# Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year, time flies!

As you know, we have this week introduced our Yondr pouches and I have to say, our young people have been amazing. We never anticipated there being any real challenges as the students were responsive to the rationale when we met with them last term, but they have surpassed expectations. Adapting to new routines can sometimes be difficult, but so far so good. Of course, there are always some young people who try to find ways around the system, and we will be sharing feedback with all students next week of things that have been tried this week without success!

We believe in this initiative which is why we have provided the pouch free of charge, we have heard of other schools who are charging families. It is important that this is respected, as a replacement pouch will cost £15.00, money to be better used elsewhere for definite!

Thank you to those who were able to make the year 10 parents/carers evening, there was an 80% uptake which is fantastic and so important as mocks are looming after half term.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone that entered our Easter prize draw and completed our newsletter questionnaire. The lucky winner will be contacted today!

Natalie Christie
Principal of Passmores Academy

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### **TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVERS**

21st to 24th April 2025

Warner, Travis	Year 7	24	
Howe, Bailey	Year 7	23	
Mellon, Casey	Year 7	22	
Shimmen, Lily	Year 7	22	
Coombe, Logan	Year 7	20	
Breeds, Evie	Year 7	19	
Burns, Tommy	Year 7	19	
Krajicek, Grace	Year 7	19	
Labalpiny, Ashleigh	Year 7	19	
Scott-Vodnar, Arthur	Year 7	19	
Biro, Emma	Year 8	12	
Sahin, Kaya	Year 8	12	
Bennie, Faris	Year 8	11	
Clark, Sophia	Year 8	11	
Crutchlow, Sam	Year 8	11	
Drzewiecka, Amelia	Year 8	11	
Gaine, Lexi	Year 8	11	
Klarzak, Leon	Year 8	11	
Mihai, Edith	Year 8	11	
Morgan, Dexter	Year 8	11	
Postelnicu, David	Year 8	11	
Turner, Poppy	Year 8	11	
Whitmore, Ella-Louise	Year 8	11	
Groves, Isabelle	Year 9	14	
Judge, Ella-Rose	Year 9	13	
Hockley, Rhys	Year 9	9 12	
Shillingford, Tyler	Year 9	12	
Casey, Jack	Year 9	11	
Collins, Lily	Year 9	11	
Devereux, Mylo	Year 9	9 11	
Frimpong, Abena	Year 9	r 9 11	
Sherif, Malaka	Year 9	Year 9 11	
White, Heath	Year 9	11	

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Wyburn, Jaime	Year 10	19
Dean, Lewis	Year 10	16
Hymas, Harvey	Year 10	16
Bishop, Zac	Year 10	15
Branch, Jacob	Year 10	14
Goody, Rebecca	Year 10	14
McGill, Ollie	Year 10	14
Julian, Violet	Year 10	14
Miah, Sabrina	Year 10	14
Mills, Ashton	Year 10	14
Osei, Luisa	Year 10	14
Sunshine, Pj	Year 10	14
Stringer, Lara	Year 11	14
Aimes, Archie	Year 11	11
Edwards, Emma	Year 11	11
Hainsworth, Imi	Year 11	11
Mahon, Katie	Year 11	11
Webb, Keira	Year 11	11
Nicholls, Ella	Year 11	11
Boylan, Holly	Year 11	9
Barker, Annabel	Year 11	8
Cobie, Izzy	Year 11	8
Croome, Molly	Year 11	8
Mustafa, Emin	Year 11	8
Nutsukpo, Janelle	Year 11	8
Gooding, Gabriella	Year 11	8
Wilkinson, Darcie	Year 11	8

Year Group Attendance (31 <sup>st</sup> March to 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025)			
Year 7	90.96%		
Year 8	88.7%		
Year 9	87.03%		
Year 10	83.91%		
Year 11	82.72%		
All Students	86.72%		

#### **PASTORAL UPDATE**

#### Thought for the Week: All Star Champion Tickets – Rewards with a Twist!

This week in assemblies, students were introduced to an exciting new addition to our rewards system: the **All Star Champion Tickets!** This initiative is designed to give students even more ownership over their rewards journey. Whether it's earning 50 Passmores Points, achieving 100% attendance, participating in House events, or showing consistent positive behaviour, students will be awarded an All Star Champion Ticket.

What makes this system extra special is the element of choice and risk: students decide whether to enter their ticket into a weekly, half-termly, or termly prize draw. The bigger the wait, the greater the prize!

Here's a sneak peek at what's on offer:



Weekly Prizes: Rascal Bear keyrings, phone charms, pencil toppers, House notepads, Croc charms, and more.



Half-Termly Prizes: All Star Champion mugs, Top Trumps, gift cards, Stanley-style water bottles, makeup, sports gear, and more.



Termly Prizes: The ultimate win – an iPad, PlayStation, laptop, bicycle, or scooter!

We're excited to watch the enthusiasm grow as students start earning and choosing how to use their All Star Champion Tickets.

#### In the News: Mind Matters - Managing Emotions

Students took part in Session 7 of the Mind Matters and Time to Talk programmes. This session focused on managing emotions, helping students understand emotional regulation and how to respond in healthy, constructive ways to challenges they may face.

This thoughtful and practical session allowed students to explore strategies to stay in control during times of stress, and to understand the power of recognising, accepting and managing their feelings in everyday life.

#### **Other News: Continued Success and Partnership**

Our Year 11 students continue their focused GCSE preparation – their resilience and determination is shining through as we approach the final stretch.

On Thursday, it was a pleasure to welcome families to the Year 10 Parents and Carers Evening. The event was well attended and filled with positive conversations, clear ambitions, and genuine pride. Thank you to all who came and to the staff for their insight and support.

#### **Looking Ahead to Next Week**

We've got another inspiring week coming up to kick off the new term:

Thought for the Week: We will explore British Values, helping students understand their rights, responsibilities, and the shared values that shape our community.

In the News: We will mark British Sign Language Day, recognising and celebrating the importance of communication, accessibility and inclusivity for the Deaf community.

Also Coming Up: A big moment for Year 11 as we celebrate them in their Celebration Assembly! A chance to reflect on their journey, mark their achievements, and share our encouragement as they approach the next chapter.

Let's make it a fantastic start to the summer term!

#### **SUBJECT/INFORMATION UPDATES**

#### **Rainbow Services Project**

This group of Year 9 & 10 students attended the KS3 Workshop Project on Thursdays, for the entire Spring Term and created this amazing collection of wooden furniture for students and staff to enjoy at Passmores Academy.

The girls did so well that they have earnt the privilege of progressing on to the Rainbow Services KS4 Workshop Project on Tuesdays, where they will be able to further use the previous woodwork skills learnt and increase them to attain a Gateway Level 1 in the following two subjects: Health & Safety in Construction and Carpentry Hand Tools.

Smashing work girls!









# **SPORTS/PE UPDATES**

PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE						
	BREAK	STAFF	AFTERSCHOOL 3:30PM- 4:15PM	STAFF		
MONDAY	Cricket Batting/Bowling (Astro Turf)	Break 1 CLO Break 2 OWY				
TUESDAY	Cricket Batting/Bowling (Astro Turf)	Break 1 AMN	Boys Cricket (Astro Turf)	JKG AMN		
		Break 2 MGD	Girls Cricket (Astro Turf)	GCI CLO		
WEDNESDAY	Cricket Batting/Bowling (Astro Turf)	Break 1	Rounders (Astro Turf)	OWY ARY		
		JKG Break 2 GCI	Softball (Astro Turf)	MGD		
			Tennis (Tennis Courts)	JWB		
THURSDAY	Cricket Batting/Bowling (Astro Turf)	Break 1 JWB Break 2 ARY	Athletics	All Staff		
FRIDAY			BTEC Coursework Catch-Up & PE Detentions			

## **CAREERS NEWS**

#### Year 10

Reminder of the Work Shadowing Day, Wednesday 2nd July 2025

Work shadowing is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain a real insight into the world of work and to be given the chance to observe a job role which may be of specific interest for future career choices. We have told the students that they will need to work with family or a close friend of the family.

The deadline to find a placement is Friday 23rd May 2025. Any student who has not got a placement by this date will take part in the community day.

The link to the parent consent form is: Work Shadowing Parental Consent Form

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact Mrs Kay, at <u>j.kay@passmoresacademy.com</u>.

#### **Harlow College Open Evening**

Harlow College are holding an **Open Evening on Wednesday 30 April 5-8pm** showcasing their Vocational courses, A Levels, T Levels, Apprenticeships, HTQs, SEND and Adult & Part-time courses.

Tickets are available on Ticket Source: https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/harlow-college/e-pvkaba

#### **Harlow Schools Careers Fair**

On the same day, the College is also hosting the annual **Harlow Careers Fair from 4.30pm – 8:00pm**. The Fair will bring together employers and national organisations from across the region, who will be joined by careers experts and training providers with information and advice covering apprenticeships, university and career opportunities.

Tickets are available to book here: https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/harlow-college/e-ajxpbe

You are welcome to attend both events, but please note you will need to book both events separately.

#### **Hertford Regional College Open Event**

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

#### **Apprenticeships**

Advertised on Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK

Hairdressing apprenticeships at Avant Garde, Harlow, HOBs Salon in Epping and Loughton. Salary £15,704 pa.

#### **ANY OTHER INFORMATION**



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#### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 7 & 8 Academic Tutorial Evening
Monday 26th – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Summer Term 2 Begins
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Presentation Evening
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 11 Prom

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Interested in becoming a primary or secondary teacher? Contact Gareth Walsh on <a href="mailto:g.walsh@passmoresacademy.com">g.walsh@passmoresacademy.com</a>

Contact Info

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# ONLINE GROOMING

#### **EXPOSURE TO** INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

#### PRIVACY AND DATA RISKS

#### COMPROMISED PERSONAL SAFETY

# PSYCHOLOGICAL

#### LONG-TERM REPERCUSSIONS



26 FRIENDS ONLINE NOW

# Advice for Parents & Educators

#### TEACH SAFE ONLINE HABITS

reconal information, spot hate prefities, and re-concerning, like pressure toctics. Encourage at they share - and whom they re taking to

#### KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN

#### **ENCOURAGE REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS**

#### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

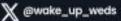
#### Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding consultant with over 30 years' experience in supporting children, families, and adults across education, focal authority, and mental health settings – both in the UK (including at Portiomentary level) and internationally.





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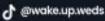




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