

Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024 Issue 11



Passmores
ACADEMY



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Year 11

Dear Parents/Carers,

The feeling of relief was palpable from our year 11s as they finished the formal aspect of their mock exams today. Just the creative subjects to complete next week and this round will be done. We know that these are a tough couple of weeks, but they have, for the most part, approached the exams with maturity and will hopefully get grades that they deserve. Results will be given out in lessons as and when papers have been marked and moderated by departments.

Don't forget that we have an INSET day next Friday; as staff, we use this as a way of benchmarking when to start the countdown to Christmas!

With Christmas festivities in mind, the tickets for the pantomime are selling fast. For the first time, we have The Playhouse all to ourselves, so it will undoubtedly be a fantastic afternoon for all year 7 and 8. Tickets are still available, it would be lovely to take everyone from both year groups if possible.

Natalie Christie
Principal of Passmores Academy

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TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVERS

Friday 15th to Thursday 21st November 2024

Cowell, Leah	Year 7	48
McIntosh, Jack	Year 7	46
Leeson, Alfie	Year 7	39
Smith, Luke	Year 7	35
Allen, Charlie	Year 7	34
Ryan, Marnie	Year 7	34
Atkinson, Oliver	Year 7	33
Coleman, Maxwell	Year 7	32
Owen, Amelie	Year 7	32
Mason, Lucas	Year 7	32

Hill, Sadie	Year 9	45
Zuna, Hayden	Year 9	31
Broughton, Marnie	Year 9	31
Frimpong, Abena	Year 9	28
Kane, Max	Year 9	27
Benge, Maddie	Year 9	26
Behan, Romey	Year 9	26
Pidgeon, Haydon	Year 9	25
Burch, Megan	Year 9	25
Arber, Matthew	Year 9	24
Morgan, Harrison	Year 9	24

Jackson, Annie	Year 8	43
Wright, Megan	Year 8	43
Lai, Korey	Year 8	41
Paxton, Bobby	Year 8	39
Kelly, Sianna	Year 8	38
Stewart, Isobella	Year 8	37
Addison, Anyia-Joan	Year 8	37
Toku Appleton, Ethan	Year 8	37
Biro, Emma	Year 8	37
Surtees, Amelia	Year 8	36

Stevic, Lana	Year 10	35
Foster-Gaish, Lily-May	Year 10	32
Egbo, Francis	Year 10	29
Miles, Freya	Year 10	28
Norris, Josh	Year 10	27
Dolling, Tommy	Year 10	26
Ball-Parrish, Maizie	Year 10	25
Thornton, Lily-Mai	Year 10	24
Almond, Ellie	Year 10	24
Raykov, Pavel	Year 10	24

Year Group Attendance (11 th to 15 th November 2024)	
Year 7	93.98%
Year 8	92.43%
Year 9	89.06%
Year 10	90.2%
Year 11	89.44%
All Students	91.05%

Donoghue, Olivia	Year 11	21
Golding, Hannah	Year 11	21
Vetori, Rileygh	Year 11	20
Beckett, Emily	Year 11	16
Adesina, Rhoda	Year 11	16
Nutsukpo, Janelle	Year 11	14
Boylan, Holly	Year 11	14
Fernandes, Angel	Year 11	14
Budzinski, Wojciech	Year 11	14
Charlton, Abbey	Year 11	13

PASTORAL UPDATE

Thought for the Week

This week's Thought for the Week focused on **Road Safety Week**. Students engaged in discussions and scenario-based activities to explore the importance of road safety, with key messages including:

- Young people are at higher risk of crashes due to factors like speed, inexperience, distraction, or peer pressure.
- Risky road behaviours such as speeding or driving under the influence have severe consequences. Responsibility toward others on the road is essential.
- Avoiding the term "accidents" emphasises that many road incidents are preventable.
- Speaking up when feeling unsafe due to someone else's reckless driving is important to create a culture of safety.
- Reflecting on the human impact of road crashes encourages empathy and responsibility.

In the News

This week saw the launch of our new **Mind Matters** programme. Held twice per half-term, these sessions aim to:

- Raise awareness of emotional literacy and resilience.
 - Help students develop the skills to identify and manage their emotions healthily.
 - Provide a safe space for students to explore emotional literacy and resilience.
- The ultimate goal is for students to apply these skills in their daily lives and across the school community, building confidence and emotional strength.

Other News

Students enjoyed the latest episode of **Pass News**, keeping them informed and entertained.

Year 11 students continued their mock exams while progressing with their personal statements, CVs, and post-16 applications during Pastoral Curriculum Time.

Meanwhile, **Key Stage 3 students** let loose at the annual **school disco** on Thursday evening. The night was filled with music, laughter, and cherished memories—a fantastic event for all who attended!

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Next week is shaping up to be both reflective and action-packed:

- **Thought for the Week:** Students will review their **Passmores Passports**, evaluating their progress on challenges and reflecting on how they embody our school values: respect, fairness, belonging, compassion, and kindness.
- **In the News:** Students will mark **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**, discussing this important topic.
- **Year 11 students:** Mock exams in practical subjects will take place alongside continued work on personal statements, CVs, and post-16 applications. They will also attend an assembly by **CRE8**.
- **PE House Events:** Year 7 and 8 students will have the chance to represent their year groups and Houses in an exciting series of sports events.





It promises to be another busy and rewarding week at Passmores!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Oliver Cross De-Maria Mensah Tommy Burns Sophie Addison Marnie Ryan	Darien Andrews Penny Howard Jesse Kennedy Sianna Kelly Liara Hanks	Maya Oprea Lucy Day Joseph Copas George Lambert Bo Walsham	Harry Stevenson Dawid Wejman Frazer Anderson Abdul Kamara Tanaka Tawonezvi	Suki Hummerston Annabel Barker Kelsey Horey Dicha Bhattarai Layla Mooney



Chit Chat and Chocolate



			
Tillie Evans	Janelle Campbell	Kingsley Chui	Luke Wilcox
Annie Jackson	Aiden Brandle	Jack McIntosh	Charlie Parker
Franka Zagraba	Isobella Stewart	Olly Mahon	Keira Ward
Violet Porter	Kai Charles	Drew Smith	Maxwell Coleman

Principal's Challenge Trip – Wednesday 11th December

You would have received an email via parent pay if you son/daughter has been successful on the Principal's Challenge Trip.

Please make sure you specify the arrangements for you son/daughter to either be dismissed from the Harvey Centre or to walk back to school with a member of staff.

The deadline for payment and consent is next Wednesday 27th November.



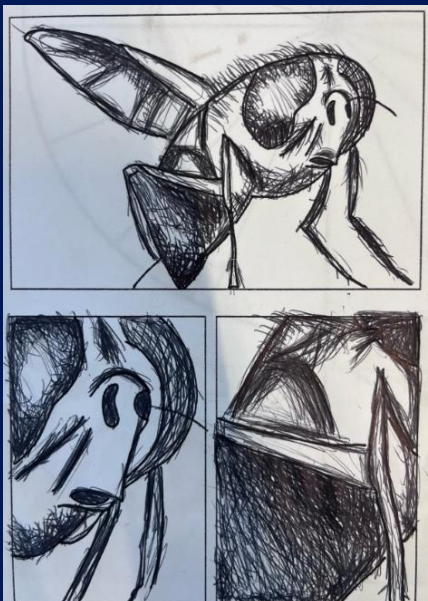
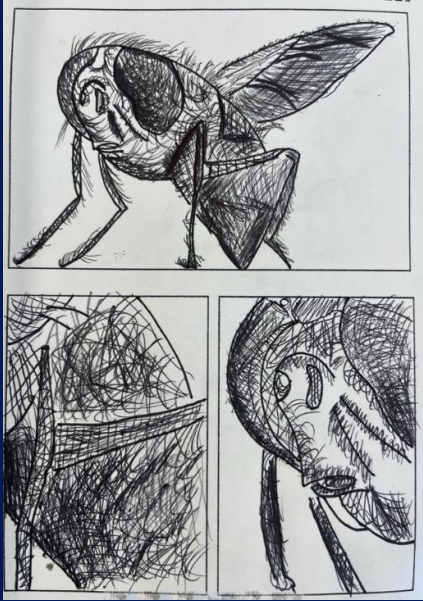
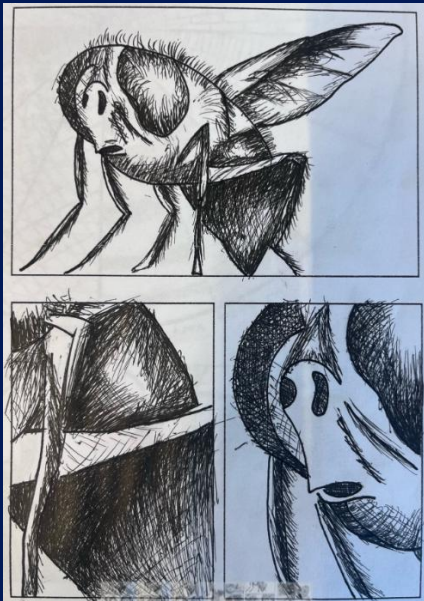
SUBJECT/INFORMATION UPDATES

Art

This week our Year 7 students are focusing on mark making techniques and how to create shadows, midtone and highlights using dense and space marks. They have worked extremely hard and have created some outstanding work which we wanted to share with you.

Please follow the Art Instagram to see what other years are focusing on this week:

Passmores_Art_Dept



SPORTS/PE UPDATES

The cold weather has definitely returned, but that hasn't 'frozen' the sports...

Basketball - Year 10 & 11 Boys

Monday 18th November saw the beginning of the Harlow District basketball tournaments, that are taking place at Mark Hall sports centre. The first-year group up was the senior team, which involved Years 10 and 11.



A total of 5 games were played and with the boys coming out with 2 wins and 3 defeats, but 2 of those 3 defeats were only 1-point games that could have gone either way, unfortunately for us it was the wrong way.

The boys battled hard and showed lots of great skills throughout, well done.

Football - Year 8 Boys

Wednesday afternoon saw the Year 8s kick off the second round of their Essex cup journey against a strong Mayflower school.

Both teams started strongly with the first goal of the game going to Mayflower and with that they continued to build on their confidence and stormed into a 4-1 lead at half-time.

After a strong show of character, Passmores was able to draw the second half 1-1 but unfortunately their journey in the Essex Cup has come to an end.



Football – Senior Girls

On Thursday evening, our senior girls played in the Harlow district tournament, and we welcomed St. Marks and Burnt Mill to Passmores.

Once again, the girls braved the elements, and it was Passmores who were on fire and ended up winning the tournament going undefeated!

An amazing achievement, well done!

Join **Future Leaders: Accountancy Opportunities for All Young People** on Weds 4th December, from 6:30pm - 7:17pm to hear about and explore the potential career opportunities for young people.

This webinar is aimed at parents, guardians, caregivers and young people who will hear from a range of professionals who have carved out their own career and who will share their journey in accountancy. Many think that accountancy is all about the numbers but join us to find out why there is much more to accountancy than number crunching.

This webinar is being delivered by ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants), the global professional accounting body offering the Chartered Certified Accountant qualification with over 250,000 global members.

Go to [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#) to register.

Free Doctor Webinar – Years 9 – 11. Should I Become a Doctor?

This presentation, held by medical students, is designed to help Year 9 – 11 students decide whether 'Medicine', or becoming a doctor, is for them. It may also be helpful for anyone else seeking information about the process – including parents.

It will be held on the 3rd of December 7:00pm - 8:30pm on Zoom. The application for this webinar closes on the 29th of November. Please see below for more information on how to sign up...



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**Should I become a
Doctor? – 03/12/24**
Virtual Event on Zoom – 03/12/24 between 7 and 8:30pm

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It will be held on the 3rd of December 7-8:30pm on Zoom. **Please fill in the sign-up form below to receive the log in details**, or find it on our website under Training & Events > Futures Programme > Future Doctor:
<https://forms.gle/RLXmFJwb456kw8yo7>
The application form closes 29th of November.

The evening will include:

- How do I know medicine is right for me?
- The Application Process
- The Medical Degree
- Foundation Years (Post Degree)
- Dentistry vs Medicine

If you have any more questions,
please contact molly.butcher@nhs.net

I particularly enjoyed looking at the ways I can get a medical degree and the roadmap/path in terms of exams, universities and work experience.

Thank you for the presentation, I found it very valuable as I am currently choosing my A-level options in year 11 and I hoped that this presentation can help me decide what I want to do for the future.



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
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 Application deadline Sunday 1st December

Sixth Form & College Open Dates 2024/2025

Colleges & Sixth Forms	Contact No.	Open Date
Hockerill Anglo-European School, Bishop's Stortford www.hockerill.herts.sch.uk	01279 658451	Sat 23 rd Nov
Long Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge www.longroad.ac.uk	01223 631100	Summer 2025
Leventhorpe School, Sawbridgeworth www.leventhorpe.net	01279 836633	Tues 5 th Nov 6.00-9.00 Application deadline Fri 20th December
Presdales Sixth Form www.presdales.herts.sch.uk	01920 462210	Thurs 14 th Nov 6-8pm
Sir Frederick Gibberd www.sirfrederickgibberdcollege.org	01279 307235 (c/o Burnt Mill Academy)	Sat 16 th Nov 9.30-12.30
St Marks School, Harlow www.st-marks.essex.sch.uk	01279 421267	Thurs 7 th Nov 7pm-9pm Application deadline Fri 7th February
St Mary's Catholic School, Bishop's Stortford www.stmarys.net	01279 654901	Thurs 7 th Nov 6-8.30pm Application deadline Fri 6th December
Stansted Airport College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01799 513030	Thurs 23 rd Jan Weds 7 th May
Writtle College www.writtle.ac.uk	01245 424200	Sat 16 th Nov Sat 1 st March

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.

ANY OTHER INFORMATION

FOPs


Last year Friends of Passmores signed up to EasyFundraising... the easiest way to raise money for our school!

Easyfundraising partners - with over 7,500 brands will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice and it won't cost you any extra as the cost is covered by the brand!

If you're shopping in the Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales, make sure you use #easyfundraising. Over 8,000 retailers will donate, so you can raise a FREE donation for Friends of Passmores every time you grab a bargain, whether that's gadgets, electricals, games consoles, toys, clothes, gifts or anything else!

We have raised nearly £200 so far but we would love more of you to join.

Please follow this link to sign up.
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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The music department's Christmas concert takes place on Thursday 12th December at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. It promises to be a wonderfully festive evening full of Christmas favourites, old and new. Tickets usually sell out fast, so get yours now!

Tickets are available via ParentPay - please note, tickets will be sent via email after 2nd December 2024.

Adult tickets - £3 each

Child - £1 each

Concession/OAP - £1

Each ticket type will need to be added individually to the basket in ParentPay, then you will be able to pay for all tickets in one transaction.

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datateam@passmoresacademy.com or via the Arbor app.

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Christmas Market

Don't forget to come along to our wonderful Christmas market on Friday 6th December between 6:30pm & 8:30pm. For more details, check out the amazingly designed poster from another of our very talented students...



Designed By: Taliah Rufuse

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 29 th November 2024	INSET DAY (3)
Friday 6 th December 2024	Friends of Passmores - Christmas Market
Thursday 12 th December 2024	Passmores Christmas Concert – 7:00pm
Friday 20 th December 2024	Early Closure for Students – 12:30pm
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



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

The background of the poster features a white central area with light blue and pink wavy shapes. It is decorated with various festive icons: red and green stars, green snowflakes, and stylized Christmas trees at the bottom. The trees are in shades of pink and green, some with small white dots or patterns. The text is in a red serif font.

** Friends of Passmores are looking
for stall holders for our*

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Please email
fop@passmoresacademy.com

Friday 6th December
6:30-8:30pm
Harlow

We would like to send out a plea for any tombola donations, we are looking for any small gifts or vouchers that can be won during the tombola at the Christmas Market.

Every year has been a huge success making a large amount of money for the school, but we are lacking in prizes this year and need your help. So please think of us while out shopping, the 'last time to buy at 90% off' may be perfect for our tombola stall.

Thank you!



Passmores Academy

Christmas

Concert

Thursday 12th
December

Doors open 6:30pm

Curtain 7:00pm

Tickets are available from

ParentPay

£3 adults

£1 students/OAPs

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or buy now, pay later schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '3 for 1' deals nudge us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill. The difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest: you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that if doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

goHenry

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The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://thenationalcollege.com/guides/spending-and-saving>

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booking is essential as
we are on an active fire
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Contact us to book:
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Please go to our website address above, for more information.

*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.

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

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