



Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

Our photo this week is of our wonderful Head Students, Joel and Gemma, taken at Tuesday's Year 11 Celebration Assembly: their last hoorah! This gathering enabled everyone to come together formally one last time and share in each other's successes and memories. It was a beautiful occasion, which included a number of musical and dance performances. A timely event as exams are now in full swing and we wish everyone all the best during the coming weeks.

Hasn't it been lovely to see some sunshine and warmer weather this week! Some glimpses of what may lie ahead (not next week as rain is forecast again!) and the challenges of the increased heat on the building and individuals. Some of our young people have certainly found it difficult this week. To help with this, we will relax uniform moving forward (more information to follow next week) and use the Weather Alerts if we need to move to PE kit at any point.

We have reminded our young people this week that water bottles are to be filled during social time, not during lessons. It is impossible for everyone to do this at the end of break and lunch, so students will need to be organised with this. We want all students to be hydrated, but not at the expense of learning time.

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TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVERS

Friday 3rd – Thursday 9th May

Sophia Clark	Year 7	78
Jasmine Rowlett	Year 7	72
Edward Borland	Year 7	69
Fin Hodson	Year 7	67
Ethan Toku Appleton	Year 7	63
Rebecca Iona	Year 7	62
Penny Howard	Year 7	60
Emile Jankauskaite	Year 7	58
Emily Abery	Year 7	55
Rachel Ricketts	Year 7	55

Freya Onslow	Year 8	58
Ronel Sowunmi	Year 8	52
Charlie Brown	Year 8	49
Tegan Leiper-Lyons	Year 8	39
Katie Watters	Year 8	36
Lucy Day	Year 8	36
Patrick Butler	Year 8	36
Eik Tian Goh	Year 8	34
Lily Parker	Year 8	34
Demar Potgieter	Year 8	33
Jan Denkwicz	Year 8	33

Layla Curtis	Year 9	63
Frazer Anderson	Year 9	40
Sadie Shaw	Year 9	40
Yasemin Withey-Yilmaz	Year 9	36
Gwen Kearns	Year 9	34
Pink Hatton	Year 9	33
Dylan Theophil	Year 9	31
Hayden Mackay	Year 9	27
Jack Wiggins	Year 9	27
Christie Snell	Year 9	26

Harrison Houghton	Year 10	71
Molly Croome	Year 10	67
Sam Wix	Year 10	56
Angel Fernandes	Year 10	49
Crystal Boothby	Year 10	48
Alfie Letts	Year 10	39
Keira Webb	Year 10	36
Lara Stringer	Year 10	36
Luke Batt	Year 10	35
Emily Beckett	Year 10	33
Rhoda Adesina	Year 10	33

Eloisa Bellamy	Year 11	45
Ethan Gilbert	Year 11	33
Freya Nash	Year 11	32
Lucy Martin	Year 11	31
Lexi Kent	Year 11	26
Shayla Surer	Year 11	25
Jamie Rowlett	Year 11	20
Jackson Iona	Year 11	17
Karis Walker	Year 11	15
Madeleine Hooker	Year 11	15

HOUSE PASSMORES POINTS

Monday 15th April – Thursday 9th May

Dragon	18339
Griffin	17947
Lion	18500
Unicorn	17725

YEAR GROUP ATTENDANCE

Friday 3rd – Thursday 9th May

	Average Attendance
Y7	89.19%
Y8	88.41%
Y9	90.12%
Y10	87.92%
Whole School Attendance	88.81%

PASTORAL UPDATE

Caught doing good – Week ending Friday 10th May 2024

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Ellen Clarke Fin Hodson Adrian Wejman David Postelnicu	Lily White Leighton Parlour Mary Norton Charlie Brown	Harvey Hymas Hassan Mahmuud Mia Padley Abdul Kamara Frazer Anderson	Olivia Bullock Diana Turcu Philip Ball Ella Nicholls

Thought for the Week: Passmores Passports - Reflecting on Progress and Embracing School Values

This week's thought for the week prompted students to review their progress in completing the challenges outlined in their Passmores Passport. This activity provided an opportunity for students to reflect on their achievements and areas for growth, while also encouraging them to consider how well they are embodying our school's cooperative values. Through self-reflection, students deepen their understanding of personal development and the importance of embracing our school's values in their daily lives.

In the News: Learning About VE Day

During the weekly "In the News" segment, students delved into the significance of VE Day and why it is celebrated. Through discussions and activities, students learned about the historical context of Victory in Europe Day, commemorating the end of World War II in Europe. This initiative promotes historical awareness and appreciation for the sacrifices made by those who served during the war, fostering a sense of remembrance and gratitude within our school community.

Other News: Year 11 Celebration Assembly

In other news, Year 11 students celebrated the culmination of their incredible five-year journey at Passmores with a memorable Celebration Assembly. Dressed in their finest attire, students shared stories, memories, and reflections on their time at Passmores. It was a heartwarming occasion to celebrate their achievements, growth, and contributions to our school community.

Looking Ahead to Next Week: Exploring Resilience and International Day Against Homophobia

As we look ahead to next week, students will continue to explore the theme of resilience, learning about the importance of perseverance, determination, and adaptability in overcoming challenges. Additionally, students will mark International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia, promoting awareness, acceptance, and support for the LGBTQ+ community in Passmores and beyond. Furthermore, Year 10 students will have the opportunity to represent their House in house events, fostering friendly competition and House spirit within our school community.

After another busy week of learning, growth, and community engagement at Passmores Academy, we encourage all students to approach the new week with curiosity, resilience, and compassion, embracing the values that define our school community.

SPORT / PE UPDATES

Upcoming Fixtures:

Tuesday 14th May

U13 Girls Softball @ Ekota Academy

U13 Boys Essex Cup Hardball @Harlow Cricket Club

Wednesday 15th May

U14 Boys Essex Cup Hardball @Colchester Cricket Club

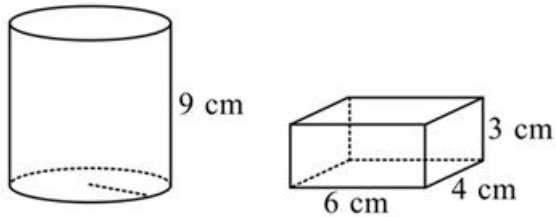
KS4 Year 9&10 Swimming Gala @Burnt Mill

Thursday 16th May

Year 7&8 Athletics @Mark Hall

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

The cylinder is full of water. When it is emptied the water fills 10 containers identical to the cuboid shown. Calculate the radius of the cylinder.



ANSWER TO LAST WEEKS MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

13 Tenzin is given this question.

A11

Factorise fully.

$$2x^2 + 6x$$

Here is his answer.

$$2x^2 + 6x = x(2x + 6)$$

Explain why Tenzin's answer is not correct.

Not factorised fully. Could have taken $2x$ outside the bracket.

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CAREERS NEWS

Careers News

Long Road sixth form college in Cambridge has an open event for year 10 and year 11 students on the 2nd and 3rd of July, flyer attached. Tickets are available on a first-come-first-served basis and can be found on their website (<https://www.longroad.ac.uk/page/?title=Open+Evenings&pid=165>) or you can scan the QR code found on the attached flyer.

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YEAR 11s WELCOME

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Open Events

Writtle College Girls Football Academy Taster Sessions for years 10 and 11

Writtle College offers the Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport Coaching and Development with Female Football Academy course. They are holding some taster sessions led by coaches from Leyton Orient FC, over half term, on Tuesday 28th May.

Agenda:

- 3:50-4:05 arrival and registration
- 4:05-4:10 intro to Writtle College
- 4:10-4:15 intro to Leyton Orient
- 4:15-5:15 training
- 5:15-5:30 debrief

Please book online: [Schedule Appointment with ARU Writtle \(acuityscheduling.com\)](https://acuityscheduling.com)

Work Experience Opportunity at GSK

A fantastic opportunity for year 10 and 11's at Glaxo Smith Kline to do a 3-day work experience placement. GSK are based in Ware and are a Global Supply Chain manufacturing site. The work experience will run from the 24th-26th July and will give students an insight into understanding the drug manufacturing process, gain exposure to Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, and Digital & Analytics through simulated exercises, and learn about STEM career opportunities and network with students. We have attached the advert and the application process will close by 24 May. They have 30 places available and will select students randomly.

▶ **GSK | Ware Work Experience**

24th July – 26th July 2024

STEM insights for GCSE students

- Understand the drug manufacturing process
- Get an insight into GSK's work environment and culture
- Gain exposure to Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, and Digital & Analytics through simulated exercises
- Learn about STEM career opportunities and network with students
- Develop employability and soft skills through a range of activities



For details on eligibility and the application process scan the QR code or follow the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/zbXXRgcJXu>

Application closing date: **24th May 2024 (5pm)**

Any questions please email UK.Ware-Learning-and-Development@gsk.com



ANY OTHER INFORMATION

A reminder that Friends of Passmores summer event this year will be a Spiritual Wellbeing Day. If you or any one you know may be interested in having a stall at this event, please contact the email below.

Our **Design a Poster Competition** is now open for students.

The poster must include:

Date: 29th June 2024

Time: 11am – 3pm

Location: Passmores Academy

Entrance fee: £1

Think: crystals, yoga, spa treatments, tarot, etc.

Please hand them to Mrs Cooper in Y030.

Closing date is 15th May.



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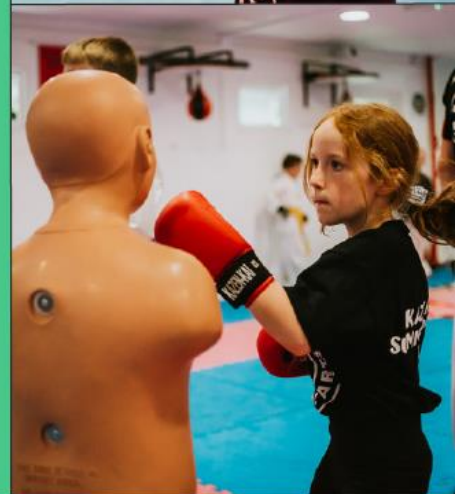
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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HELLDIVERS 2

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 18+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Within weeks of release, Helldivers 2 had become one of 2024's biggest gaming success stories. The sequel to a top-down shooter from 2015 has smashed sales expectations, owing to its frantic gameplay and tongue-in-cheek humour. However, the game comes with several risks to younger players, as indicated by its 18+ rating.

PEGI 18 RATING

Due to its intense violence and the presence of in-game purchases, Helldivers 2 carries a PEGI 18 rating. While players are generally fighting fantastical enemies like giant bugs and robots, their characters can be killed in various gruesome ways, up to and including dismemberment. It's certainly worth considering whether such a game is appropriate for younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In Helldivers 2, players can use real money to buy in-game currency, with which they can unlock cosmetics and new weapons. At the time of writing, all the in-game items can be acquired without spending so much as a penny – but excited young players wanting to keep up with their friends may still feel the temptation to purchase new weapons more quickly, rather than laboriously earning the in-game currency through play.

VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING

Helldivers 2 is always played online with others, who often use voice chat or in-game texts to coordinate, strategise or just joke around. This does mean that children who play without their friends will be put in contact with strangers. Unfortunately, this represents a roll of the dice, as the game can't control how people treat each other online. However, you can easily report other players for abusive behaviour via the game's 'Social' tab.

FRUSTRATION TRIGGER

The thrill of barely scraping through a dangerous mission in one piece is integral to Helldivers 2's appeal. To accentuate this feeling of achievement, the game includes some very difficult levels that could prove to be too hard for some players – even those who are legitimately old enough to play. Losing streaks can be incredibly annoying, so repeatedly failing in missions could easily provoke frustration or anger in younger players.

LACK OF ACCESS

The game is available on PC and PS5, but not (as yet) on other consoles. Some people will naturally be disappointed they can't get involved and might look for similar alternatives to play on their own console – alternatives which may contain similar levels of violence and gore but lack the same balanced approach to user misconduct and in-game purchases as Helldivers 2.

Advice for Parents & Educators

GIVE IT A GO FIRST

Helldivers 2 is a third-person shooter with intentionally humorous elements, but much of its comedy is rooted in satire which may go over the heads of some players. Consider playing the game first yourself – while shooting bugs and robots feels too unrealistic to be upsetting, seeing your character get torn to pieces may be too much for young players.

SET EXPECTATIONS

At the time of writing, Helldivers 2 costs £34.99. It could turn out to be an expensive and wasteful purchase if a player gets irritated and gives up shortly after receiving the game. If a young person tends to become frustrated easily, it's worth considering whether Helldivers 2 is really the game for them.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES

If playing on Xbox – where Helldivers 2 isn't available – consider something like Halo: The Master Chief Collection as an alternative. One of its game modes – Firefight – replicates Helldivers' mechanics to some degree. Alternatively, younger players may be better suited to the more light-hearted Deep Rock Galactic, which sees them play as fantasy dwarves in space, involving far less gruesome violence.

KEEP AN EYE ON PAYMENTS

Many titles offer in-game purchases, but Helldivers 2's are comparatively cheap. You'll still need to monitor your payment information (or use a prepaid card on the account), in case your child buys the in-game currency in bulk; on the whole, however, the game's selling methods are far less egregious than most similar titles on the market.

MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS

Thanks to an in-game "Ping" system (allowing players to highlight important details without speaking), communication isn't as integral to Helldivers 2 as it is in other games. You can turn off the chat options in-game on PC, or on the PS5's own settings, and feel more secure in the knowledge that your child won't be speaking to people they don't know.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the games media industry for five years. As well as being an avid long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and many more.



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Forthcoming Events:

Wednesday 15 th – Friday 17 th May	History and Computer Science trip to Belgium
Friday 17 th May – Sunday 19 th May	Duke of Edinburgh – Silver Training
Wednesday 22 nd May	Year 10 Parents/Carers' Evening
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May	Half Term



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