Newsletter



12th September 2025 Issue 02

Open Day Minimus

Thursday 18th September 2025 – 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been lovely seeing so many of you this week at our parent/carer information evenings. We have had some great feedback from you and there is a real sense of purpose and focus, especially for our young people in year 10 and 11. We will be sharing the presentations, along with feedback forms. Even if you couldn't attend, can I ask that you still complete the form, as an understanding of the reasons may help us to make adaptations for next year. Year 8 and 9 parent/carers we will see you on the 25th September.

Our year 7's continue to impress us every day. As part of our drive to help them feel welcome and develop that early sense of belonging, we have, this afternoon, given all those with 100% a little treat. These attendance competitions will run throughout the year, so if it wasn't possible to get a reward this time, there are many more chances throughout the year.

Preparations for Open Evening are going well; we are excited to welcome year 6's and their families to our wonderful school next week. We have had nearly 400 young people signed up to help! I have no doubt that they will all be fantastic ambassadors for Passmores whatever their role on the evening. Thank you for letting them be here, it makes the world of difference.

Don't forget we have a slightly later start on Friday 19th September, the day will begin at 9.55am, the start of P2.

Natalie Christie
Principal of Passmores Academy

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TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVERS
Friday 5th to Thursday 11th September 2025

Futers, Aoife	Year 7	108
Chilton, Frank	Year 7	103
Fuller, Ben	Year 7	98
Michael, Colby	Year 7	97
Santon, Alfie	Year 7	97
Green, Cassius	Year 7	95
Aken, Harry	Year 7	94
Clarke, Reggie	Year 7	94
Marsh, Sadie	Year 7	93
McKay, Hudson	Year 7	93
Lefevre-Cobby, Kai	Year 8	85
Mahon, Olly	Year 8	83
Mahon, Charlie	Year 8	81
Mensah, De-Maria	Year 8	79
Addison, Sophie	Year 8	77
Smith, Luke	Year 8	77
Adesina, Dorcas	Year 8	76
Howe, Tate	Year 8	73
Perkins, Poppy	Year 8	73
Bailey, Lucas	Year 8	72
Van Bosch, Christiaan	Year 8	72
Wright Megan	Vear 9	116

Zuna, Hayden	Year 10	96
Smith, Esme	Year 10	95
Miller, Kieran	Year 10	86
Arber, Matthew	Year 10	85
Salter, Billy	Year 10	85
Savage, Evie	Year 10	83
Tuna, Masal	Year 10	83
Norburn, Amber	Year 10	80
Boland, Frankie	Year 10	79
Gunn, Jackson	Year 10	78
Foster-Gaish, Lily-May	Year 11	81
Laska, Wiktoria	Year 11	76
Dinnell, Louis	Year 11	74
Crutchlow, Jack	Year 11	72
Dack, Benjamin	Year 11	72
Akinyeye, Ola	Year 11	71
Munns, Xander	Year 11	70
Ramadan, Rio	Year 11	69
Tsirou, Kristalia	Year 11	69

Wright, Megan	Year 9	116
Paxton, Bobby	Year 9	113
Rainford, Cherish	Year 9	108
Gjoni, Leart	Year 9	103
Ricketts, Rachel	Year 9	100
Hodson, Fin	Year 9	99
Costantinou, Daniella	Year 9	97
Lavall, Archie	Year 9	97
McGill, Harry	Year 9	94

Year Group Attendance w/c 8 th September 2025		
Year 7	96.7%	
Year 8	93.9%	
Year 9	91.9%	
Year 10	91.3%	
Year 11	89.9%	
All Students	92.7%	

PASTORAL UPDATE

Thought for the Week...

This week's theme was student leadership. Students explored the wide range of leadership opportunities available at Passmores, learning how to apply for these roles and why they are so important. Leadership is not only about responsibility—it's about being a role model, influencing positive change, and contributing to our school community.

Students were encouraged to think about the skills they can bring to leadership roles, as well as the personal growth and sense of pride that come from stepping up to support others.

In the News...

This week's discussions focused on the importance of resilience and adaptability as we settle into the new school year.

- Students reflected on how role models can guide our own actions and inspire us to keep going, even when things get tough.
- > Starting a new year often brings change and challenges, but with resilience and adaptability we can overcome obstacles and achieve our goals.
- The Lionesses and tennis player Illia Snaksarov were highlighted as examples of these qualities in action this summer, showing determination, flexibility, and perseverance.

Other News...

Year 11 students had their first assembly from a post-16 provider, Hertford Regional College, to help them begin thinking about their next steps after Passmores. It was also fantastic to welcome so many families into school this week for our Year 7, 10, and 11 Parent Information Evenings. These events provided an opportunity to share key information, answer questions, and continue building strong partnerships with families as we start the year together.

Looking Ahead to Next Week...

- Thought for the Week will explore the British Value of democracy, tying in with International Day of Democracy.
- In the News will mark Youth Mental Health Day, encouraging students to reflect on the importance of mental wellbeing and ways to support themselves and others.

Police Visit

We were delighted to welcome our Children and Young People's police officers into school this week to spend a lunchtime with us. This is something that happened in the Harlow Secondary Schools throughout last year and we look forward to it continuing this year.

As always, our students gave them a warm welcome and enjoyed talking to them.







Weekly Winners

Mylo Devereux
Molly Mooney
Macey Harbour
Daria Luca
Callie Fitten
Dexter Flack
Sullivan Warren
Poppy Perkins
Dorcas Adesina
Lily Shimmen



SUBJECT INFORMATION

Berlin Trip 23rd to 25th October 2025

A reminder that an information evening is being held on **Wednesday 24th September at 5.30pm** to provide further details about the trip, including the itinerary, expectations, and any final preparations.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have and to ensure everyone is fully prepared for the adventure ahead.

Please could we ask that - unless travelling beforehand - Passports and GHICS are brought into school on the evening. They will be kept secure until the trip to avoid any problems on the morning of departure!

Any questions please contact Miss Gallagher - k.gallagher@passmoresacademy.com

Reading

Seeing as reading for pleasure is the number one indicator of a child's future success in life (UNESCO), what better way to start a new school year than winning your own library of books? £250 of book vouchers are up for grabs via this link. It is a national competition with 5 prizes of this amount, but if you don't try, you don't win.



Good luck!

Help them write their next chapter – win one of five £250/€250 National Book Tokens! | National Book Tokens

SPORT / PE UPDATES

PE EXTRACURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2025				
	BREAK	STAFF	AFTERSCHOOL 3:30PM – 4:15PM	STAFF
MONDAY	BASKETBALL/NETBALL SHOOTING	BREAK 1 -MGD		
	(SPORTS HALL)	BREAK 2 - AMN		
	BASKETBALL/NETBALL	BREAK 1 - GCI	FITNESS (GYM)	BBS
	SHOOTING		FUTSAL	MGD
TUESDAY			GIRLS NETBALL (ALL YEARS)	ARY GCI
	(SPORTS HALL)	BREAK 2 – JWB	YEAR 7 BOYS FOOTBALL	RTR
	BASKETBALL/NETBALL SHOOTING	BREAK 1 – RTR	FITNESS (GYM)	AMN
WEDNESDAY	SHOOTING		BOYS FOOTBALL (8, 9, 10, 11)	JKG/JWB/MGD
	(SPORTS HALL)	BREAK 2 – JKG	DANCE	ARY
	BASKETBALL/NETBALL	BREAK 1 -ARY	FITNESS (GYM)	JWB
THURSDAY	SHOOTING		GIRLS FOOTBALL (ALL YEARS)	GCI / RTR
THURSDAY	(SPORTS HALL)	BREAK 2 – BBS	RUGBY (ALL YEARS)	AMN/JKG/BBS
FRIDAY			PE DETENTIONS	

CAREERS NEWS

Year 11

With open days for colleges and sixth forms looming, I have been organising some post 16 assemblies for our year 11 students. Some are compulsory for all, and other students can choose if it is a provider they are interested in finding out more about. These assemblies are a great way to find out more about what that college or sixth form offers, entry requirements, extra-curricular activities and how to apply. This will help students to decide which open events they would like to attend. The assemblies planned so far are:

Weds 17th Sept - St Marks Sixth Form Thurs 18th Sept - Harlow College

Weds 24th Sept - Sir Frederick Gibberd Sixth Form

Weds 1st Oct - Herts & Essex Sixth Form Thurs 2nd Oct - Epping St Johns Sixth Form

Weds 22nd Oct - The Bishops Stortford High School Sixth Form

Attached on the next page is a list of open events that I am currently aware of so that students can plan their open evenings for this term.

Year 10 & 11

On the 9th October we are hosting a joint careers fair with Stewards Academy. This will be held from 4.30pm-7.00pm at Passmores Academy. Almost all the local colleges and sixth forms will be attending alongside Anglia Ruskin University, Manchester Airport Group Stansted, Derrick Wade Waters, The Army, Kidz Ok, Derrick Wade Waters, Group 1 Auto, Ashton Roofing, and many more. It is an ideal opportunity for our students to talk to a range of post 16 providers under one roof to find out about courses, apprenticeships and career opportunities. I have attached a poster and we look forward to seeing you there.

If your young person has questions relating to their next steps from Passmores, please encourage them to book a careers guidance meeting with myself. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend. I work Weds, Thurs & Fri.

Hertford Regional College Assembly

This week HRC delivered an assembly to our year 11 students to help them to start thinking about their post 16 options. Depending on the course, students can attend HRC at their Ware Campus or Broxbourne Campus. They have an open event on the 30th September, 5.30-8.00pm.

Next week students will hear from St Marks and Harlow College.

Virtual Work Experience

HSBC are offering virtual work experience opportunities.

FIRST STEP - Student year groups 7 - 9, Wednesday 1st October at 4.30 pm (virtual session hosted on Zoom)

"Pitch for a Purpose: Plan the Ultimate Charity Event with HSBC"

- A 45-minute briefing with the HSBC team
- Complete the career challenge at their own pace
- Certification awarded on completion
- Register now! (students)

NEXT STEP - Student year groups 10 - 13, Thursday 2nd October at 5pm (virtual session hosted on Zoom)

"HSBC and The Nature Trust UK - Nature Projects That Make a Difference"

- A 45-minute virtual briefing with the HSBC team
- Complete the career challenge at their own pace
- Certification awarded on completion
- Register now! (students)

Sixth Form & College Open Dates 2025/2026

Colleges & Sixth Forms	Contact No.	Open Date
The Bishop's Stortford High School www.tbshs.org	01279 868686	Weds 5 th Nov
BMAT STEM Academy www.bmatstemacademy.org	01279 621570	Awaiting date
The College at Braintree (Now part of Colchester Institute) www.colchester.ac.uk	01206 814000	Mon 13 th Oct 5pm-7pm Sat 8 th Nov 10am-12.30pm
Cambridge Regional College www.camre.ac.uk	01223 418200	Weds 22 nd Oct 4.30pm-7pm Sat 15 th Nov 9.30am-12.30pm Sat 24 th Jan 10am-12.30pm Thurs 23 rd April 4.30pm-7pm
Capel Manor College, Enfield www.capel.ac.uk	08456 122122	Tues 16 th Sept 5.30pm-7pm Sat 11 th Oct 10am-3pm
Chelmsford College www.chelmsford-college.ac.uk	01245 265611	Wed 1 st Oct 6pm-8.30pm Weds 12 th Nov 6pm-8.30pm Weds 4 th Feb 6pm-8.30pm
New City College (Epping Forest), www.ncclondon.ac.uk	0208 508 8311	Sat 22 nd Nov 10am-2pm Sat 31 st Jan 10am-2pm
Epping St Johns 6 th Form <u>www.eppingstjohnsschool.org/</u>	01992 573028	Thurs 13 th Nov 6pm-8.30pm
F2 Academy www.vluk.org/course-location/f2academy/	07525 495818	Awaiting date
Fashion Retail Academy www.fashionretailacademy.ac.uk	0207 3072345	Sat 27 th Sept
Harlow College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01279 868000	Thurs 16 th Oct 5pm-8pm Tues 10 th Feb 5pm-8pm Weds 29 th April
Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge www.hrsfc.ac.uk	01223 247251	Open date in the summer term for year 10 students
Hertford Regional College www.hertreg.ac.uk	01992 411400	Tues 30 th Sept 5.30pm-8pm Tues 2 nd Dec 5.30pm-8pm Tues 3 rd Feb 5.30-8pm
Herts & Essex High School, Bishop's Stortford www.hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk	01279 654127	Tues 11 th Nov
Hockerill Anglo-European School, Bishop's Stortford www.hockerill.herts.sch.uk	01279 658451	Awaiting date
Long Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge www.longroad.ac.uk	01223 631100	Open date in the summer term for year 10 students
Leventhorpe School, Sawbridgeworth www.leventhorpe.net	01279 836633	Tues 4 th Nov 5pm-8pm
Presdales Sixth Form www.presdales.herts.sch.uk	01920 462210	Awaiting date
Sir Frederick Gibberd www.sirfrederickgibberdcollege.org	01279 307235 (c/o Burnt Mill Academy	Awaiting date

Sixth Form & College Open Dates 2025/2026

St Marks School, Harlow www.st-marks.essex.sch.uk	01279 421267	Awaiting date
St Mary's Catholic School, Bishop's Stortford www.stmarys.net	01279 654901	Awaiting date
Stansted Airport College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01799 513030	Sat 11 th October
Writtle College www.writtle.ac.uk	01245 424200	Sat 11 th October 10am-3pm

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.



Passmores & Stewards

Careers Fair

When: 4:30pm-

7:00pm

Oct 9th

Who: Year 10 & 11

Where:
Passmores
Academy
Tracyes Road,
Harlow, CM18 6JH





At the end of last term, one of our Year 10 students Harvey Hymas was given the opportunity to attend an RAF Cadet Air Experience flying.

Harvey has been part of the air cadets for 18 months and had been looking forward to an opportunity like this since he started.

Harvey's dream is to one day become a pilot, and he even managed to get a work shadowing day at Luton airport with EasyJet, which he thoroughly enjoyed!

Keep following those dreams Harvey!







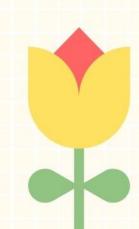
We would like to give notice of the AGM of Friends of Passmores, to be held on 14th October 2025. The meeting will start at 6pm in the Heart Space, refreshments will be provided.

Friends of Of Passmores AGM

OCTOBER 14TH 2025

6PM

Heart Space,
Passmores Academy
Refreshments provided





BYO FOOD AND DRINK

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM 7PM START FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2025

£5 per person, up to 8 in a team all ages welcome (under 16's must be accompanied by an adult)

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/friends-of-passmores

Our friends over at Rainbow Services are hosting a fundraising quiz at the GPCA (main building) on the 3rd October, the bar will be open and it's BYO nibbles. It's £5 per person.

If anyone would like to submit a team, please book using this link:

https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/Rainbowquiz

YOU'RE INVITED TO

Book now

The Rainbow Services **Quiz Night**

Have you got what it takes to be a trivia champ?

Join us for a fun-filled night of questions, laughs, and giving back - all in support of Rainbow Services!

- Teams of up to 8
- Prizes, raffle & games
- Bring your own nibbles, the bar will be open

Date:

Friday 3rd October 7.30pm

Venue:

GPCA, Abercrombie Way, Harlow, CM18 6YJ

Cost:

£5 per person - prebooking essential







For more information or to book:

Book: www.peoplesfundraising.com/Rainbowquiz Information: 01279 308150

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 18 th September	Open Evening 5:30pm – 8:30pm
Friday 19 th September	Late Start for All Students – 9:55am
Thursday 25 th September	Year 8 & 9 - Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 14th October	Friends of Passmores AGM – 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 23 rd October	INSET DAY (2)
Friday 24 th October – Friday 31 st October	HALF-TERM
Monday 3 rd November	School Opens for Autumn Term 2

Mental Health Support in Schools: For the AUTUMN NEWSLETTER scan the QR code





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Contact Gareth Walsh on g.walsh@passmoresacademy.com









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Back-to-School Boost: Support Your Child & Grow Your Skills

Free ACL Essex courses to help your child thrive, and give you a boost too.

Uniforms labelled (mostly), lunchboxes found (miraculously), and the school run has resumed its daily sprint. As the kids head back to school, this is the perfect moment for parents, carers and grandparents to reset routines and sharpen your own skills for work and life.

At ACL Essex, we've lined up free, friendly, practical courses, many Online Live so you can join from the sofa while enjoying a cup of tea. Below you'll find a hand-picked selection starting this month.

GOOD VIBEZ AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

EVERY WEDNESDAY

ARTS & CRAFTS
SPORTS
FOOD

STARTING 24TH SEPTEMBER 2025

3:30pm-5pm Meadows Delivery Site Harberts Road, Great Parndon CM19 4DL

For more details contact Gabriella
07701260869: Gabriella.dinapoli@barnardos.org.uk



Ages 10-15 Free



BBC 1's 'CLEAN IT, FIX IT' IS CASTING FOR A 5TH SERIES!





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Clean it, Fix it application S5

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators PROMOTING PHYSICAL

Physical activity isn't only beneficial for our bodies; it also plays a role in promoting mental wellbeing. With both the Euros and the Olympics this summer, it's an opportunity to engage young people in regular exercise which can reduce stress, improve mood and boost self-esteem. Despite these benefits, many children face barriers to participating ir

MAKE IT FUN

as playing games or dancing. Encourage participation in team sports or group activities to foster social connections and a sense of

MIX MOVEMENT

concentration and cognitive function. Embedding exercise into the curriculum can

CREATE OPPORTUNITIES

Provide clear chances for physical activity throughout the day, both indoors and outdoors. Schools can encourage active play during breaks and at lunchtimes, while limiting screen time at home can help keep children up and

PROVIDE POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

Praise and encourage children for their efforts and achievements in physical activity. Recognise their progress and celebrate their successes to reinforce positive behaviours. Educators could do this in several ways, such as applauding their efforts at assemblies or celebrating their accomplishments in newsletters.

VARIETY IS KEY

Introduce a selection of physical activities to keep children engaged and prevent boredom. From swimming and cycling to yoga and martial arts, trying different types of exercise can help children to discover what they enjoy most.

ENJOYMENT OVER OF COMPETITION

Encourage children to focus on the enjoyment of physical activity rather than winning or achieving perfection. Emphasise effort, improvement and having fun rather than outcomes, to minimise the amount of stress that children can sometimes associate with sports

SET REALISTIC GOALS

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MAKE IT **ACCESSIBLE**

Ensure that children have access to safe, suitable spaces for exercise at home, at school and in the community. Advocate for inclusive environments which accommodate diverse needs and abilities. Be a change maker in your community if facilities aren't already available

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

by prioritising their own exercise and involving children in their fitness routines. Gentle walks,

ENCOURAGE



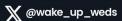
perseverance by encouraging them to overcome challenges and setbacks in physical activity. Teach them the importa of perseverance and the value of effort in

Meet Our Expert

Adam Gillett is a learning and development specialist who, as well as working for Minds Ahead, is associate vice principal for personal development at a large secondary school in Barnsley. He was asked to be part of an expert research group for the Department for Education, one of only three school leaders to be asked to do so.



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