

Newsletter

Friday 28th November 2024 Issue 12



Passmores
ACADEMY

Dear Parents/Carers,



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Passmores, and this is never truer than when we hold our annual Friends of Passmores Christmas event. This year we have a Christmas Market, full of festive bargains, in our Heart Space, taking place on Friday 6th December from 6.30-8.30pm. This caps a wonderful week of celebration, with our Christmas dinners running throughout the week and our trip to the Pantomime on the same Friday.

The **Friends** of Passmores (FOPS), who are running our Christmas Market, are a small but dedicated team of parents and staff members, supported by charity-minded students, dedicated to putting on events for the local community and raising funds to be spent directly on improving the student experience of school. Aside from the Christmas event, they have the following dates for your diary for the coming term: Friday 7th February and Friday 28th March. More details to follow.

There are many ways that parents and students can support the FOPS, which are advertised in their monthly newsletters. This can include, attending events, helping us plan events, responding to surveys to help our planning, contributing to our collections (i.e. our tombola), or supporting us on the day and before/after events. We have an easy fundraising app -

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-passmores> which can be signed up to, so that the FOPS get donations from companies whenever you shop with them - at no extra cost to you.

Supporting the FOPs has allowed us to put on some terrific events this last year, such as our Bingo Evening, Back to School Quiz Night and Summer Fayre.

It has also allowed us to purchase some excellent equipment for students in the past few years, for example: drones for Computer Science, musical instruments, a Jekyll & Hyde walking tour, Youth Club games, and equipment for a range of subjects across the school. Our main aim over the coming twelve months is to secure some desperately-needed laptops and iPads.

Our current team is always looking for new members and supporters, who are willing to help in any way - and this can be a one-off help or a longer-term commitment. Our post-holders are as follows:

Chair: Emma Cooper (parent and staff member)
Vice Chair: Kaisa Kurm (parent)
Secretary: Carly Brace (parent)
Treasurer: Caron Fry (staff member)
Raffle: Claire Shingler (parent)
Calendar: Russell King (staff member)
Committee Members: Vanessa Rouse (parent), Nicola Wix (parent), Korin Stone (parent), Jackie Marfleet (community)

If you are looking for a New Year's Resolution that will make a real difference to our local community, then please consider getting involved. Our sign-up form is here: <https://forms.office.com/e/UQHL7gMVub>

Thank you!

Natalie Christie
Principal of Passmores Academy

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TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVERS

Friday 22nd to Wednesday 27th November 2024

Coleman, Maxwell	Year 7	35
Mason, Lucas	Year 7	35
Jones, Lillie-Rose	Year 7	32
Bricknell, Oscar	Year 7	32
March, Sam	Year 7	32
Howe, Bailey	Year 7	31
Winckless, Danielle	Year 7	29
Jezzard, Imani-Saoirse	Year 7	29
Wheatley, Emily	Year 7	29
Rouse, Elijah	Year 7	28
Boughlalah, Adam	Year 7	28

Howard, Penny	Year 8	30
Barzey, Joseph	Year 8	28
Brandle, Aiden	Year 8	27
Rainford, Cherish	Year 8	27
Mfon, Makiah	Year 8	27
Iona, Rebecca	Year 8	25
Mihai, Edith	Year 8	25
Hodson, Fin	Year 8	24
Grzankowska, Amelia	Year 8	24
Golding, Faye	Year 8	23
Kundrotaitė, Evita	Year 8	23
Steel, Kayla-Rose	Year 8	23

Year Group Attendance (18 th to 22 nd November 2024)	
Year 7	92.75%
Year 8	89.83%
Year 9	88.3%
Year 10	88.13%
Year 11	86.05%
All Students	89.06%

Saunders, Teddy	Year 9	25
Hill, Sadie	Year 9	24
Youens, Ryan	Year 9	23
Brown, Charlie	Year 9	21
Da Mata, Melanie	Year 9	21
Redding, Jack	Year 9	21
Parnham, Bailey	Year 9	21
Hewett, Daisy	Year 9	21
Sawyer, Freddie	Year 9	21
Gough, Max	Year 9	20

Kearns, Gwen	Year 10	25
Honan, Faraya	Year 10	24
Bishop, Zac	Year 10	24
Aiyamenkhue-edigin, Joanne	Year 10	23
White, Beth	Year 10	22
Osei, Luisa	Year 10	22
Snell, Christie	Year 10	21
Sunshine, Pj	Year 10	20
Ball-Parrish, Maizie	Year 10	20
Foster-Gaish, Lily-May	Year 10	19
Mills, Ashton	Year 10	19

Ely, Finley	Year 11	16
Kane, Zak	Year 11	15
Matthews, Louie	Year 11	15
Jones, Dylan	Year 11	13
Holmes, Katie	Year 11	13
Bullock, Olivia	Year 11	13
Barrett, Karis	Year 11	13
Hughes, Lola	Year 11	13
Richardson, Ollie	Year 11	13
Mahon, Katie	Year 11	12



Thought for the Week

This week, students reflected on their progress in completing the challenges outlined in their **Passmores Passport**. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to evaluate how well they are embracing our core school values: **respect, fairness & belonging, compassion & kindness**. Students celebrated their successes while identifying areas for improvement.

In the News

This week's In the News segment focused on marking the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**. Through discussion and debate, students explored the following key messages:

- **Violence against women and girls (VAWG)** is a global issue affecting millions, including in the UK.
- VAWG can take many forms—physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, and financial—and it is important to recognise that violence by intimate partners or family members is still violence.
- The prevalence of VAWG affects the experiences and behaviours of women and girls, often making them feel unsafe and limiting their freedoms.
- Social media can act as both a tool for activism and awareness and, unfortunately, as a platform for spreading hate or sexist attitudes.
- Politicians have various tools to combat VAWG, focusing on either prevention or reaction. Prevention is key to eradicating this issue in the long term.

Other News

- **Year 7 and 8 students** impressed us all by representing their year groups and Houses in **PE House events**. The competition was intense, and every participant did themselves proud!
- **Year 11 students** completed their **mock exams in practical subjects** and continued working on **post-16 applications** during Pastoral Curriculum Time.
- Interested Year 11 students also attended a visit from **CRE8**, which provided valuable insights for their future endeavours.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Next week promises to be filled with **festive excitement** and meaningful activities:

- **Thought for the Week:** We will launch our annual **Passmores Acts of Christmas Kindness**, encouraging students to spread goodwill as we prepare for the festive season.
- **In the News:** Students will explore **Disability Awareness Month**, building understanding and empathy.
- **PE House Events:** **Year 9 and 10 students** will take their turn to represent their year groups and Houses in what promises to be another thrilling round of competition.

Christmas Festivities:

- ❖ The **FOPS Christmas Fayre on Friday** will get everyone into the festive spirit.
- ❖ **Year 7 and 8 students** will enjoy a magical **trip to the Pantomime** on Friday.
- ❖ Throughout the week, students will enjoy **Christmas lunches** as we embrace the season of cheer.

It's shaping up to be a busy and festive week—we can't wait to see the holiday spirit come alive at Passmores!







Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Mia Adams Harley Byrne Leo Gregory Mylie Crane Roman Fernandes	Filip Borsuk Max Hollands Lewis Wong Charlie Durrant Joseph Barzey	Ashiah Haughton-Sinclair Frankie Boland Layton Parlour Lacey Douglass-Armstrong Tyler Guinness	Sadie Shaw Harley Doyle Josh Norris Maisie Reid Layla Curtis	Evie Bricknell Keira Bliss Daisy Chambers Amy Kwok Korban Doyle



Chit Chat and Chocolate



			
Olivia Beckwith	Gracie Wild	Katie Watters	Beth White
Charis Hartgrove	Faraya Honan	Megan Wright	Teddy Delieu
Lucas Jablonski	Pj Sunshine	Will Carter	Yi Cong Wen
Arthur Chatters	Alicia Beeharry	Melissa Nicholls	Savannah Bullard

Year 7 & 8 Pantomime Trip... Final Reminder...

Yes, it's that time of year again... Panto season! Time for family entertainment to peak and children to raucously join in, shouting furiously at Panto characters that can't seem to see anything when they need to!

"IT'S BEHIND YOU!"
"OH NO HE ISN'T!"
"OH YES HE IS!"

All parents of Year 7s and 8s will have received a letter inviting their child to the Harlow Playhouse on Friday 6th December to watch Dick Whittington – this year's pantomime. We will be walking to Harlow Playhouse from Passmores, any pupils who are unable to manage this trip on foot will be escorted via school minibus.

We still have a few seats left to fill, so if your child wants to join us on a lovely afternoon out, please find the letter and trip on ParentPay and sign them up. The cost is just £13. Those students not going on the trip will be staying in school as usual.

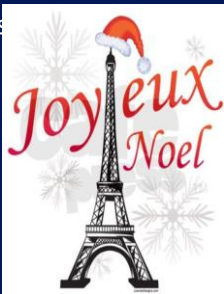
Students on the trip will need collecting from Harlow Playhouse around 4.30/4.45pm. Please contact k.warncken@passmoresacademy.com with any queries or call reception and ask for the drama department.

SUBJECT/INFORMATION UPDATES

French

In KS3 French, students will begin learning all about French Christmas traditions by singing songs, playing games, labelling items or matching words and pictures. The French song 'Vive le Vent' is always très populaire!

French vocabulary will include bûche de Noel (Chocolate log), le Réveillon (Christmas Eve), le Vin chaud (mulled wine), la Crèche (the crib), le Marché de Noel (Christmas market) and le Père Noel (Father Christmas).



Design & Technology

LET'S CELEBRATE
OUR STUDENTS WORK



DECEMBER
12TH

Technology
CHRISTMAS
Showcase

5pm - 6:30pm

Drinks, snacks and Christmas
items are available to purchase.
Cash only.

HEAR FROM SOME
OF OUR
TECHNOLOGY
STUDENTS AND SEE
WORK THEY HAVE
COMPLETED THIS
AUTUMN TERM

Primary Mentoring

We are pleased to announce that our “Primary Mentor” programme is now in full swing!

Thirty of our Year 9 & 10 students have volunteered to give their free time before school once a week to help develop the reading skills of our Year 3s in Potter Street, Pear Tree Mead and The Downs. Our primary mentors arrive at their primary school at 8:15am on a Tuesday or Wednesday and whilst they are there, they chat to the Year 3 students, read to them and listen to them read back.

This is a fabulous way to build links between the schools in our cooperative and it also allows our Duke of Edinburgh students to fulfil their volunteering requirement.

We look forward to watching the all students develop throughout the year.



SPORTS/PE UPDATES

Senior Girls - Netball

Congratulations to the senior netball team on their outstanding performance in the Essex Cup match against Sandon on Monday, securing a dominant 28-9 victory!

The team played brilliantly and continues their impressive streak with three consecutive wins this term.

A special shoutout to Joanne, the well-deserved Player of the Match—well done!



Year 8 Girls - Football

This week brought us freezing temperatures but thankfully House events were back, and the fiery breath of the Year 8 Dragon girls was enough to burn the competition and get the win in the football!



A huge well done to all of you who participated it is always nice to see that House pride on display.

Year 8 Boys - Basketball

Alongside this, Year 8 boys had their House basketball event and again the boys showed up in numbers to secure maximum points for their houses.

This year it was the green Griffins who slammed dunked their way to victory and achieved full points for their house and with local basketball tournaments ahead, it has given the teachers some selection decisions to make!



On Thursday 28th its the Year 7s representing their houses, results will be posted in next week's newsletter...

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 Application deadline Fri 20th December
BMAT STEM Academy www.bmatstemacademy.org	01279 621570	TBA
The College at Braintree (Now part of Colchester Institute) www.colchester.ac.uk	01206 814000	Tues 21 st Jan 5pm-7pm
Cambridge Regional College www.camre.ac.uk	01223 418200	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	Tues 19 th Nov 5.30-7pm Thurs 16 th Jan 5.30-7pm Sat 22 nd March 10-3pm
Chelmsford College www.chelmsford-college.ac.uk	01245 265611	Weds 5 th Feb 6-8.30 Weds 21 st May 6pm
New City College (Epping Forest), www.ncclondon.ac.uk	0208 508 8311	Sat 23 rd Nov 10-2.00 Sat 25 th Jan
Epping St Johns 6 th Form www.eppingstjohnsschool.org/	01992 573028	Weds 20 th Nov 6-8pm Application deadline Fri 20th December
F2 Academy www.vluk.org/course-location/f2academy/	07525 495818	TBA
Fashion Retail Academy www.fashionretailacademy.ac.uk	0207 3072345	Sat 30 th Nov Sat 14 th Dec Sat 11 th Jan
Harlow College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01279 868000	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	TBA
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 Thurs 1 st May 5.30-8.00
Herts & Essex High School, Bishop’s Stortford www.hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk	01279 654127	Thurs 12 th Nov 5.30-8.30pm Application deadline Sunday 1st December

Sixth Form & College Open Dates 2024/2025

Colleges & Sixth Forms	Contact No.	Open Date
Hockerill Anglo-European School, Bishop's Stortford www.hockerill.herts.sch.uk	01279 658451	Sat 23 rd Nov Application deadline Fri 13th December
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 Application deadline Fri 20th December
Presdales Sixth Form www.presdales.herts.sch.uk	01920 462210	Thurs 14 th Nov 6-8pm Application deadline Fri 6th December
Sir Frederick Gibberd www.sirfrederickgibberdcollege.org	01279 307235 (c/o Burnt Mill Academy)	Sat 16 th Nov 9.30-12.30 Application deadline Fri 31st January
St Marks School, Harlow www.st-marks.essex.sch.uk	01279 421267	Thurs 7 th Nov 7pm-9pm Application deadline Fri 7th February
St Mary's Catholic School, Bishop's Stortford www.stmarys.net	01279 654901	Thurs 7 th Nov 6-8.30pm Application deadline Fri 6th December
Stansted Airport College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01799 513030	Thurs 23 rd Jan Weds 7 th May
Writtle College www.writtle.ac.uk	01245 424200	Sat 16 th Nov Sat 1 st March

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.

ANY OTHER INFORMATION

FOPs


Last year Friends of Passmores signed up to EasyFundraising... the easiest way to raise money for our school!

Easyfundraising partners - with over 7,500 brands will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice and it won't cost you any extra as the cost is covered by the brand!

If you're shopping in the Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales, make sure you use #easyfundraising. Over 8,000 retailers will donate, so you can raise a FREE donation for Friends of Passmores every time you grab a bargain, whether that's gadgets, electricals, games consoles, toys, clothes, gifts or anything else!

We have raised nearly £200 so far but we would love more of you to join.

Please follow this link to sign up.
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-passmores> or scan the QR code




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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The music department's Christmas concert takes place on Thursday 12th December at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. It promises to be a wonderfully festive evening full of Christmas favourites, old and new. Tickets usually sell out fast, so get yours now!

Tickets are available via ParentPay - please note, tickets will be sent via email after 2nd December 2024.

Adult tickets - £3 each

Child - £1 each

Concession/OAP - £1

Each ticket type will need to be added individually to the basket in ParentPay, then you will be able to pay for all tickets in one transaction.

Moved house? Changed your phone number? Have you let us know?

Please can you remember to let us know if any of your contact details have changed, so that we can update our records.

You can do this easily by emailing our Data Team:
datateam@passmoresacademy.com or via the Arbor app.

Update Your
Contact Info



Christmas Market

Don't forget to come along to our wonderful Christmas market on Friday 6th December between 6:30pm & 8:30pm. For more details, check out the amazingly designed poster from another of our very talented students...



Designed By: Taliah Rufuse

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 29 th November 2024	INSET DAY (3)
Friday 6 th December 2024	Friends of Passmores - Christmas Market
Thursday 12 th December 2024	Passmores Christmas Concert – 7:00pm
Friday 20 th December 2024	Early Closure for Students – 12:30pm
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January 2025	Christmas Holiday
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET DAY (4)
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Spring Term 1 Begins



Interested in becoming a primary or secondary teacher?
Contact Gareth Walsh on g.walsh@passmoresacademy.com

The background of the poster features a light cream color with large, soft-edged shapes in light blue and light pink. Scattered throughout are various festive icons: red and green stars, green snowflake-like shapes, and stylized Christmas trees. The trees are depicted in two colors, red and green, with patterns of small dots or dashes. The text is centered and uses a mix of serif and sans-serif fonts.

** Friends of Passmores are looking
for stall holders for our*

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Please email
fop@passmoresacademy.com

Friday 6th December
6:30-8:30pm
Harlow

We would like to send out a plea for any tombola donations, we are looking for any small gifts or vouchers that can be won during the tombola at the Christmas Market.

Every year has been a huge success making a large amount of money for the school, but we are lacking in prizes this year and need your help. So please think of us while out shopping, the 'last time to buy at 90% off' may be perfect for our tombola stall.

Thank you!



Passmores Academy

Christmas

Concert

Thursday 12th
December

Doors open 6:30pm

Curtain 7:00pm

Tickets are available from

ParentPay

£3 adults

£1 students/OAPs

FOR DETAILS ON ALL THESE ORGANISATIONS
AND MORE, PLEASE CHECK OUT FRONTLINE

essexfrontline.org.uk



There are many organisations in Harlow working to offer support, but often people don't know what is out there until they are in crisis.

At Harlow Hive, we have worked to produce a way of increasing awareness of the variety of services available and how to access them. Our aim has been to make this as clear and engaging as possible, and we are very proud of how the communitree has come together.

Follow the branches to a specific area of help and click on the organisations' logos to find out more.



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CM18 6JH**



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	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Level 3:	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Please go to our website address above, for more information.

*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that MUST be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.

Spotlight on services... FREE Parenting courses

Did you know, **ACL Essex** has a wide range of parenting courses, some are face to face, some are virtual, some are one off and some are a series. They are all FREE.

Subjects include;

- ☐ SEND support for families
- ☐ Positive Parenting
- ☐ Family Wellbeing
- ☐ Understanding Teens.

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](#)