



Principal Letter – Autumn Term Week Ending 22nd September 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

There were lots of tired people in the building today, both staff and students, after being here late last night for our Open Evening. Thank you to everyone who was involved, this is such an important night for us as we showcase the best of our school as prospective families of year 6 consider their choices of secondary school for next year. The event could not run without the support of our young people; there were over 300 helping which is just amazing. The feedback from the visitors, as always, was so complimentary, they spoke so highly of our school. One parent said “your students are outstanding and an absolute credit to the school. Seriously blown away with their attitude and helpfulness.” Another said “teachers and kids alike are passionate and delightful to talk to. They represented their school and subjects so well it made us as parents want to come! We walked away feeling excited and hopeful for what's to come, with full tummies also from the wonderful jerk shack and school dinner samples!”

It also felt like a reunion as we saw many familiar faces from the past, ex-students with children in year (makes many of us feel very old), but also ex year 11s who came back to say hello to staff, because they are missing us of course! All in all, a wonderful evening, filled with immense pride.

Top Passmores Points Achievers – 15th – 21st September 2023:

Harry Mallett	Year 7	65
Makiah Mfon	Year 7	62
Isobella Stewart	Year 7	60
Mason Bartram	Year 7	58
Brooke Preston	Year 7	55
Mason Brown	Year 7	50
Dylan McAulay	Year 7	49
Isaac Branch	Year 7	49
Max Hollands	Year 7	49
Megan Wright	Year 7	49

Demar Potgieter	Year 8	76
Marcus Maw	Year 8	68
Mary Norton	Year 8	61
Teddy Saunders	Year 8	59

Harrison Morgan	Year 8	58
Oleh Melnyk	Year 8	58
Krystian Cerek	Year 8	57
Caiden Marriott	Year 8	56
Lola Wickes	Year 8	56
Taliah Rufuse	Year 8	56

Sadie Shaw	Year 9	51
Yasemin Withey-Yilmaz	Year 9	51
Ronnie Shipwright	Year 9	50
Ava Dorrington	Year 9	47
Beth White	Year 9	46
Adrian Zalinski	Year 9	45
Charlotte Sanders	Year 9	45
Joshua Wheatley	Year 9	44
Laura Norris	Year 9	44
Pavel Raykov	Year 9	44

Callum Robertson	Year 10	74
Ellie Blake	Year 10	67
Ella Nicholls	Year 10	59
Emma Edwards	Year 10	50
Darcie Wilkinson	Year 10	47
Odin Hanks	Year 10	47
Keira Bliss	Year 10	46
Phoebe Tombs	Year 10	46
Natasha Timson	Year 10	43
Abbie Newman	Year 10	42
Archie Cleall	Year 10	42
Liam Clark	Year 10	42

Maya Pearce	Year 11	58
Kallie Jackson	Year 11	54
Jackson Iona	Year 11	53
Sonny Brooks	Year 11	53
Harry New	Year 11	52
Millie Humphries	Year 11	52
Jamie Rowlett	Year 11	51
Maisie Peacock	Year 11	51
Mitch Ward	Year 11	49
Priya Sivathanu	Year 11	49

House Passmores Points 5th – 22nd September 2023 (up to 12:00pm):

Dragon	20719
Griffin	19778
Lion	20255
Unicorn	20117

September Harlow Firebreak

The following three students attended the September Harlow Firebreak last week and without question were an absolute credit to Passmores Academy:

- Year 9: Oliver
- Year 10: William
- Year 11: Louis



Music Opportunity to Join the Passmores Academy Steel Pans Music Groups

There are currently spaces available for pupils in years 7-11 to join the Passmores Academy Steel Pans groups. Rehearsals take place after school on Monday afternoons in L109 in the Passmores music department. Group 1 is from 3.30pm-4.30pm and Group 2 is from 4.30pm-5.30pm. Rehearsals are taken by former Passmores music students Daniel Barwick and Jasmine Devine. All sessions are free to attend and there is no need to be able to read music - you just need enthusiasm, energy and a little bit of rhythm! To join, just turn up on Monday at 3.30pm or for further details email Mr. Butler (Head of Music) at d.butler@passmoresacademy.com

This link shows a recent performance at the Passmores Academy Christmas concert:

https://youtu.be/G17Qkz73_T8?feature=shared

Music Opportunity - Junior Rock Band

We would like to invite any pupils in year 7, 8 & 9 to join the Junior Rock Band. This is intended for students that play the keyboard/piano, guitar, bass guitar, drums or are vocalists. The club will start next Friday 29th September in L109 from 3.15pm-4.15pm.

'What went down'

On Monday 18th September all year 7 students attended a performance called 'What went down'. The performance was organised to enhance their i-Future curriculum and the following things were covered during the performance.

- Raise awareness of the danger of roadside distractions from music, phones, and friends.
- Help students to identify and cope with peer influence and peer pressure.
- Promote safe, responsible, and positive behaviour amongst students on the home to school journey.

Match Report: Passmores 2-2 Great Baddow

(Passmores win 3-2 on pens)

Goalkeeper Oliver Matthews went from zero to hero in the space of 120 minutes as his penalty saving prowess dug 10-man Passmores out of a sizable hole made entirely of their own calamitous making.

Towering striker Ethan Ottley had put the home team ahead early in the first half after outmuscling a Baddow defender to latch onto a poor pass back and deftly chipping the onrushing goalkeeper to the delight of fans and teammates. Buoyed by the lead, Passmores continued to attack with Albie Tyler's



game getting off to a poor start as he skied from 5 yards after free-flowing attacking football down the right, orchestrated by the momentous Oakley Harrison.

Passmores, however, were quickly pegged back when Matthews tamely palmed an innocuous shot into the path of a surprised, if grateful Baddow centre forward who obliged with a simple finish to make it 1-1. The equaliser brought fresh impetus to the Passmores attack and Harrison continued to threaten down the right-hand side.

Combining with the tireless Blessing Danquah, Harrison first cut back to the edge of the area and Haydn Kearny's shot brought a smart save from the Baddow captain in goal. Harrison was involved again in the final highlight of the half as he latched onto a through ball, bullied his opposite number to the ground and proceeded to sit the advancing goalkeeper down with an outrageous dummy. Gasps and cheers turned to groans on the sideline however, as his low cross could only find Baddow defenders crowding the area.

The second half started brightly for Passmores as continual pressure brought a corner from which Will Forde was unlucky to miss from close range after chaotic defending. By this point Passmores' frustrations were beginning to show and Tyler received his first yellow for a gratuitous off the ball shove on Baddow's right back, and wind up in chief, which resulted in a 15 man scuffle close to the watching parents.

By now the crowd were smelling blood and a wonderful jinking run from Kearny brought a passionate, if not entirely printable response from the teenage onlookers. Finally, seemingly out of nothing, Charlie Johnson, the so called 'Harlow Casemiro' put Passmores back into the lead with a sweetly struck half-volley from the edge of the area which sailed past the despairing goalkeeper.

Once again, the lead was not to last and things went from bad to worse as Tyler found himself seeing red in more ways than one for persistent fouling, primarily towards the Baddow right back, who was now receiving his fair share of commentary and constructive criticism from the sidelines. Seconds later, Matthews mistakenly picked up a back pass and from the resulting free-kick Baddow equalised again!

At this point, over an hour into the contest, having dominated possession, chances and every 1-1 battle on the pitch, Passmores somehow found themselves drawing the game and facing half an hour with only 10 men on the field plus extra time. Our brave boys were not to be disheartened! Harrison continued to terrorise the visiting full-back, amply supplied in ammunition by the silky Kearny and Harry 'H' Dorrington, while Johnson marshalled the midfield, warrior style with inimitable force. The final chance of normal time fell to Kearny who curled a sumptuous free kick towards the top corner only for Baddow's captain and keeper to somehow force the game into extra time with a magnificent save.

The final 30 minutes were a forgettable war of attrition as players cramped, limped and bled their way to a creditable draw. Baddow hit the crossbar from a corner and there were more scuffles and harsh words as the otherwise impeccable Alfie Collins had his name in the book. The final moments brought a Passmores corner and Matthews was told in no uncertain terms by Webber to stay in net.



Penalties seemed inevitable and so they were... Initial saves from both team's keepers brought passion and tension to a crowd who could already be described as at fever pitch. The Baddow captain and goalkeeper having his penalty saved by the euphoric Matthews took us to boiling point. Kearny, Ottley and Finley Tovell confidently slotted their penalties which left Matthews as the hero of the night, saving the final pen with his feet and sending the Passmores Faithful into raptures.

An ill-tempered and tempestuous game, and at times a tight affair, will ultimately be remembered for goalkeeping heroics and two moments of absolute quality from goal scorers Ottley and Johnson.

MOTM: Oakley Harrison

Official of the match:
Othniel Defor

Reporter at the scene: A
Lovell

Photos courtesy of EBG Ltd



Volunteering and Charity Cultural Appreciation Day

Friday 29th Friday is our Volunteering and Charity Cultural Appreciation Day when we will explore the benefits of volunteering, and the work of charities from a local to a global scale. Whilst it is not always easy for young people to volunteer until they are 18, there are some local charities and organisations where young people can help out. We promote many of these opportunities through the Duke of Edinburgh scheme that we run for students from years 9 to 11 but also recognise that not all young people want to do the full award. Therefore, if your young person is interested in volunteering they might want to consider helping out at local groups like brownies and cubs or at organised events like Park Run which takes place every Saturday morning in the Town Park.

Road Safety Week 2023

As part of road safety week 2023, students have been learning in tutor time about bicycle safety.



DESIGN YOUR OWN
BIKE HELMET -
ONE YOU WILL
ACTUALLY WEAR!

Design a Bike Helmet

Use the box below to design your own bike helmet. What colour will it be?
What safety features will you add? Don't forget to label it!




Colours:

My favourite part of my design is _____

because _____

Safety Features:

Parent Governor



Our governors are invaluable in helping us to be the best that we can be. They provide us with challenge and support and bring a wealth of expertise from a variety of backgrounds and work environments. We are currently seeking a new parent governor to join our incredible team. If you feel that you can commit your time throughout the year, some evening meetings and visits to the school, then please get in touch as we need you. If you are interested, even if you have informally expressed interest before, please email our clerk Louise Brown, at l.brown1@pclc.co.uk. The deadline is 29 September 2023.

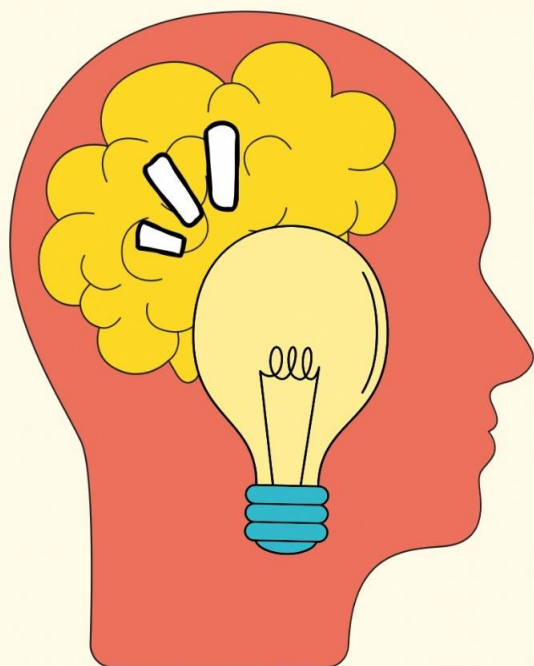
Friends of Passmores

Friends of Passmores will be having an informal meeting on Wednesday 27th September at 5:30pm in the Heart Space. This is to welcome any new parent/carers to the team and talk about upcoming events.

TRIVIA

NIGHT

DO YOU
HAVE WHAT
IT TAKES?



FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER

7pm | Passmores Academy
Contact: fop@passmoresacademy.com
for more information

Passmores No Child Without

Passmores 'No Child Without' is one of three community projects chosen to receive up to £1500 depending on how many votes each receives. The campaign is running until 30th September 2023 at Church Langley Tesco.



Careers News

Harlow College are offering adults aged 19+ free training courses if you are unemployed and in receipt of benefits or employed and earning under £20,319.00 (individual not household). For more information go to [Harlow College - Training Voucher Courses \(harlow-college.ac.uk\)](https://www.harlow-college.ac.uk/training-voucher-courses).

Careers Fair

Passmores and Stewards Academy are hosting a joint careers fair on Wednesday 11th October, 5pm-7pm for year 10 and 11 students and their parents/carers. It will be held at Passmores Academy. We have lots of providers attending including local colleges, sixth forms and universities. We have employers representing a range of sectors including the armed forces, Border Force, care, finance, construction, plumbing, hairdressing, and many more. No need to book, just come along to learn more about post 16 opportunities. See poster attached for details.

Open Events

Fashion Retail Academy, Sat 23rd Sept, [FRA Open Days | Fashion Retail Academy London](https://www.fraopen.com/)

Hertford Regional College, Tues 26th Sept, [Open Event September \(hrc.ac.uk\)](https://www.hrc.ac.uk/open-event-september)

JOINT CAREERS FAIR 2023

WITH **PASSMORES** AND **STEWARDS**



WHO
YEAR 10 & 11

WHEN
Wednesday
11th October
5:00pm -
7:00pm



WHERE
Passmores
Academy
Tracyes
Road,
Harlow,
CM18 6JH

FEATURING • Harlow College • Hertford Regional College • F2 Academy •
Writtle College • Stansted Airport College • Herts & Essex • Leventhorpe •
St. Mark's • Epping St. John's • DHL • Helping Hands • Price Bailey • HTS •
Ashton Roofing • BMW Stortford • Army • Navy • and loads more...

To assist our year 11's with their post 16 option choices, Mrs Kay, Careers Adviser has arranged for the following assemblies to take place in school. She is currently waiting to hear from some other local providers too. These assemblies are on SMHW and all year 11's are invited to attend the assemblies that may interest them.

September

- 27th F2 Academy
- 28th CRE8

October

- 4th Sir Frederick Gibberd 6th Form
- 5th Epping St Johns 6th Form
- 18th Herts and Essex 6th Form
- 19th Leventhorpe 6th Form

November

- 1st St Marks 6th Form
- 2nd Aim Apprenticeships

The careers team are also organising a joint careers fair with Stewards Academy for year 10 and year 11, to be held at Passmores on the 11th October 5-7pm. More details about this will follow nearer the time.

Post 16 Open Dates

Mrs Kay has started to get a list of college open dates ready for our year 11 students. We have attached the ones she has currently been able to obtain. Quite often the sixth forms only advertise their open events after the year 7 open days.

Free Parents Event - Making it into medical school

Investin are offering a free online webinar for parents to help support their student with applying for medical school. It is on the 27th September at 7pm. Register on [Events for Parents | InvestIN – InvestIN Education](#)

Sixth Form & College Open Dates 2023/2024

The Bishop's Stortford High School www.tbshs.org	01279 868686	TBA
Birchwood School, Bishop's Stortford www.birchwoodonline.co.uk	01279 655936	TBA
BMAT STEM Academy www.bmatstemacademy.org	01279 621570	TBA
The College at Braintree (Now part of Colchester Institute) www.colchester.ac.uk	01206 814000	Mon 16 th Oct 5pm-8pm Sat 4 th Nov 10am-1pm
Cambridge Regional College www.camre.ac.uk	01223 418200	Weds 18 th Oct 4.30pm-7.30pm Sat 11 th Nov 9.30am-12.30pm Sat 27 th Jan 10am-12.30pm
Capel Manor College, Enfield www.capel.ac.uk	08456 122122	Sat 21 st Sept 5.30pm-7pm Sat 7 th Oct 10am-3pm
Chelmsford College www.chelmsford-college.ac.uk	01245 265611	Weds 11 th Oct 6pm-8.30pm Weds 15 th Nov 6pm-8.30pm Weds 7 th Feb 6pm-8.30pm Weds 12 th June 6pm-8.30pm
New City College (Epping Forest), www.ncclondon.ac.uk	0208 508 8311	Sat 18 th Nov 10am-2pm
Epping St Johns 6 th Form www.eppingstjohnsschool.org/	01992 573028	TBA
F2 Academy www.vluk.org/course-location/f2academy/	07525 495818	TBA
Haileybury Turnford Sixth Form www.haileyburyturnford.com	01992 308333	TBA
Harlow College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01279 868000	Thurs 19 th Oct Tues 13 th Feb Weds 24 th April
Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge www.hrsfc.ac.uk	01223 247251	TBC
Helena Romanes School, Great Dunmow www.helena-romanes.essex.sch.uk	01371 872560	TBA
Hertford Regional College www.hertreg.ac.uk	01992 411400	Tues 26 th Sept 5.30pm-8pm Tues 21 st Nov 5.30pm-8pm Tues 6 th Feb 5.30pm-8pm

Herts & Essex High School, Bishop's Stortford www.hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk	01279 654127	TBA
Hockerill Anglo-European School, Bishop's Stortford www.hockerill.herts.sch.uk Open Evening and Tours - Anglo European School (aessex.co.uk)	01279 658451	Thurs 28th Sept 4.30pm-8pm
Long Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge www.longroad.ac.uk	01223 631100	TBA
Leventhorpe School, Sawbridgeworth www.leventhorpe.net	01279 836633	TBA
Joyce Frankland Academy (Formerly Newport) www.jfan.org.uk	01799 540237	TBA
Presdales Sixth Form www.presdales.herts.sch.uk	01920 462210	TBA
Sir Frederick Gibberd www.sirfrederickgibberdcollege.org	01279 307235 (c/o Burnt Mill Academy	TBA
St Marks School, Harlow www.st-marks.essex.sch.uk	01279 421267	TBA
St Mary's Catholic School, Bishop's Stortford www.stmarys.net	01279 654901	TBA
Stansted Airport College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01799 513030	TBA
Writtle College www.writtle.ac.uk	01245 424200	Sat 14 th Oct 10am-3pm Sat 25 th Nov 10am-3pm
John Warner Sixth form www.johnwarner.herts.sch.uk	01992 462889	TBA

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.



**LEVEL 2 & LEVEL 3
DIPLOMAS**

23 SEPTEMBER 2023

21 OCTOBER 2023

18 NOVEMBER 2023

20 JANUARY 2024

17 FEBRUARY 2024

16 MARCH 2024

20 APRIL 2024

**UNDERGRADUATE &
LEVEL 4 DIPLOMAS**

30 SEPTEMBER 2023

28 OCTOBER 2023

25 NOVEMBER 2023

13 JANUARY 2024

24 FEBRUARY 2024

23 MARCH 2024

18 MAY 2024

**FASHION
RETAIL
ACADEMY**

Dates are subject to change. Please see the website for further information.

HARLOW YOUTH CLUB

EVENTS 2023

SEP 28 **VR AND GAMES**
HIGH TECH COMPETITION

OCT 05 **BALLOON ART**
THROW DARTS, MAKE ART

OCT 12 **COOKING**
MAKE A MEAL TO SHARE

OCT 19 **LASER TAG**
SHOOT YOUR FRIENDS

JOIN US FOR ALL THIS AND MORE
HARE STREE YOUTH CLUB
6PM-8PM
EVERY THURSDAY

Maths Problem of the week:

HARD

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		7					5	
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	4					2		
		3	2					
8				7		4	3	9
					1			

Answer to the last Maths Problem:

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2	9	1	5	6	8	4	7	3
9	8	2	1	3	5	7	4	6
7	5	4	8	2	6	3	1	9
1	6	3	9	4	7	8	2	5
4	1	7	3	5	9	6	8	2
6	3	8	2	7	1	5	9	4
5	2	9	6	8	4	1	3	7

Forthcoming Events:

Friday 13 th October	Trivia Quiz Night - all welcome Doors 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
23 rd – 27 th October	Half Term
Thursday 9 th November	Annual General Meeting - parents and staff welcome 5.30pm - 6.30pm



Natalie Christie

Principal of Passmores Academy

TEACHarlow

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