.30AM-1.30PM	G101
	PSYCHOLOGY	10AM - 12PM	U002
	BTEC SPORT	10AM - 12PM AMN 1PM - 3PM JKG	Y005 Y005
	ENGLISH LANG & LIT	10AM - 12PM	U101 & U102
	CREATIVE & TECHNICAL ENTERPRISE (INVITE ONLY)	10AM-2PM	G105
TUESDAY 8TH APRIL	TEXTILES	10AM - 3PM	D103
	PHOTOGRAPHY	10AM - 3PM	D101
	CREATIVE & TECHNICAL ENTERPRISE (INVITE ONLY)	10AM - 2PM	G105
WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL	PHOTOGRAPHY	10AM - 3PM	D101
THURSDAY 10TH APRIL	PSYCHOLOGY 13-MARK ESSAY	10AM -1PM	U002
FRIDAY 11TH APRIL	HISTORY	9AM - 12PM	U007
TUESDAY 15TH APRIL	GEOGRAPHY	1PM - 3PM	U005
THURSDAY 17TH APRIL	BIOLOGY	9AM - 11AM	L005



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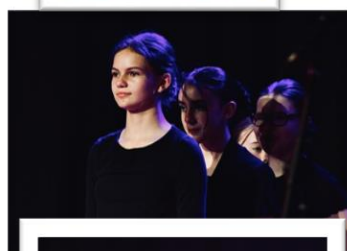
improving upon our best

PASSMORES GOT TALENT

This was a real hit of an event, with 145 attendees who cheered, supported and generally created a great atmosphere. There was lots of interest in us running the event annually, so students should keep an eye next year for our next event.

Performers

- Miss Giannattasio (staff)
- Diamond Dancers - Leah Cowell, Leia Walker, Imani Jezzard, Bailey Howe, Jessie Powell
- Harriet Butterfield
- Detention Duo/ASDA - Oscar Bricknell, Adam Boughlalah
- Maria Denkewicz
- Ethan Toku Appleton
- Kyei Kwarteng
- WD40 - Lizzy Panagi, Tyler Shillingford, Demar Potgieter, Maddie Fargeot
- Blake Knox
- Ethan Toku Appleton & Kai Wilkinson
- Fabba - Mr Parker, Mrs Poulter, Mrs Sealey, Miss Power (Staff)
- Sophia Clark
- Makiah Mfon
- MegaThree - Fin Hodson, Cherish Rainford, Isaac Lee



And the winners were...



WD40 - £100



Kyei - £50



Diamond Dancers - £25

(A tidy sum for a good night's work!)



Between the raffle and the talent show we made nearly £1900 for the Friends of Passmores, which will be ploughed back into opportunities for our young people, making this the perfect event, as the students have raised money for themselves! Thank you to everyone who got involved in any way, particularly our super talented youngsters who made choosing our winners so challenging for us.

All raffle prizes have been claimed.



Year 8 Football - Boys

The Year 8 (U13) boys football team played in the Harlow District Cup final on Thursday of last week. We met SFG in a repeat fixture of the final last year, and for the second year running Passmores come out victorious with a hard fought 5-3 victory.

Well done boys!





Open Events Year 10 & 11

Long Road Sixth Form College Open Evenings July 2025: BOOKING NOW LIVE!

Year 10 students and their families are invited to attend the sixth form college Open Evenings on Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd July 2025.

The event is also open to any Year 11's who would like another chance to visit the college with their families before making their final post-16 decision in August. All attendees are required to book a ticket to attend. Booking is now live and can be found by visiting their website: <https://www.longroad.ac.uk/open-evenings>

Due to the popularity of their events, and to ensure that as many students as possible can join them, tickets are limited to a maximum of 4 per booking.

Harlow College Open Event and Careers Fair - Weds 30th April, 5pm-8pm

Hertford Regional College Open Event - Thurs 1st May, 5.30pm-8pm

New City College Open Event - Tues 6th May, 4pm-7pm

Stansted Airport College Open Event, Weds 7th May, 5pm-8pm

Capel Manor College Open Event, Tues 13th May, 5.30pm-7pm

Writtle College Open Event, Weds 18th June, 3pm-7pm

Your Path to New Opportunities: Explore the Latest Essex Careers Magazine

A comprehensive guide to the county's thriving employment and skills landscape. Whether you're a student deciding on next steps, a jobseeker looking to retrain, or an employer wanting to grow your team, this issue has you covered.

What You'll Discover Inside:

- Spotlight on Early Years & Education – Get the inside scoop on rewarding roles in childcare, primary/secondary teaching, and special needs education.
- Mid-Essex Focus – Dive into local facts, figures, and opportunities to help you find your place in a vibrant job market.
- Apprenticeships Explained – Learn how you (or your staff) can “earn while you learn,” develop valuable skills, and gain nationally recognized qualifications.
- Key Sectors in Essex – From construction and renewable energy to social care and hospitality, find out which industries are booming—and where you can fit in.
- Real-Life Stories – Be inspired by success stories from apprentices, graduates, and career-changers who've transformed their futures through roles right here in Essex.
- Community Connections – Discover volunteering options, local youth work opportunities, and how you can make a real difference in the community.

[Ready to Explore? Click Here to access the full digital edition of the Essex Careers Magazine](#)



FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Friday 4 th April	Early Closure for Students – 12:30pm
Monday 7 th – Monday 21 st April	EASTER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 22 nd April	Summer Term 1 Begins
Thursday 24 th April	Year 10 Parent/Carer Evening
Monday 5 th May	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 7 & 8 Academic Tutorial Evening
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 2 nd June	Summer Term 2 Begins
Wednesday 11 th June	Sports Presentation Evening

Please can you remember to let us know if any of your contact details have changed, so that so that we can update our records.

You can do this easily by emailing our Data Team:
datateam@passmoresacademy.com or via the Arbor app.



USEFUL LINKS

[Parents/Carers Letters](#)



[Clubs and Activities](#)



[School Calendar](#)



[ParentPay](#)



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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities - and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.



NEGATIVE INFLUENCES

While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.



FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

DONATE

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokémon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.



MISINFORMATION

Streamers are, in many ways, just like us - and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.



ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME

If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.



Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS

For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that - influencing young minds, for better or for worse.



CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS

While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers - despite many being dogged by controversy.



DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION

Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.



SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS

You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.



Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



PIZZA
#WakeUp
Wednesday

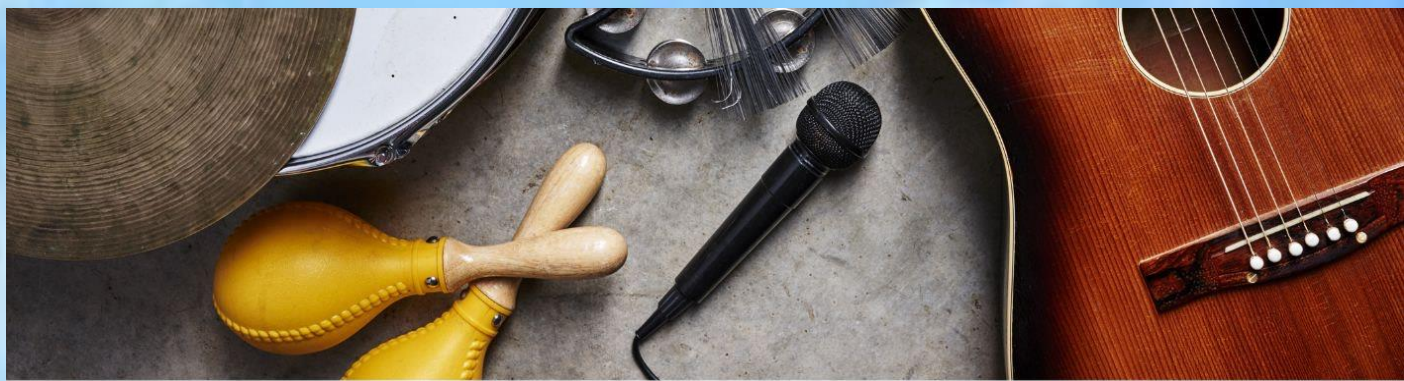
The
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Free Family Arts and Movement Workshops

Bishopsfield at the Podium
Tuesday 8 & 15 April, 10am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm

**The Stow,
Harlow by the Community Hub**
Thursday 10 & 17 April, 10am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm





Harlow Rock School Easter Courses



Explore music making at
Harlow Rock School this
Easter!

- 14th-17th April 2025
- 10am-3pm
- No Experience necessary
- Lunch and snacks provided
- Ages 11-16yrs
- **Free** for young people who are eligible for free school meals.

Booking through the Holiday Activities booking platform. Eligible young people will receive vouchers via their school. For more information, please contact music@rockfriends.co.uk.

SPEAK TO OVER 30 EXHIBITORS!

HARLOW SCHOOLS CAREERS FAIR

30 APR. '25

in partnership with

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EXHIBITORS INCLUDE:

University of
Hertfordshire **UH**

Down Hall
HOTEL | SPA | ESTATE

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Jet2.com


a.r.u. Anglia Ruskin
University

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Wimpey**

...AND MANY MORE!



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**THE HARLOW SCHOOLS CAREERS FAIR 2025 WILL
BRING TOGETHER EMPLOYERS FROM ACROSS THE
REGION AS WELL AS NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS.**



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education

Supporting Autistic
Children To Thrive

Can't not Won't

A workshop for Parents and Carers

Understanding why from your child's / young
persons perspective
and how to support

Face to Face session in Saffron Walden

- 24th April 7pm - 8.30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1295543668989?aff=oddtcreator>



Evening Online session - 29th April 7.30 -9 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1301078604129?aff=oddtcreator>





YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN OUR



SPRING

Holiday Club

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL , TUESDAY 15TH APRIL

11-3PM

WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL , WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL

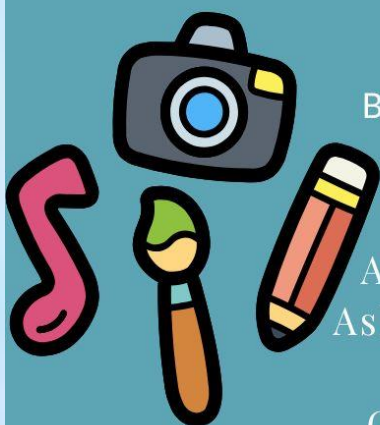
1-5PM (9TH) , 11-3PM (16TH)

THE XPERIENCE CENTRE

BROADLEY ROAD , HARLOW , CM19 5RD

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Working in partnership:



Spotlight on services... **FREE** Parenting courses

Did you know, **ACL Essex** has a wide range of parenting courses, some are face to face, some are virtual, some are one off and some are a series. They are all FREE.

Subjects include;

- ☐ SEND support for families
- ☐ Positive Parenting
- ☐ Family Wellbeing
- ☐ Understanding Teens.

ACL will also collaborate with you to provide bespoke courses where you have a cohort of parents.

For further information

[Community & Family Learning - ACL Essex](#)