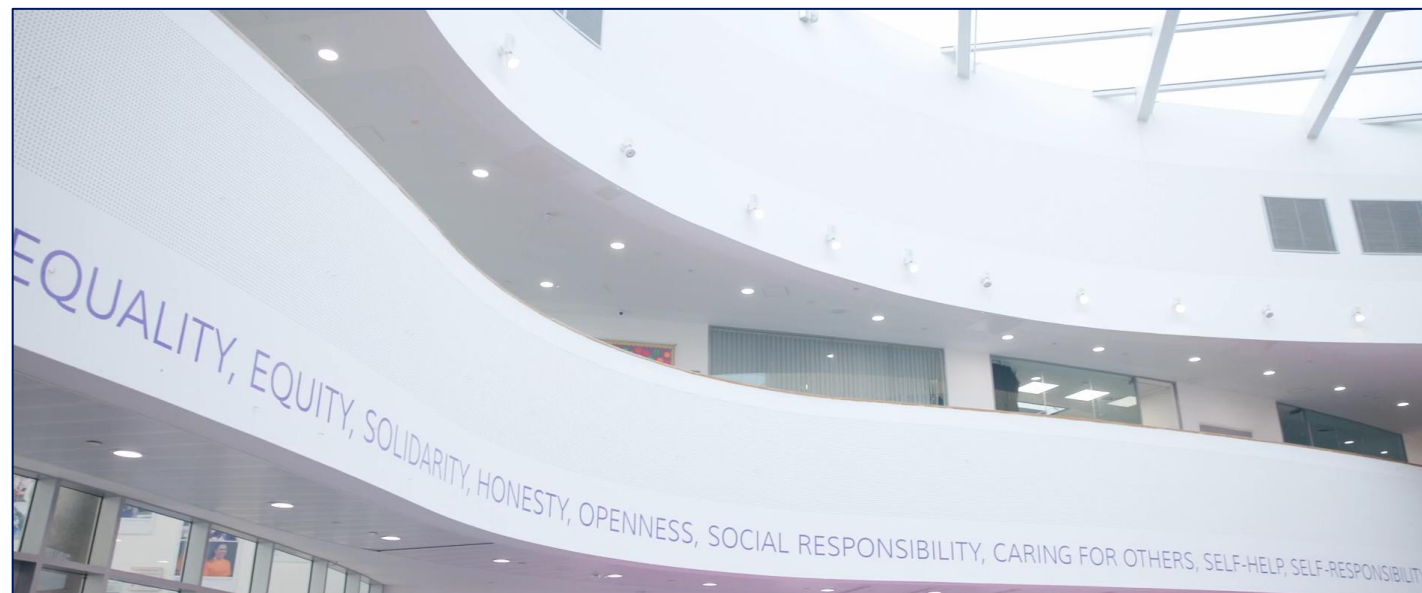


Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026 Issue 04



Dear Parents & Carers,

Where is the time going?! We are already over halfway through our first Autumn half-term, and I'm not quite sure how that has happened! It certainly doesn't feel much like Autumn yet either, with the lovely weather sticking around and plenty of sunshine still making an appearance. I'm certainly not complaining though – it's been lovely to see our students enjoying the brighter days around school and able to make the most of the outdoor spaces.

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to all of our Year 8 & 9 parents and carers who joined us for the Parent Information Evening on Thursday. It was lovely to see so many of you in school, and I hope you found the evening useful and informative.

I'm really looking forward to meeting even more of you when we host our first Parent & Carer Chit, Chat, Coffee & Croissant event of the academic year on Monday 19 October, you should have received an email about this yesterday. These are always such a lovely opportunity to get together in a much more relaxed setting, meet other parents and carers and have a chat with a range of staff. And, of course, there is the added bonus of a delicious croissant or muffin (or two!) to enjoy!

If you fancy joining us, please sign up using the [link](#) it would be lovely to see you there.

Next week sees the start of the interview process for our Year 10 Deputy Head Students. This is always such a difficult job as we have so many brilliant students putting themselves forward, which makes whittling the list down a real challenge! We are very lucky to have such a fantastic group of candidates to choose from. Good luck to everyone who has applied — I'm really looking forward to seeing who makes it through to the hustings the following week.

Our year 7s continue to make a positive impression on us and have embraced the challenges of their Reignite Curriculum in their core subjects. Next, we celebrate the end of this project with a trip to Colchester Zoo, watch this space for an update on their day!

As always, thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and, fingers crossed, we get to enjoy a little more of this beautiful weather!

Natalie Christie
Principal of Passmores Academy

TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVERS

Friday 18th to Thursday 24th September 2026

Stewart, Lottie	Year 7	161
Godolja, Flavjo	Year 7	157
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Year Group Attendance w/c 21 st September 2026	
Year 7	96.27%
Year 8	89.96%
Year 9	88.85%
Year 10	87.35%
Year 11	85.5%
All Students	89.7%

It has been another busy and productive week across our pastoral curriculum, with students engaging in a range of activities designed to support their personal development, safety, aspirations and preparation for the future.

Years 7–9: Staying Safe Online & School Passports

Students in Years 7–9 have been learning about the Online Safety Act, exploring what it means for young people and how they can keep themselves safe and responsible when using social media, gaming platforms and other online spaces.



We have also officially launched our School Passports, giving students the opportunity to complete a range of activities linked to our school values. Students can collect achievements throughout the year, with those who complete their Passport having the opportunity to earn exciting prizes at the end of the academic year. The aim is to encourage students to demonstrate our values both inside and outside the classroom.

Year 10: School Passports & Online Safety



Year 10 have also begun their Passport journey, alongside further work around online safety. This gives students the opportunity to reflect on their personal development while continuing to build the knowledge and skills needed to make positive and responsible choices online.

Year 11: Preparing for the Future

Year 11 have had a strong focus on their next steps, with assemblies from Harlow College and Hertford Regional College helping students to explore their post-16 options and think about their future pathways.

Our Rising Stars programme has also launched, providing targeted learning and additional support for selected students as they work towards achieving their full potential.

Finally, we have launched our highly anticipated *Passport to Prom!* Students have been given a series of targets to work towards throughout the year, with the opportunity to earn their place at Prom – the highlight of the Year 11 calendar. We are looking forward to seeing students rise to the challenge and demonstrate the hard work, commitment and positive choices that will help them earn their place at this special event.

It has been fantastic to see students engaging positively with our pastoral curriculum this week, and we look forward to building on this throughout the year.



Weekly Winners

Week Commencing: 21st September 2026

Sam Dixon
Ellise Pugh
Logan Witter
Liza Stankevych
Charlie Edwards
Kaiden Birch
Scarlett Nolan
Nyla Tohill
Mason Herrett-Bowman

Student Spotlight...

Gymnastics Success for Lilia!

A huge well done to Lilia McGinley in Year 9, who competed in the Harlow Gymnastics In-House Competition on Saturday 19th September.

Competing in the Over 11s category, Lilia had an amazing competition, coming away with an impressive five medals... three gold and two silver!

🥇 1st – Overall Champion

🥇 1st – Floor

🥇 1st – Vault

🥈 2nd – Beam

🥈 2nd – Bar



Lilia's family are incredibly proud of the dedication and hard work Lilia continues to put into her gymnastics and we at Passmores are too!

What a fantastic achievement – well done, Lilia!

If you know of anyone (staff or student) that deserves a place under our spotlight,
email: k.stearn@passmoresacademy.com

Staff Spotlight...

From Running Injuries to a 50K Ultra!

On Saturday 12th September, after becoming increasingly frustrated by a series of niggling running injuries, our Head of Music and Associate Assistant Principal, Mr Dave Butler, decided it was time to try something a little different – his first ultra challenge walking event!



Mr Butler took on the 50K Thames Path Challenge, starting in Putney at 8.30am and finishing in Runnymede. In total, he walked an impressive 32.5 miles, completing the challenge in an incredible 10½ hours, including just three rest breaks!

Clearly, one ultra wasn't enough, as having caught the bug, Mr Butler has already set his sights on the 100K! We're not quite sure whether to be impressed or slightly concerned...

Mr Butler was raising money for Arthritis UK, so if you would like to support his fundraising or read more about his challenge and story, you can visit his [JustGiving](#) page below.

A huge well done, Mr Butler – 32.5 miles is certainly no small achievement!

[David Butler is fundraising for Arthritis UK](#)

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email: k.stearn@passmoresacademy.com

French



Phonics Learning Through Songs and Rhymes

Learning a new language isn't just about learning vocabulary — it's also about learning how the language sounds. At Key Stage 3, our pupils are developing their French phonics skills, helping them to build strong links between sounds, spelling and meaning.

One of the ways we make this learning memorable is through songs and rhymes. By hearing and repeating sounds in a fun and rhythmic way, pupils become more confident at recognising French sound patterns and applying them when they read, speak and spell new words. Songs also give pupils the opportunity to practise pronunciation repeatedly without it feeling like repetitive work!

Each week, we'll be sharing our French Phonics Song of the Week, giving parents and carers the chance to hear some of the songs that our pupils are using in lessons to develop their French pronunciation.

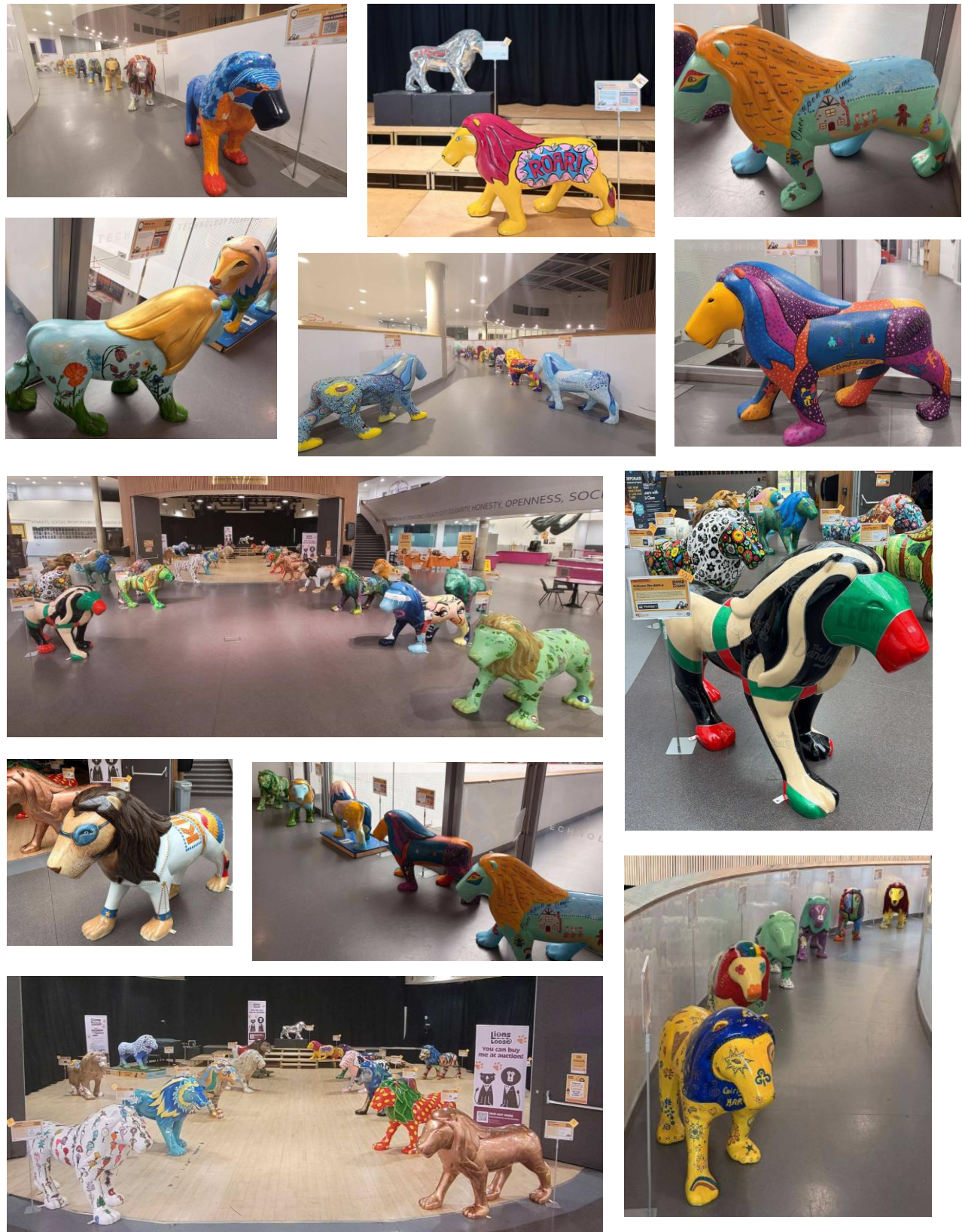
So, keep an eye out each week and why not have a go at singing along at home?



Les jours de la semaine - alain le lait (French days of the week) ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...))

Lions on the Loose at Passmores Academy!

Passmores Academy was proud to become the home of the *Lions on the Loose* Farewell Weekend on Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th September, bringing all 64 incredible lion sculptures together in one place for a spectacular celebration!





SCHOOL TOURS

Thinking about joining us in Year 7?

Year 6 Tours run every Thursday at 9:00am &
10:00am this September & October 2026!

Call Miss Stearn or email

k.stearn@passmoresacademy.com
to book your place.

We can't wait to meet you!



BOTTLE LIDS

WE NEED YOU!

Small
lids make a
BIG
difference! ♥

RECYCLE
RE-USE
CREATE
A BRIGHTER
FUTURE! ♥



Our Design and Technology students are collecting plastic bottle lids (HDPE) which we melt down and turn into recycled plastic sheets for projects.

It's a brilliant way to show real life recycling and re-purposing!



HDPE

COLLECT THEM!

CLEAN THEM!

BRING THEM IN!

NO GREEN LIDS PLEASE!

We have tons of those already!



WE CAN TAKE:

- Milk bottle lids
- Drink bottle lids
- Sauce bottle lids
- Shampoo lids
- Any HDPE plastic lids in any colour (except green!)

PLEASE DROP THEM TO:



The lid drop box in downstairs Dragon, D002, D003 or the Technicians Office.

THANK YOU! ♥

Together we can make a difference!

REDUCE ♥

REUSE ♥

RECYCLE ♥

CREATE



ATTENDANCE DROP IN

WHERE? Y103 ATTENDANCE OFFICE (OPPOSITE L101)

WHEN? EVERY WEDNESDAY BREAK TIME

WHO WITH? MRS LAWSON, MRS EKE & MRS SAVIDGE

**COME AND JOIN US TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR
ATTENDANCE AND WHAT IT MEANS.**

**ARE YOU WONDERING HOW CLOSE YOU MIGHT BE FOR A
REWARD TRIP?**

DO YOU HAVE A PERSONAL GOAL?

DO YOU HAVE ANY WORRIES AROUND ATTENDANCE?

WE ARE HERE TO HELP



EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

SEPT-OCT 2026

Dept.	Club	Day	Time	Room	Staff	Duration
Music	Steel Pans Student Group 1	Monday	3.30-4.30	L19	DBK/JDE	Termly
Music	Steel Pans Student Group 2	Monday	4.30-5.30	L19	DBK/JDE	Termly
Music	Steel Pans Adult Group	Monday	5.30-6.30	L19	DBK/JDE	N/A
Music	Passmores Music School Tuition	Tuesday	3.30-9.00	Music Dept	LHD	N/A
Science	Youth Club	Tuesday	3.30-5.00	Heartspace	AOS/AMT	Termly
Computer Science	Computing Club	Tuesday	3.25-4.15	tbc	AHN	Termly
Music	Year 11 Band	Wednesday	3.20-4.00	L19	DBR	Termly
Music	Piano Keyboard Club	Wednesday	3.20-3.50	L110	DBR	Termly
Drama	Year 9 - 11 Excellence Club	Wednesday	3.30-4.30	L107/L106	JGR	Termly
Music	Soul Band	Thursday	3.20-4.00	L19	DBR	Termly
Music	GCSE Booster Session	Thursday	3.20-4.00	L110	DBR	Termly
Geography	Geography Film Club	Thursday	3.20-4.20	U005	VNS	Weekly
Drama	KS3 Drama Club	Thursday	3.30-4.30	L107/L107/H all	JGR/PTG	Termly
Art	GCSE Art Club	Thursday	3.15-4.15	L106	GHS	Termly
Science	STEM CLUB	Thursday	3:20-4.20	L02	AOS	Termly
Music	Samba Band	Thursday & Friday	Break	L106	GAN	Termly

PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE SEPT-OCT 2026				
DAY	BREAK 10:55 – 11:15	STAFF	AFTERSCHOOL 3:30 – 4:15	STAFF
MONDAY	BASKETBALL SPORTS HALL	EAD		
	FOOTBALL ASTRO TURF	JKG		
TUESDAY	BASKETBALL SPORTS HALL	ADN	NETBALL - COURTS	OWY GCI ADN
	FOOTBALL ASTRO TURF	JWR	GYM	AMN JKG
WEDNESDAY	BASKETBALL SPORTS HALL	OWY	FOOTBALL – ASTRO TURF	AMN JKG JWR
	FOOTBALL ASTRO TURF	BBS	GYM	GCI AND
THURSDAY	BASKETBALL SPORTS HALL	GCI	BASKETBALL – SPORTS HALL	EAD
	FOOTBALL ASTRO TURF	BMY	GYM	OWY JWR
FRIDAY	BASKETBALL - SPORTS HALL	DLN	BTEC COURSEWORK CATCH UP PE DETENTIONS	
	FOOTBALL ASTRO TURF	AMN		

Year 11 – Important Dates...

The following assemblies have been arranged for you; all students will attend the Harlow & Writtle College presentations, but the sixth forms will be your choice.



The assemblies will be from 1.15pm - 1.45pm in the main hall.

- Wednesday 30th September, CRE8
- Thursday 1st October, Sir Frederick Gibberd 6th form
- Wednesday 7th October, Writtle College
- Thursday 8th October, Stansted Airport College
- Wednesday 21st October, Leventhorpe 6th Form

Our Careers Fair is being held on Thursday 8th October, 4.30pm - 7:00pm at Stewards Academy. We really would like to see as many of our students there possible. (See poster attached on the next page).

Julie Kay
Careers Advisor

British Army

Army insight webinar for parents, Thursday 1st Oct, 5.30pm-6.15pm, register on:
[Meet Your Army | British Army Insights: Parent Voices](#)



Year 11 College & Sixth Form Open Dates...

Fashion Retail Academy, Sat 26th September

Sir Frederick Gibberd Sixth Form, Weds 7th October, 5.00pm-8.00pm

Stansted Airport College, Sat 10th October, 10am-2.00pm

Writtle College, Sat 10th October, 10.00am

Harlow College, Thurs 15th October, 5.00pm-8.00pm

Braintree College, Mon 19th October, 5.00pm-7.00pm

Cambridge Regional College, Weds 21st October, 4.30pm-7.00pm

Leventhorpe Sixth Form, Tues 3rd November

Epping St Johns Sixth Form, Weds 4th November

The Bishops Stortford High School, Thurs 5th November, 5.45pm-8.30pm

Presdales Sixth Form, Thurs 12th November, 6.00pm-8.00pm

Careers Fair – An Opportunity Not to Be Missed!

The Careers Fair is a joint venture between Passsmores Academy and Stewards Academy, aimed at students in Years 10 and 11.



This is a fantastic opportunity for students and their families to find out more about the wide range of local post-16 options, all under one roof. There will be a wide variety of exhibitors, including local sixth forms, colleges, universities, employers and training providers.

Students will be able to explore opportunities across a range of exciting sectors, with representatives from organisations including the NHS, hairdressing, motor trade, construction, aviation, sport, care and many more.

The Careers Fair is a valuable chance for your young person to ask questions; explore different pathways and gain the information they need to make informed choices about their future after Year 11.

It really is an opportunity that is too good to miss!

Please come along and support your young person as they begin to explore the exciting opportunities available to them after Year 11.

Stansted Airport College Open Evening – Saturday 10 October, 10am-2pm

Witness the sights and sounds of a new campus located in the hustle and bustle of a busy airport whilst meeting our tutors and trainees.

Tickets for STAC event are available on Ticket Source:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/harlow-college/e-bpkgmv>



Harlow College Open Evening – Thursday 15 October, 5-8pm

Showcasing their vocational courses, A Levels, T Levels and Apprenticeships offer, including their SEND provision, as well as higher level and adult & part-time courses.

Tickets for Harlow College event are available on Ticket Source:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/harlow-college/e-xmgpey>



Live online Career Experience Days for students aged 13–18

Experience days in a range of sectors during Oct, Nov and Dec. The cost of these is £79. Sectors represented include Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Computer Science, Performing Arts, Midwifery, Psychology, Architecture, Engineering, Law and Business.

They are all online and include a certificate of completion. To find out more and book, click on this link: [CareerDays.co.uk](https://www.careerdays.co.uk)

Essex Apprenticeship Hub

We have attached a flyer about the apprenticeship hub. They will support young people to find apprenticeships. They are delivering a free webinar on their services, help and support. The first webinar is:



What is an Apprenticeship? - Essex Apprenticeship Hub

Wednesday 30 September 2026 | 6.15pm to 7.00pm | Online

Registration link:

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/what-is-an-apprenticeship-essex-apprenticeship-hub/>

In addition, their **Essex Apprenticeship Hub** and **Careers Padlet** showcases all our apprenticeship resources, current vacancies and recordings of previous Apprenticeship Hub Live sessions, helping young people stay informed and access opportunities at a time that suits them.

Future Doctors Month



Four free, live online medical work experience sessions for students aged 14–18. Students can join doctors each Sunday and work through a different interactive medical scenario:

11 October — A&E: Can You Save the Patient?

Students assess an emergency patient and decide what should happen next.

18 October — Inside the Operating Theatre: Anaesthetics

Explore anaesthesia, airway management, monitoring and how patients are kept safe during surgery.

25 October — The Diagnosis Challenge: Medical Detective

Students investigate a mystery patient, interpret the evidence and work towards a diagnosis.

1 November — Outbreak: Can You Stop the Spread?

Investigate an infectious disease outbreak and make clinical and public-health decisions.

All sessions are **live online at 2pm UK time** and recordings will be available afterwards, so students don't need to attend live. At the end of the programme, students can take their **Future Doctors Knowledge Test**, with those achieving 80% or above receiving a personalised certificate.

It's completely free and students only need to register once for all four sessions.

Register free for Future Doctors Month - www.premedprojects.co.uk/free

Harlow College Supported Studies Open Event - Wednesday 21st October – 6pm to 7.30pm

The Supported Studies team at Harlow College are running a bespoke Open Event aimed at learners in Year 10 or 11 who have an EHCP.

Parents and learners will be able to meet the Supported Studies team and find out all about their programmes. They will be able to:

- Attend a presentation that demonstrates the wide variety of activities they do.
- Meet current students and hear about their experiences at college.
- View the classrooms, Sensory Room and their new kitchen
- Say 'hello' to Lula, their therapy dog

Meet in main Reception at 6pm for a 6.30pm. No need to book. Free parking is available on the campus, on a first come basis.

Open Events 2026-2027

Colleges & Sixth Forms	Contact No.	Open Date
Birchwood High School www.birchwoodhighschool.co.uk	01279 655936	Awaiting date
The Bishop's Stortford High School www.tbshs.org	01279 868686	Thurs 5 th Nov, 5.45-8.30pm
Bishops Stortford Football Academy academy@bsfc.co.uk		Awaiting date
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 19 th Oct, 5pm-7pm Sat 14 th Nov, 10am-12pm
Cambridge Regional College www.camre.ac.uk	01223 418200	Weds 21 st Oct, 4.30-7pm Sat 14 th Nov, 9.30-12.30pm Sat 23 rd Jan, 10-12.30pm
Capel Manor College, Enfield www.capel.ac.uk	08456 122122	Weds 16 th Sept, 5.30pm-7pm Sat 10 th Oct, 10am-3pm
Chelmsford College www.chelmsford-college.ac.uk	01245 265611	Weds 7 th Oct, 6pm-8.30pm Weds 4 th Nov, 6pm-8.30pm Weds 3 rd Feb, 6pm-8.30pm
CRE8 apply@learntocre8.com		Awaiting date
Epping St Johns 6 th Form www.eppingstjohnsschool.org/	01992 573028	Weds 4 th Nov
Fashion Retail Academy www.fashionretailacademy.ac.uk	0207 3072345	Sat 26 th Sept, 10am
Harlow College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01279 868000	Thurs 15 th Oct, 5pm-8pm Tues 2 nd March, 5pm-8pm
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	Thurs 24 th Sept, 5.30pm-8pm Tues 24 th Nov, 5.30pm-8pm Thursday 4 th February Tuesday 27 th April
Herts & Essex High School, Bishop's Stortford www.hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk	01279 654127	Awaiting date
Hockerill Anglo-European School, Bishop's Stortford www.hockerill.herts.sch.uk	01279 658451	Sat 21 st Nov, 8.30am-12.30pm

Open Events 2026-2027

Colleges & Sixth Forms	Contact No.	Open 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 3 rd November
New City College (Epping Forest), www.ncclondon.ac.uk	0208 508 8311	Sat 21 st Nov, 10am-2pm Sat 30 th Jan, 10am-2pm
Presdales Sixth Form www.presdales.herts.sch.uk	01920 462210	Thurs 12 th Nov, 6-8pm
Sir Frederick Gibberd www.sirfrederickgibberdcollege.org	01279 307235	Weds 7 th Oct, 5pm-8pm
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 10 th Oct, 10am-2pm Thurs 11 th March
Writtle College www.writtle.ac.uk	01245 424200	Sat 10 th Oct, 10am Sat 21 st Nov, 10am

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.



**Oct
8th**

Stewards and Passmores

Careers Fair

When: 4:30pm-7:00pm

Who: Year 10 & 11

Where:

**Stewards Academy
Parnall Road,
Harlow, CM18 7NQ**



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 2nd October	Year 7 trip to Colchester Zoo
Thursday 22 nd October	INSET Day
Friday 23 rd October to Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	School Opens for Autumn Term 2

ANY OTHER INFORMATION

KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

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Extra-Curricular Clubs

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Account / Trips

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Homework

datateam@passmoresacademy.com

Free School Meals

pastudentservices@passmoresacademy.com

For a full list of staff contact details, click [here](#)

Reporting An Absence

If you need to report your child absent from school, please ensure you are following the correct procedure on Arbor.



If notifying us via the app:

- Click on the 3 lines (at the bottom left of the dashboard).
- Log Absence (green bar at the top)
- Complete the information and click 'Log Absence'

If notifying us from a web browser:

- Click on the 'Quick Actions' button
- Click 'Attendance'

FRIENDS OF PASSMORES PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

**FRI
OCT
9**

**6.30
PM**

£5 PER PERSON

8 TO A TEAM

ALL AGES WELCOME

TICKETS VIA TICKETSOURCE

Bring your own food & drink!

**Some refreshments will be
available.**

Extra games throughout the night





Raising money to enhance your young person's education

OUR EVENTS

CHRISTMAS AND SUMMER FETES

Our Christmas Market Night brings in an array of outside stall holders selling lots of gifts and Christmas treats.

PASSMORES' GOT TALENT

We have now held two Talent shows. We doubled the amount of acts this year and introduced staff judges. The students involved can not wait to enter again in 2027

CAKE SALES/BINGO/QUIZ

These events get the brain working and the belly full! Packed with fun and laughter, there's something for everyone.

REFRESHMENTS AT SCHOOL EVENTS

During the year we support different events at the school to sell refreshments. These include: Parents/Carers and Information evenings, music and drama concerts and discos.

ABOUT US

Friends of Passmores is made up of staff and parents/carers of Passmores Academy, we work together to raise money to put back into the school, purchasing products to enhance the education of our students.

We try to hold an event each half term, from fetes, to cake sales, and talent shows.



WHY CHOOSE US?

- **Parents/Carers and Staff**



A great chance to work with your wider school community and to make a difference in your school.

- **A small time commitment – a big impact**



You can choose how much time you put into the team, but any time spent will make a big impact to your young persons education.

- **Educational Opportunities**



The money raised helps your child to enhance their education with new equipment or knowledge.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact us for more information or to join our team.

Email:



fop@passmoresacademy.com

Facebook: passmoresseasonalevents

Instagram: passmores_community



Friends of PASSMORES



AGM

*Have your say. Support our school.
Make a difference together. ♥*



DATE

1st October
2026



TIME

6pm



MEETING HELD IN

The Heart
Space



TOGETHER,
we can do great things!





FRIENDS OF PASSMORES

CHRISTMAS MARKET

4TH
DECEMBER
2026
6PM - 8PM



THE GRINCH IS
BACK



£1 ADULT

50P U16 & OVER 60

FREE UNDER 5



FRIENDS OF PASSMORES

CHRISTMAS MARKET

4TH
DECEMBER
2026
6PM - 8PM

We are looking for stallholders.

Please email

fop@passmoresacademy.com

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

DISCORD

AGE RESTRICTION
13+
(with a 17+ app rating on app stores)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, influencers, cooking and sport. Some large servers focus on popular games like Minecraft or Fortnite, but many are private, invite-only spaces where friends or communities with shared interests can chat across phones, computers, and gaming consoles.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real time-sink. Although it does not rely on endless scrolling in the same way as some apps, constant messages, group chats, and voice channels can keep young people engaged for long periods, especially in larger servers. As Discord is closely linked to gaming, it may also increase the time they spend playing games.

STRANGER DANGER

Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but joining public servers will most likely bring them into contact with strangers. Many users are just friendly enthusiasts, yet others could have harmful intentions, including grooming, extortion, or radicalisation. In these types of environments, anyone can claim to be another teenager, which can make it harder for young people to judge who is safe to talk to.

A HARASSMENT RISK

There is also a risk from people a young person already knows in the real world. Bullying in the real world can continue online, and Discord servers can make this feel more intimidating, especially if someone uses anonymous or multiple accounts to carry out threatening behaviours. Because Discord works across computers, phones, and gaming consoles, unwanted contact can follow young people into online spaces that should feel safe and private.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

This huge amount of choice can help young people "find their tribe", especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may still encounter unsuitable or distressing content. Even in spaces linked to child-friendly games, Discord cannot directly control every conversation, image, or video shared by other users.

A MONEY DRAIN

Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This may include Discord 'Nitro', a monthly subscription that unlocks customisation features and larger media uploads, or purchases through the 'Shop' for profile cosmetics and game-related items. Small purchases can add up quickly, especially if spending controls are not in place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents and carers should make use of Discord's 'Family Centre', which gives an overview of a younger user's activity while respecting their privacy. Messages are not shared, but adults can view an activity feed and receive weekly email summaries. Discord says this is designed to support conversations about online behaviour, rather than be about constant monitoring.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT

Review Discord's privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages. Use this as a chance to talk to them about strangers, privacy, and personal information, making sure young people know to question suspicious behaviour, such as requests to keep conversations secret. Show them how to block and report these kinds of users and reassure them that asking for help will not get them into trouble.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off unnecessary notifications and leave servers that feel overwhelming. If Discord is mainly used alongside gaming, discuss healthy limits for both activities so that schoolwork, sleep, and offline friendships are not affected.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young people in your care understand that digital items still cost real money. Check payment settings on the device they use, avoid storing card details where possible, and consider adding approval requirements for purchases, particularly for younger or more impulsive users.

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