



Principals' Letter – Autumn Term 2019 Week ending 13th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, thank you to the parents/carers that came along to the Parent Information Evening for years 7 and 8 this week. It was great to see so many of you there and to get such positive feedback afterwards about how useful it was to have the year explained and what support is available to our students. For those that were unable to make it, a link to the copy of the slides is in this letter. Parents/carers of year 9 students, remember that yours is coming up in a couple of weeks.

Over the last few weeks you may have become aware of our new Prime Minister making announcements that confirm what we have been saying for years; that school funding has been drastically cut since 2010. He has also stated that schools will be receiving extra funding. It is important that you know that this has not been confirmed and no timescale as to when it will be given. You may also have seen that the government has stated that they wish to increase teacher salaries in order to stop the recruitment crisis we are all currently facing; this may well help after years of little or no pay increases. However, the challenge is that if this is not also funded then we will not be able to reverse the cuts we have had to make already and any extra funding will simply be used to cover the pay increases and not to return the support we have had to remove or to decrease class sizes etc. We will keep you informed if any substantial increases in our funding, to support our students, is received. We thank you for your support in what have been incredibly difficult years for school funding and we hope that you have seen that we continue to provide a clean and safe environment for your children to enjoy their education in.

Finally, thank you to the 100s of you that have said yes to your child helping us at Open Evening next week. Obviously we rely on having each year group full as this maximises our funding and allows us to plan for the number of teachers we will need etc. Therefore, we need our greatest ambassadors – our young people – to show the year 6s why Passmores should be their first choice, but we know that means some inconvenience for you too.

Summer Art Challenge: The Art Department put on a competition over the summer and the uptake was amazing. Congratulations and well done to all students & staff who entered. We had some absolutely fantastic entries. Everyone who entered will get a small prize. We have chosen some winners for the following categories;

Staff Entries: **Mrs Moore**

Year 10: **Zara Man**

Year 9: **Montelle Levy**

Year 8: **Emelia Abbott**

Year 7: **Pedro Pinto**

Most Drawings; **Faye O'Rielly (100 drawings!)**

Best Pencil Drawings; **Hannah Phelan**

Best Paintings: **Cornelia Ambrosi**

Most Creative: **Annie Long**

Cultural Appreciation Day: In order for students to engage with the richness of the English Language, and reading, readers must have the academic and cultural capital to understand the complexities of words, texts and the world around them. On September 26th, Passmores Academy is having its first Cultural Appreciation Day and the theme for this half-term is immigration. Students and staff will be exploring their own cultural heritage and celebrating the cultural heritages of those who have shaped our lives. The Heart Space will contain a giant World Map, where students and staff alike will be invited to label their own cultural heritage. Please speak to your young person about their own cultural heritage, so that can join in this World Map of our community.

Nut Reminder: Can we please remind you that Passmores is a 'nut free' school. We have several children with extreme nut allergies, and it is important that nuts in any form do not come into the building.

Parents' Information Evenings: The slideshows for the recent Parents' Information Evenings for Years 7, 8, 10 and 11 can now be found on the news page of our new website:

Year 7: <https://www.passmoresacademy.com/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=6>

Year 8: <https://www.passmoresacademy.com/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=8>

Year 10: <https://www.passmoresacademy.com/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=5>

Year 11: <https://www.passmoresacademy.com/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=4>

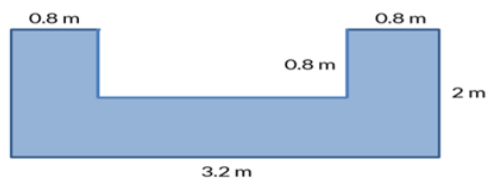
Above and Beyond: Years 7 and 8: The following learners have already completed more than five hours on their SAMLEARNING accounts, seeking out new opportunities to learn about their subjects.

Kwarteng, Abena	8
Clarke, Thomas	8
Helliwell, Olivia	8
Gibb, Bryony	8
Defor, Shalom - Elise	8
Defor, Joel	7
McIntyre, Daisy	8
Atkinson, Sophia	8
Hegarty, Dennis	8
O'Reilly, Faye	8
Hudson-Hamilton, Robert	8
Fountain, Brooke	8
Paterson, Shelby	8
Hayward, Kaisha	8
Jessica Kiddell	7
Cleall, Bobbie	8
Barrett-Prince, Summer	8
May Denton, Archie	7

Netball News: The Year 9 girls under 14 netball team finished runners up in the first round of the National Schools netball competition. They will represent the district in the second round of the National Schools netball tournament which will be held on the 17th November in Colchester. Good luck girls!

Maths Problem of the Week:

A room is going to be covered in carpet tiles.
The tiles measure 40cm by 40cm
A plan of the room is shown below.



A box of 12 tiles costs £35
Single tiles costs £5
What is the cheapest way of covering the floor in carpet tiles?

Maths Solution for last week:

The totals of the rows and columns are shown. Find the values of a, b and c.

a	2a	b	25
2b	a	c	45
c	a	c	45
45	20	50	

a	2a	b	25
2b	a	c	45
c	a	c	45
45	20	50	

5	10	b	25
2b	5	c	45
c	5	c	45
45	20	50	

5	10	10	25
20	5	c	45
c	5	c	45
45	20	50	

$$4a = 20$$
$$a = 5$$

$$b + 15 = 25$$
$$b = 10$$

$$2c + 10 = 50$$
$$c = 20$$

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Forthcoming Events

- Friday 13th September - FOPSA Quiz Night 7pm.
- Thursday 19th September - Open Day/Evening
- Tuesday 24th September - Aspire Day
- Wednesday 25th September - Year 9 Parents information Evening 6.00pm
- Thursday 26th September - Cultural Appreciation Day – Immigration
- Wednesday 23rd October - Post 16 Careers Evening at the Park Inn 4pm – 7pm
- Wednesday 23rd October - Awards Ceremony 6.30pm

Natalie Christie *V. Goddard*

Natalie Christie & Vic Goddard
Co-Principals of Passmores Academy

We Need You!



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- Are you creative?
- Are you a people person?
- Are you looking to add to your CV?

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