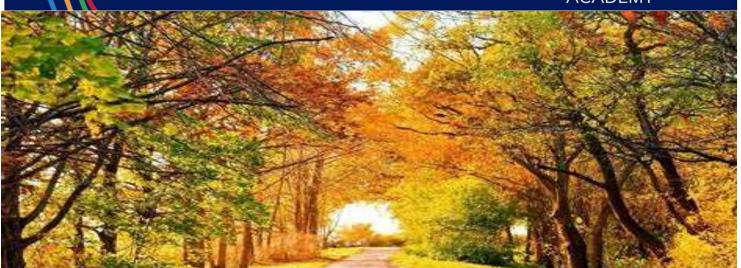
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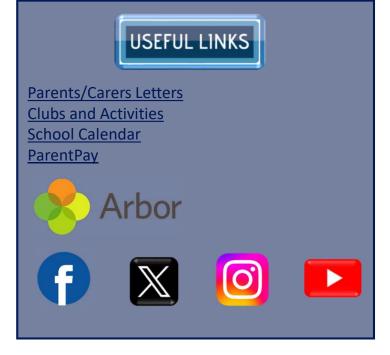


Dear Parents/Carers

Tomorrow, 5th October is World Teacher's Day; a time to celebrate teachers' important contributions to improving the lives of children and youth around the world. Such days are a timely reminder that 'The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher.' This theme was chosen to mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) where education is recognised as a key fundamental right. There is a global teacher shortage, and a projected shortfall of 69 million teachers by 2030. We are thankful to be in a position where we are fully staffed with teachers who are passionate about their subjects and teaching our young people. We know that recruitment is difficult and so we do what we can to support the staff we have to keep them. The job isn't getting any easier as we are facing more challenges than we have ever done before. We feel the appreciation from most of our young people and families, but some days can feel difficult. Let's help celebrate World Teacher's together and maybe you could find the time to send an email to someone to just say thank you.

Natalie Christie Principal of Passmores Academy

TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVER **PASTORAL UPDATE** SUBJECT INFORMATION/UPDATES SPORT/PE UPDATES **CAREERS NEWS** ANY OTHER INFORMATION FORTHCOMING EVENTS



TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVER

Monday 2nd September - Thursday 3rd October 2024

Howe, Tate	Year 7	50
Mimms, Joshua	Year 7	45
Seip, Joshua	Year 7	43
Mahon, Charlie	Year 7	42
Parker, Charlie	Year 7	42
Chui, Kingsley	Year 7	41
Rahman, Tanisha	Year 7	41
Mahon, Olly	Year 7	39
Denkewicz, Maria	Year 7	38
Mensah, De-Maria	Year 7	37
Vaughan, Evie	Year 7	37

Honan, Faraya	Year 10	44
Dolling, Tommy	Year 10	34
Francis-Melvin, Sid	Year 10	34
Sunshine, Pj	Year 10	33
Armstrong, Ethan	Year 10	30
Anderson, Frazer	Year 10	29
Crutchlow, Jack	Year 10	28
Hymas, Harvey	Year 10	28
Mustata, David	Year 10	28
Shipwright, Ronnie	Year 10	28

Brandle, Aiden	Year 8	46
Golding, Faye	Year 8	46
Jackson, Annie	Year 8	40
Surtees, Amelia	Year 8	37
Kundrotaite, Evita	Year 8	32
Beckwith, Olivia	Year 8	31
Wright, Megan	Year 8	30
Bozkurt, Saner	Year 8	29
Klarzak, Leon	Year 8	29
Boorman, Isabelle	Year 8	28
Doku, Khalia	Year 8	28

Barker, Annabel	Year 11	29
Green, Chloe	Year 11	28
Nutsukpo, Janelle	Year 11	28
Bliss, Keira	Year 11	27
Gooding, Gabriella	Year 11	26
Beckett, Emily	Year 11	25
Croome, Molly	Year 11	25
Barnes-Lindoe, Taylor	Year 11	24
Cobie, Izzy	Year 11	24
Fernandes, Angel	Year 11	24

Brown, Charlie	Year 9	31
Zuna, Hayden	Year 9	28
Cerek, Krystian	Year 9	26
Hope, Leia	Year 9	24
Rocha Santos, Enzo	Year 9	24
Stringer, Aiden	Year 9	24
Judge, Ella-Rose	Year 9	23
Owen, Esme	Year 9	23
Nicholls, Melissa	Year 9	22
Renker, Grace	Year 9	22

Year Group Attendance (23 rd to 27 th September 2024)		
Year 7	93.59%	
Year 8	90.71%	
Year 9	86.07%	
Year 10	90.22%	
Year 11	87.02%	
All Students	89.56%	

PASTORAL UPDATE

Thought for the Week

This week, in Thought for the Week, students celebrated National Poetry Day, exploring this year's theme of "Counting". Students engaged in thought-provoking discussions about how poetry can reflect numbers, rhythms, and the importance of counting in life, whether it's moments, memories, or opportunities.

In the News

In the News marked the start of Black History Month celebrations. Students began delving into this year's theme of "Reclaiming Narratives," reflecting on stories and perspectives often overlooked or untold. This opened up powerful discussions on how history is shaped by the voices that tell it.

Other News

It was a busy week for Year 11 students and their tutors. Harlow College visited on Thursday to provide insight into post-16 options, while House events on Wednesday saw students competing with great enthusiasm and school spirit. A huge thank you to all who participated and made these events so successful.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Next week, Thought for the Week will align with World Mental Health Day, where students will explore ways to support their own well-being and others. In the News will continue celebrating Black History Month, further exploring the theme of reclaiming untold stories.

There's also excitement building for some democracy in action as the school prepares to vote for Deputy Head Student candidates. Congratulations to all the candidates for putting themselves forward and for making it this far in the process. You should all be very proud of yourselves. Year 7, 8, and 10 House events will take place, and Year 11 will have another busy week, with visits from Leventhorpe and New City College.

Don't forget, the Careers Fair for Year 10 and 11 students will be held on Wednesday from 5-7pm at the Study Centre. This is a fantastic opportunity to explore future pathways!

CAUGHT DOING GOOD - 27th SEPTEMBER - 3rd OCTOBER 2024

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Leah Cowell	Cherish Rainford	Charlie Brown	Bella Conlin	Owaen Lawrence
Charlie Mahon	Ellie Fleming	Bo Walsham	Robbie Clark-Harding	Connie Kearns
Taylor Baker		Matthew Arber		Gabriella Gooding
Thomas Laurino		Lylah Cass-Barnard		

YEAR 11 - ROAD SAFETY

At the end of September, the year 11 students took part in an interactive theatre production put on by Collingwood & Safer Essex Roads Partnership.

The performance was called "Dead End" and focused on a road collision that could have been avoided. The themes included peer pressure, distractions as well as drink and drug driving.



The performance was followed by a workshop that got us all thinking about road safety and how we can make positive and safe decisions. We had time to respond to questions and scenarios as well as asking questions and clearing up any confusion or misconceptions when it comes to road safety.

I found the performance and workshop insightful and informative; it has made me think about road safety and what we can do to prevent unnecessary accidents.

By Korban Doyle Year 11

SUBJECT/INFORMATION UPDATES

GCSE 3D Design Reminders

Design Pack Orders – Deadline Approaching!

A quick reminder to all parents and carers that the deadline to order Design Packs for GCSE 3D Design students is the 21st October. These packs include essential materials for your child's coursework, such as sketchbooks, pens, and pencils, and are available for £20. Please make payments via ParentPay or at Student Services. If you have any concerns regarding the payment, feel free to reach out, and we'll arrange a pack for your child.

Year 11 Harry Potter Studio Tour Trip

We are excited for the upcoming trip to the Harry Potter Studio for our Year 11 3D Design students! The trip will take place on 14th October, and we will be leaving school at 10:15am, aiming to return by 5:30pm. Please ensure students are dressed appropriately and bring a packed lunch. As part of the day, we will be participating in a special Graphic and Prop Design lesson before exploring the studios. We can't wait for students to immerse themselves in the magical world and let their creativity flow!

DRAMA

On Friday 20th September a small group of GCSE Drama students went to see *James Rowland Dies at the End of the Play* at Harlow Playhouse. It was a one man show exploring the very human topics of life, death and the moments which shape us.

For many of our students, it was their first experience of such an intimate theatre setting and a good example of the skills and discipline needed in performing an hour-long monologue.

The play provided many conversational topics for our young people and as always, any theatrical experience helps to build and nurture their understanding of the broad range of performance content available.

Our GCSE students are now looking forward to their trip to the West End to see *Operation Mincemeat* on October 15th as part of their written paper preparation.

Keep your eyes peeled for more exciting Performing Arts trips coming up.



PHOTOGRAPHY

GCSE Photography trip to Cambridge - Tuesday 8th October

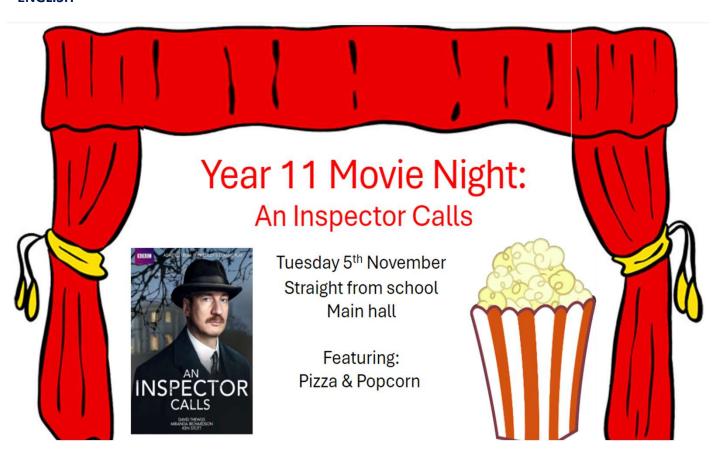
For all year 11 students who take GCSE photography, you would have been informed via Parent Mail of the upcoming photography trip to Cambridge. This will be taking place this Tuesday, 8th October. Students will need to meet Miss Richards at Harlow Town train station no later than 9.10am. The morning will be spent at Cambridge University Botanic Gardens, completing a number of photoshoots for their current coursework project based on natural form.

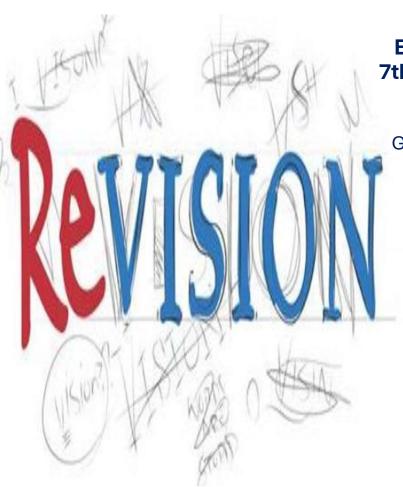
In the afternoon there will be the opportunity to walk into Cambridge city centre to complete a photography walking tour of the colleges, cobbled side streets and the River Cam where the punts are stationed. The whole day will be based outside so please ensure your young person is dressed appropriately for the weather forecasted and sensible footwear is essential due to the amount of walking.

This trip is a fantastic opportunity and will be a great experience for all students, having a whole day dedicated to their photography.

Parents/carers can you please make sure that you complete the online consent no later than Monday 7th October.

Thank you





English Revision 7th to 11th October

Tuesday

Grades 7-9 Macbeth

Tuesday

Literature Skills

Tuesday

Paper 2

Wednesday

Seen Poetry

Book Buzz - Year 7 and Year 8 students

This week, all year 7 and year 8 students have been given bookmarks to select a free book from the" Book Buzz "collection. Students have chosen their book from a variety of titles and the books will be arriving in school next term.

This is the selection of books available to your child...



SPORTS/PE UPDATES

A cold, wet windy Tuesday night.... Not in Stoke but at the Harlow Rugby Club saw us take an enthusiastic group of year 10s and 8s to play rugby. Despite the torrential rain they showed a good account of themselves putting in strong tackles and excellent display of teamwork.

Firstly, the year 10s took on a well-equipped St Marks team that would be a good match for any opposition, unfortunately Passmores was not able to get the win but that result only tells half the story. It was a strong defensive display by the team and potentially if we cut out the attacking errors the result may have been different. Our second game for the year 10s saw them play against a reduced, but still talented team of St Nicks, where our boys showed an unbelievable level of resilience in sticking together and fighting for the badge but fell short once again, a game of fine margins indeed. The boys could walk off that field with their heads held high and be proud of the performance they put in

On the over side we had our year 8s playing games against both Stewards and St Marks. After a long wait whilst those schools played each other, our year 8s were ready to go, well we thought so... We started slowly which ultimately cost us! But once they warmed up, we were right in the game against Stewards, we were fighting for every ball in the ruck and hitting and sticking our tackles. In the end we just ran out of time and Stewards picked up the win this time. There was no rest, and we were straight on again against St Marks, where as a team we picked up where we left off, with some excellent attacking phases used to our advantage. But ultimately the speed and athleticism of St Marks got them the result we fought so hard for.

Well done to both year groups you did us proud!

Thursday 3rd October our U16 Netball girls welcomed William Edwards to our Sports Hall in the Essex cup competition where we started strongly building a strong lead going into the final quarter where it seemed we tried our best to make it as hard as possible for ourselves, but we stuck together coming away with a good win to progress us to the next round, all eyes will be on the draw to see who we face next. Well done team Passmores!

Our first house events of the year began this Wednesday, with year 11s Rugby and Netball. This saw the year 11 Unicorn girls take the bragging rights finishing top in their round robin tournament versus the other houses. For the boys it was the fire breathing Dragons that finished on top only down to scoring one more try than second place.

CAREERS NEWS

Year 10 & 11 - Please do not forget the Careers Fair on Wednesday 9th October at the Harlow Study Centre, 5pm-7pm. This will be a fabulous way to talk to a range of colleges, sixth forms, employers and universities under one roof! Poster and floor plan on the next page...

Year 11 - I have attached a list of college and sixth form open dates for you to plan in your diaries. For many, you will need to reserve a space online via their websites.

NHS England – South East Nursing Insight Event

Thursday 10 Oct | 18:00 -19:00 - For students in years 10 and 11

Explore Opportunities in the NHS and Healthcare in South East England!

This is your moment to dive into the world of healthcare and discover the amazing opportunities the NHS has to offer! The NHS is one of the largest employers in the world, with 1.3 million staff dedicated to providing exceptional services. Join this free insight event to find out more.

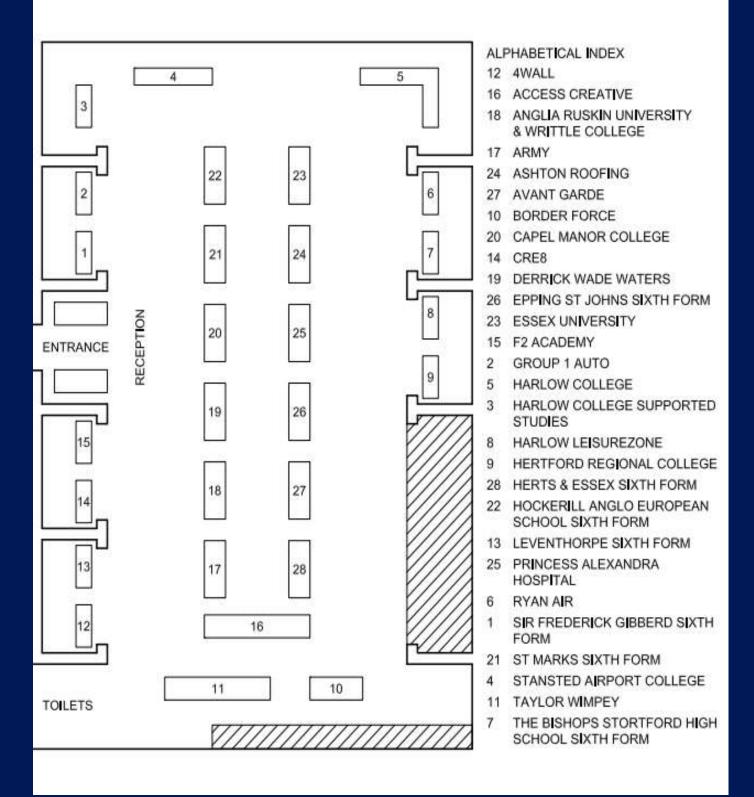
Free sign up: https://pathwayctm.com/event/nhs-se-insight-3/





PASSMORES & STEWARDS CAREERS FAIR 2024





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
Birchwood School, Bishop's Stortford www.birchwoodonline.co.uk	01279 655936	Thurs 14 th Nov 4pm-7.30pm
BMAT STEM Academy www.bmatstemacademy.org	01279 621570	ТВА
The College at Braintree (Now part of Colchester Institute) www.colchester.ac.uk	01206 814000	Mon 21 st Oct 5.00-8.00 Sat 9 th Nov 10.00-1.00
Cambridge Regional College www.camre.ac.uk	01223 418200	Weds 23 rd Oct 4.30-7.00 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	Sat 5 th Oct 10-3pm Tues 19 th Nov 5.30-7pm
Chelmsford College www.chelmsford-college.ac.uk	01245 265611	Weds 9 th Oct 6-8.30 Weds 13 th Nov 6-8.30 Weds 5 th Feb 6-8.30
New City College (Epping Forest), www.ncclondon.ac.uk	0208 508 8311	Sat 23 rd Nov 10-2.00
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	ТВА
Fashion Retail Academy www.fashionretailacademy.ac.uk	0207 3072345	Sat 19 th Oct Sat 30 th Nov

Sixth Form & College Open Dates 2024/2025

Harlow College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01279 868000	Thurs 17 th Oct 5.00-8.00 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	ТВА
Helena Romanes School, Great Dunmow www.helena-romanes.essex.sch.uk	01371 872560	Weds 13 th Nov 5.30-8.00
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
Herts & Essex High School, Bishop's Stortford www.hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk	01279 654127	Tues 7 th Nov
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
Joyce Frankland Academy (Formerly Newport) www.jfan.org.uk	01799 540237	Weds 16 th Oct
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	ТВА
St Mary's Catholic School, Bishop's Stortford www.stmarys.net	01279 654901	ТВА

Sixth Form & College Open Dates 2024/2025

Colleges & Sixth Forms	Contact No.	Open Date
Stansted Airport College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01799 513030	Sat 12 th Oct 10.00-2.00 Thurs 23 rd Jan Weds 7 th May
Writtle College www.writtle.ac.uk	01245 424200	Sat 12 th Oct 10-3.00 Sat 16 th Nov

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.

WHO YEAR 10 & 11

WHEN Wednesday 9th October 5:00pm -7:00pm



WHERE Harlow Study Centre Harlow Essex CM18 6BW

FEATURING • Harlow College • Hertford Regional College • Princess Alexandra Hospital • Taylor Wimpey • Stansted Airport College • Herts & Essex • Leventhorpe • St. Mark's • The Bishops Stortford High School • CRE8 • Sir Frederick Gibberd • Border Force • Anglia Ruskin • Ashton Roofing • F2 Academy • Army • and loads more...

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes.

For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? Video games are continuing to grow in popularity - including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This trads to be more commonly used by alguers. tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't: meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't peosestally baye ill. while most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers; emphasise that they shouldn't recent gifts from gayone online. they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These 'trolls' often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT



If a player would like a re-match with a If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless - but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

COMPETITIVE **ATMOSPHERE**



Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be

CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

Meet Our Expert

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: national college.com/guides/in-game-chat





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Friends of Passmores Presents

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Doors open at 7pm. Quiz Starts 7:30pm Other games will be played from £1 Bring your own food & drink



The Link, Parsloe Road, Harlow, CM19 4RT Timed entry between 10am — 4pm

Book your tickets at: accuro.org.uk/events reg charity no: 1094736





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ROBYN STEWARD

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ROBYN- PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, WHAT IS AUTISM, TRANSITION INTO ADULTHOOD, PUBERTY.

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HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK/E/PACT-FOR-AUTISM-COMMUNITY-CONNECT-TALK-TICKETS-1008532737567



WWW.PACTFORAUTISM.ORG.UK





SHOOTERS AND SSA YEAR 7 5 A SIDE TOURNAMENT

31stOCTOBER 2024

- 3 11am start
- £5 Per player
- Up to 8 players maximum per team
- Medals and trophy for winners
- Medals for runners-up





Contact for more information and to enter your team

Anthony: 01992524393 Jack: 07398267338



Location: Shooters Football Rayley Lane CM16 6AR



WARE YOUTH UNDER 13S GIRLS

WARE YOUTH UNDER 13S ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS FROM SCHOOL YEAR 7-8. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED CALL OR **MESSAGE JASON 07545 776798**

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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

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be left out on the tables on Wednesday 23rd October 2024. Anything unclaimed will be going to charity.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY 18 TH October 2024	Quiz Night
Thursday 24 th October 2024	INSET DAY
Friday 25 th October – Friday 1 st November 2024	Half Term
Monday 4 th November 2024	Autumn Term 2 Begins



Interested in becoming a primary or secondary teacher?
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