



Dear Parents/ Carers,

And so, we begin the final few weeks of this academic year, I am sure we will cram in as much as possible, providing many enrich opportunities that will create lasting memories. School is so much more than the exams achieved at the end, but of course these are important as well and so high-quality teaching will continue right through until the end of term. Indeed, KS3 core exams will be upon us very soon, a chance for our younger students to prepare for and apply what they have learnt this year. There will be a mix of in-class and whole-year group exams, so that they can experience what it is like to sit a formal exam as early as possible.

As we reflect on what we have achieved this year, and begin planning for next, we will be seeking views and feedback from all our stakeholders. If you do receive communication asking you to complete a survey, it would be great if you could find the time to respond. We endeavour to keep surveys to the point as we know time is precious, and then use the information to make changes and adaptations. Your feedback is so important to help us to improve upon our best.

We are currently experiencing a number of issues in the toilets, especially during lessons and we are looking at ways to resolve this. Unless students have a medical pass or there is an extenuating circumstance there should be no reason for students to go during learning time. Having spoken to colleagues from other schools, toilet access is limited during learning time and this is something that we are exploring, more information to follow on this.

We look forward to seeing parents/carers of year 7 and 8 next Wednesday for the Academic Tutorials, hopefully you have all managed to book your appointments.

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TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVERS**Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th June 2024**

Gemma Scott	Year 7	55
Amelia Surtees	Year 7	49
Fin Hodson	Year 7	48
Lucas Andrews	Year 7	45
Rosie Stacey-Bocking	Year 7	45
Jasmine Rowlett	Year 7	43
Mia Harding	Year 7	40
Nevaeh Nyarko Moore	Year 7	39
Rebecca Iona	Year 7	39
Sophia De Lima	Year 7	39

Aiden Stringer	Year 8	48
Olivia Lamplough	Year 8	48
Melody Everett	Year 8	47
Layla Clark	Year 8	46
Charlie Brown	Year 8	45
John Adesina	Year 8	42
Lucy Stratford	Year 8	42
Poppy Houghton	Year 8	42
Freddie Quigley	Year 8	38
Ryan Youens	Year 8	38

Benjamin Dack	Year 9	35
Lily Cracknell	Year 9	33
Melissa Edwards	Year 9	33
Ronnie Applegate	Year 9	33
Ronny Demleka	Year 9	33
Sid Francis-Melvin	Year 9	33
Laney Guiver	Year 9	32
Alix Carey	Year 9	31
Dan Sahin	Year 9	31
Daisy Vobe	Year 9	30
Evie Vobe	Year 9	30
Joanne Aiyamenkhue-edigin	Year 9	30
Lewis Martin	Year 9	30
Leya McDonald	Year 9	30
Lily-Mai Thornton	Year 9	30
Ronnie Shipwright	Year 9	30

Teddy Delieu	Year 9	30
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Wojciech Budzinski	Year 10	44
Luke Batt	Year 10	43
Dylan Meredith	Year 10	35
Alfie Letts	Year 10	30
Taylor Barnes-Lindoe	Year 10	30
Emily Beckett	Year 10	28
Lara Stringer	Year 10	28
Crystal Boothby	Year 10	27
Izzy Cobie	Year 10	27
Keira Webb	Year 10	27

HOUSE PASSMORES POINTS

Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th June 2024

Dragon	3801
Griffin	3872
Lion	3687
Unicorn	4068

YEAR GROUP ATTENDANCE

Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th June 2024

	Average Attendance
Y7	89.24%
Y8	87.55%
Y9	87.70%
Y10	86.40%
Whole School Attendance	87.62%

PASTORAL UPDATE

Thought for the Week: World Environment Day

This week's thought for the week focused on World Environment Day. Students explored the significance of this day, both locally and globally, and discussed how everyone has a role to play in protecting our environment. The sessions emphasised the importance of sustainable practices and encouraged students to think about how they can contribute to a healthier planet through their daily actions and choices.

In the News: The Risks of Vaping

In the news segment, students began a four-part series on the growing problem of vaping. Part one of this series focused on the risks associated with vaping. Through informative discussions and materials, students learned about the health implications, the potential for addiction, and the impact of vaping on young people. This segment aimed to raise awareness and educate students on making informed decisions regarding their health and well-being.

Other News: Team Spirit, Reflections, and Field Trips

This week, students participated in a MAD (Make A Difference) time activity designed to build team spirit and develop problem-solving skills. These activities fostered collaboration and critical thinking, providing students with an enjoyable and enriching experience.

Year 10 students engaged in a reflection activity to review their recent mock exam results. This exercise helped them to identify their strengths and areas for improvement, setting the stage for focused preparation as they move forward.

Year 8 and Year 10 students also had the opportunity to represent their Houses in various House events, enhancing their sense of community and friendly competition. The mental health ambassadors continued their invaluable work by holding their weekly drop-in clinic, offering support and a listening ear to any student in need.

In addition, several exciting field trips took place this week. A cohort of Year 8 students visited the University of Hertfordshire, Year 10 geography students explored Walton-on-the-Naze, and Year 10 citizenship students had the unique opportunity to visit the House of Parliament. These trips provided enriching, hands-on learning experiences that extended beyond the classroom.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Next week, the thought for the week will introduce the second part of our vaping series, focusing on vaping and peer pressure. This session aims to equip students with strategies to resist peer pressure and make healthy choices.

In the news segment, students will begin part one of a four-part series on the upcoming general election, helping them understand the democratic process and the importance of informed voting.

Year 9 students will get to represent their Houses in upcoming House events, fostering school spirit and camaraderie. Additionally, Year 7 and 8 academic tutorials will take place on Wednesday, providing personalised guidance and support as students continue their educational journey.

It's been a busy and exciting start to the final half-term of the year, and we look forward to continuing this momentum in the weeks ahead!

<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>	<u>Year 9</u>	<u>Year 10</u>
Cherish Rainford	Layton Parlour	Riley Long	Abbie Newman
Amelia Surtees	Ronel Sowunmi	Robbie Clark-Harding	Luke Batt
Ruby Clarke	Lexi Cowan	Ronnie Copp	
Bailey Jones	Lacey Blackshaw	George Bennett	
Lawrence Forde	Nickolas Hearn	Lily Foster	

SPORT / PE UPDATES

Venue: Harlow Town Cricket Club, City **Date:** June 4, 2024

Teams: Passmores vs Lammas & Passmores vs Champion

Results: Lammas won by 28 runs & Champion won by 3 runs.

Campion match report

In a thrilling Tier 2 county cup hardball cricket contest, the Champion School edged out Passmores Academy by a narrow margin of 3 runs in a game that kept the players on the edge of their seats until the very last ball.

Passmores Innings: Winning the toss and electing to bat first, Passmores got off to a flying start thanks to their openers, Harry Smith & Harry Dorrington. 24 runs off 16 balls, including 3 fours, this set the tone for the innings.

Despite losing a few wickets at regular intervals, Passmores managed to post a competitive total of 117 for 7 in their 8 overs.

Campion innings: Chasing 117, Champion had a steady start, the opening pair scored 25 runs off the 16 balls. Their captain, anchored the innings with a n excellent use of the power play getting 30 runs off 8 balls, featuring 3 boundaries.

In a nail-biting finish, Champion needed 1 runs off the final ball of the final over. Passmores bowler, Travis Morgan, had bowled 7 dot balls with 2 LBW appeals and an inside edge across the stumps, conceding only 4 runs off the over. Unfortunately, the final ball of the over was edged for four resulting in Champion winning by 3 runs.



Match Report: Passmores annihilate St Marks in an 8-Over Cricket Game

Venue: Harlow Town Cricket Club **Date:** June 4, 2024

Teams: Passmores vs St Marks

Result: Passmores won by 90 runs

In an utterly dominant 8-over contest, Passmores decimated St Marks by a massive 90 runs, delivering a masterclass in both batting and bowling.

Passmores Innings: Winning the toss and electing to bat first, Passmores showcased their batting firepower from the outset. Their opening pair set the tone with a flurry of boundaries. The opener Lawrence Forde led the charge with a dazzling 44 runs off just 18 balls, including 5 fours and 3 sixes. His partner provided solid support, remaining unbeaten with 6 runs off 2 overs.

Passmores' relentless assault saw them amass an imposing total of 91 for 1 in their 8 overs, setting a formidable target for St Marks.

St Marks Innings: Chasing 92, St Marks were immediately under pressure and crumbled against a disciplined Passmores bowling attack. The opening batsman fell for a duck in the very first over, setting the tone for the innings. St Marks' batsmen struggled to score, with only a middle-order player managing to reach double figures, scoring 10 runs off 8 balls. With wickets resulting in negative 3 runs St Marks struggled to stay in a positive score.

Passmores' bowlers were relentless, with the whole bowling attack leading the charge, each taking 2 wickets and conceding just 1 run. St Marks could only muster 1 run for the loss of 15 wickets in their 8 overs, succumbing to the pressure and excellent bowling from Passmores.

Summary: Passmores' victory was comprehensive and overwhelming, driven by explosive batting and pinpoint bowling. St Marks were completely outplayed, managing just 1 run in response to Passmores' 91. This dominant performance by Passmores underscored their superiority, as they secured a monumental 90-run victory, leaving St Marks with much to ponder.



Sports Awards Evening

On Wednesday 5th June, the PE Department hosted this year's Sports Awards Evening. It was lovely to see so many students, staff, parents and carers in attendance. This was fantastic opportunity to celebrate the past years successes from local, District and Essex Cup Fixtures.

A special mention to the following pupils who received their Colour's Award for representing their sport at District, County or Country.

Oscar Julian – Competed Nationally in Karate
Harry McGill – Competed Nationally in Karate
Savanna Gayle Maleary – Competing at the Athletics County Championships
Alex Penchev – County Tennis
Emilia Allen – Hertfordshire County Cricket
Lawrence Forde – West Essex Cricket
Travis Morgan – West Essex Cricket
Summer Buckland – East region Swimming

Preston Panagi - National Level Ju Jitsu
Jesse Howard - East Region Swimming
Daisy May-Denton – East Region Trampoline
Paige Bedford – East Region Trampoline
Tommy Newnham – Competing at the Athletics County Championships
Alfie Davidson - Competing at the Athletics County Championships
Lily Mills – County Swimming

Well done to the Year 7 boys Cricket team who won the Team of The Year, for their success as Winners of the Essex County Schools Indoor Cricket Competition. This is a massive achievement well done to you all!

Finally, a big congratulations to Ava Dorrington and Beau Wilson who have been selected as Sport's Captains for next year. This is a very prestigious award and recognises their effort and commitment to the PE department and school sport.

We look forward to continuing our successes this term with various athletics, cricket, and rounders fixtures.

Next week our sports day events begin with field events throughout the next two weeks.

Wednesday 12th June P4 = Year 10

Thursday 13th June P4 = Year 9

Friday 14th June P4 = Year 8

Monday 17th June P3 = Year 7.

And, of course, Sports Day on 28th June. Will Griffin retain their title?

U14 cricket team

Passmores Academy U14 cricket team made it through to the Tier 2 hardball Essex cup finals. Passmores lost to a very strong Campion side first up. The 3/4th place playoff game was tightly contested with Passmores winning by 1 run in the last play of the game. Charlie Hodgson finished the game with a very strong bowling performance, but the hard work was done by the whole team with the bat and in the field. Mayfield played the game in an excellent spirit and never gave up until the end. Passmores U14s are the 3rd best Tier 2 team in Essex. Well done boys!



SUBJECT INFORMATION/UPDATES

Psychology

There are still 11 spaces available for the upcoming Year 10 psychology trip to the Freud Museum. It is due to be a great trip, which will enrich the learning experience of our Passmores Psychologists and awaken them to the world of one of the fields founding fathers. We encourage all psychologists to attend this trip where possible.

The trip details are on ParentPay along with payment of £29.

Any issues or queries, please contact Miss Hastler, Head of Psychology, at t.hastler@passmoresacademy.com.

Thank you.

Computer Science trip to University of Hertfordshire

Today was so fun! We went to a university and did coding workshops then we had a tour and spoke about university. Finally, we talked about computer science would be as a job. I loved it!

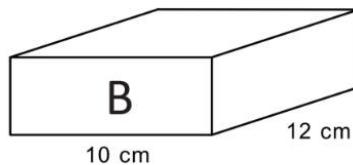
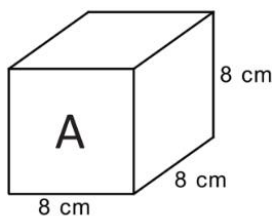
- Maddie Benge D6 MBD (Year 8)

10 year 8 girls visited the University of Hertfordshire. The day was all about making females feel more confident in computer science. Firstly, we had a workshop on programming micobits. After that, we had a tour of their campus, they have a sports centre with a rock climbing wall, a swimming pool and a tennis court sports hall. Finally, we had a talk/presentation on 'arm' and working there, the 3 ladies that presented the presentation were telling us about their work experience with computer science and their background.

- Lola Wickes U7 GSR (Year 8)

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Water is poured into container A so that it is three quarters full
 Container A is then emptied into container B
 Calculate the depth of water in B

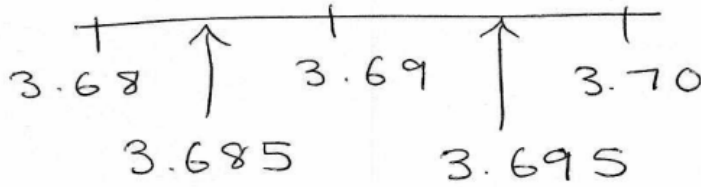


ANSWER TO LAST WEEKS MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

A number x is rounded to 3 significant figures.

The result is 3.69

Write down the error interval for x .



$$\underline{3.685} \leq x < \underline{3.695}$$

CAREERS NEWS

Kings College Hospital

Kings College Hospital in London are offering a series of in-person work experience days designed for **students aged 14-18** who are considering careers in medicine. These events offer a unique opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience and insights into various medical fields during their summer holidays where students travel from all over the UK to attend. Upcoming sessions include:

Ward Round & Radiology Day

- July 19th, 2024
- July 24th, 2024
- August 16th, 2024

Inside The Dissection Room Day

- July 17th, 2024
- July 31st, 2024
- August 7th, 2024
- August 14th, 2024

A&E & GP Surgery Day

- July 23rd, 2024
- August 9th, 2024
- August 15th, 2024

On Call Doctor for A Day

- August 2nd, 2024
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Each session is tailored to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of what a career in medicine entails, through engaging and interactive experiences.

If your young person is interested in participating, you can [register through the website](#). For those students that can't travel they also offer an [online work experience week](#) taking place from July 15th - July 19th 2024 where students can spend 5 evenings gaining some work experience from the comfort of their own home. The cost is £69.

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To ensure our event is safe and enjoyable for everyone we are asking you to **book 1 ticket per person** for our Open Evening.

With staggered arrival times in place, simply select your preferred date and time slot and book your required number of tickets!

If you have any questions, please contact us via email at hello@longroad.ac.uk

We can't wait to meet you at our Open Evenings!

Best wishes,
Long Road

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ANY OTHER INFORMATION

Harlow Primary School's Music Festival 2024

A Festival of Singing and Entertainment in Harlow Town Park



Theme – Aiming High inspired by the 2024 Olympics



Details

- **Date**-Thursday 20th June 2024
- **Reserve date**-Monday 1st July (In case of bad weather)
- **Venue**-Bandstand-Harlow Town Park
- **Time**-6.00pm
- **Seating**-Bring your deckchair
- **Refreshments** available from the park café

Participating Schools

Milwards
Potter Street
William Martin
Abbotsweld

Henry Moore
Purford Green
St James'
Katherines

Tany's Dell
The Downs
Holy Cross
Hare Street



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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 PALWORLD

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called 'Pals'. In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft: fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.

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MATURE CONTENT

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CENSORED

While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild swear word. There are also minor references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you. While the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

VIOLENCE

Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and with good reason. As the game progresses, Pals can be given firearms, explosives and other weapons, allowing them to fight by the player's side. There are several moments where cute animals use these guns to kill other Pals or fight against bosses. The violence is cartoonish and bloodless, but it's present.

SUGGESTIVE WRITING

Some of the Pals' descriptions – found in the game menu – can be very suggestive and adult in nature. The game makes a joke of balancing on the line between age-appropriate and mature content: playing on the contrast between the two while never being outright explicit. While it's possible that younger players won't notice this content, it's just as conceivable that they will.

ONLINE PLAY

Palworld can be played with other people online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can share in the same game, playing in a large online world, and these players may not necessarily be known to the host beforehand. It can be quite complicated to set up these servers. However, it can be quite complicated to set up these servers (online worlds) and they cost money to keep active.

DIFFICULTY

Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game in places: defeating bosses, catching Pals and exploring the environment can all be very tricky. It takes a lot of skill – or working together with a friend – to be successful, which could be off-putting or even aggravating to a player expecting something more like Minecraft or Pokémon.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH GAMEPLAY

Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of gathering information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing this game off to the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

LEND A HAND

By learning the basics of the game – Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base – you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

SET CONTENT LIMITS

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As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person isn't allowed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow users to install Palworld.

PLAY TOGETHER

By playing Palworld yourself, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that you don't think is suitable for children, as well as getting an idea of how violence is presented in the game. The conflict is cartoonish in nature – until players and Pals unlock the ability to use guns, at which point it can become more intense. It's likely best for you to give it a look and form your own opinion.

PLACE BOUNDARIES

Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to cooperate with friends through the game's multiplayer option, much like Xbox users. Just because they have the option to run a dedicated server that's open to anyone doesn't mean they need to take it. The risks of interacting with strangers can be significantly lowered or even eliminated entirely by playing on servers which are restricted to friends only.

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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Forthcoming Events:

Wednesday 12 th June	Year 7 & 8 Parent/Carers Tutor Evening 4-6.30pm
Saturday 15 th – Sunday 16 th June	D of E Bronze Assessment
Tuesday 18 th June	Rising Futures – World of the Workday
Friday 21 st June	District Sports
Sunday 23 rd – Wednesday 26 th June	Year 7 Mersea Residential
Thursday 27 th June	Year 11 Prom
Friday 28 th June	Sports Day
Saturday 29 th June	FOPs Summer Fete – 12-3pm
Sunday 30 th June	School Production – dress rehearsal



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