



Principals' Letter – Autumn Term 2019 Week ending 18th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

As we enter the tail end of this half term it was great to receive the latest numbers from Ms Edwards, from our English department, regarding the amount of reading that has gone on this half term in Years 7 and 8. If you have been to any Parent Information Evening you will know how important reading is to the success of our young people across all subjects and in life when they leave school. It is widely accepted that reading is the single biggest contributor to a successful academic and working life. We know that there are many jobs that are practical, and you may think 'how does reading help in those jobs?' If we are honest that is a rather outdated view; the world is changing rapidly.

The job market requires people to be much more flexible and adaptable. Which of us knows how many jobs will be affected by the growth of artificial intelligence for example? As manual jobs get increasingly carried out by machines, we need to develop our young people to adapt. Therefore, it was great to see that Year 7 have logged almost 6 million words on the Accelerated Reader Programme and Year 8 4.5million words. This is not the complete picture either as some of our students have not yet successfully completed the quizzes for the books they've read. Well done.

We know that it is not always easy to encourage young people to read but it is simply vital that it happens. The link between the ability to read a variety of texts and understand them and success in GCSEs and beyond is unquestionable. If there is anything we can do to further support you in encouraging your child to read more please let us know.

It is also important to say that through reading we are able to escape into a different world and that is a joy by itself without the other benefits- getting them away from their phones for a while is a good byproduct too!

Restart a Heart Week: This week was Restart A Heart Week. Over 800 students across all year groups learnt how to perform CPR on an adult, child and baby and how to place someone in the recovery position. The idea is to create Passmores Lifesavers. In the UK, the chances of surviving a cardiac arrest are just 1 in 10 – while in some parts of Norway, where children are taught CPR in schools, it's as high as 1 in 4. We want to change this by teaching children the skills and confidence they need to save lives. It has been a great success and all students involved were thoroughly engaged. By creating Passmores Lifesavers, all students know to CALL, PUSH, RESCUE. Three simple steps could mean the difference between life and death.

Introduction of a new Golden Ticket Award for Maths: The Maths department are introducing a new award to recognise students who continually display a positive attitude and approach to their learning within Maths. Every two weeks, all teachers within the department will choose one of their students across all of their classes to award their Golden Ticket. There will be a new focus each fortnight and the students who receive this award will be placed on the Wall of Fame, receive a certificate home and will also receive a mini reward. All students will also be recognised in this newsletter. The first Golden Ticket Award focus will be 'Positive Attitude to Learning'. Students who receive this award need to bring their Golden Ticket to the Maths office afterschool on Friday 25th October to meet Miss Turner for their reward. We are looking forward to celebrating and sharing the success of our students with you.

End World Poverty Day: This week sees The UN inspired End World Poverty Day, and in the next few weeks we are asking students to bring in donations for Harlow Food Bank to help those who find themselves in difficulty. The food bank is based at St Paul's Church, College Square Harlow Town Centre and Salvation Army, Tendring Road if you would like to donate direct.

Gardening Club Award: The gardening club team have recently been awarded their RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) for schools Level 1 and level 2 award. They are currently working on level three building and designing an eco-greenhouse. The students also entered some of their produce into a local allotment show and received a special recommendation for their hard work from the judge. Well done to all those involved.

Drama News: GCSE Drama students in KS4 had a wonderful evening on Wednesday when they shared extracts from the works of John Godber. Pupils performed scenes from Teechers, Bouncers and Shakers. All three plays have a clear social message underpinning their content, despite the apparent light-hearted nature of the material. Audience members were treated to some wonderful use of multi-role from all actors, showing larger than life characters in a variety of locations. Our Teechers cast introduced us to three lively students from Whitewall School, who were in detention (again!) but were enjoying putting together a short play for their new drama teacher.

Our Bouncers cast showed us four lads, out on the town of a weekend. We saw the actors portraying four girls in the first scene at the hairdressers, before getting ready for their night out, this was followed by an instant transition into a barbers scene then following these four likely lads into town where their evening really got going.

The final cast, Shakers, showed us four cocktail waitresses and gave the audience some food for thought on the role and stereotypical expectations of females. This piece, even though it was written in the 80s, still rings true today and the audience left with some interesting thoughts regarding the progress (or lack of?) made over the last 30 years in gender equality. We saw the waitresses juggling family and work commitments, as well as tolerating the boss's new ideas on a suitable uniform.

Supporting the performers were the Technical Theatre Club; dedicated pupils in Years 7 and 8 ran lights and sound for the evening, helping the cast create a variety of places on stage including a busy bar, a dark alley and even a toilet!

The rehearsal process for this event started only about 5 weeks ago. All pupils involved really got the chance to show what excellent learners they are by being able to turn around entertaining material and quality theatre design in such a short time period. We can't wait to see what they will achieve by the time we do our next Excellence Club Showcase in April! Make sure you don't miss out on experiencing some fantastic work by outstanding students and get your seats next time!

Upcoming Sports Fixtures:

Monday 21st Year 9 Rugby	- away to Joyce Frankland 3.00pm
Tuesday 22nd Year 9 Essex Cup Football	- home to Burnt Mill 3.30pm
Monday 21st Year 7 boys football	- away to Roding Valley.

Sports News: The Year 8 football team has progressed through to the next round after wins in the English Schools and Essex cups. We had a win against City Heights EACT Academy (their team had to concede the fixture to us) at the English Schools Cup. We also had a win against KEGS. 3-2 after extra time. Well done to everyone involved.

Post 16 Opportunities: Stansted Airport College has their Open Event on Saturday 19th October, 10am-2pm.

HOUSE WARMING: Here are the top 20 students for collecting Passmores Points in each house, after seven weeks.

DRAGON

Evie Matthews	D9 TBT	303	Year 10
Ashlea Gates	D9 TBT	295	Year 7
Eloisa Bellamy	D4 BPS	291	Year 7
Megan Norris	D7 ALL	278	Year 7
Aaron Bhunjun	D3 JSO	277	Year 8
Freya Nash	D6 HTR	274	Year 7
Harry New	D1 MHT	269	Year 7
Jamie Scott	11D2JPLACM	266	Year 11
Reece Fenton	D5 EJM	265	Year 7
Brooke Pugh	D5 EJM	262	Year 7
Eduard Turcu	D4 BPS	259	Year 8
Evie Rocha	D4 BPS	259	Year 7
Haydn Kearney	D3 JSO	254	Year 7
Sian Kearney	D3 JSO	254	Year 10
Lola Clark	D9 TBT	249	Year 7
Reece Malyon	D1 MHT	248	Year 7
Alex Pickering	D9 TBT	247	Year 7
Kallie Jackson	D3 JSO	247	Year 7
Lacey Dedman	D4 BPS	242	Year 7
Tamara Khabbازه	D3 JSO	241	Year 7
Ronny Bostock	D4 BPS	241	Year 7

GRIFFIN

Maria Thira	G7 PWN	394	Year 8
Emelia Abbott	G1 MTR	336	Year 8
Mitch Ward	G6 JKG	322	Year 7
Emma Connell	G4 VNS	309	Year 7
Shelby Paterson	G8 DDE	291	Year 8
Amy Kenway	G5 KFS	290	Year 7
William Forde	G4 VNS	280	Year 7
Daisy Hooker	G3 SHO	272	Year 9
Callum Burch	G7 PWN	268	Year 7
Maicey Collins	G6 JKG	264	Year 7
Lucy Clay	G1 MTR	263	Year 8
Lily Quigley	G4 VNS	261	Year 8
Oliver Matthews	G4 VNS	253	Year 7
Louise Matlock-Jeffery	G3 SHO	250	Year 7
Renea Coppeard	G4 VNS	244	Year 7
Bailey Pearce	G1 MTR	242	Year 7
Tristan Thira	G7 PWN	241	Year 7
Ruby Guinness	G6 JKG	241	Year 7
Grace Evans	G3 SHO	239	Year 10
Bailey Palmer	G7 PWN	231	Year 9

LION

Daisy Burbeck	L5 ROH	320	Year 7
Amy Bryson	L4 KJR	309	Year 7
Maheen Anwar	L7 AFY	288	Year 7
Erin Murphy	L2 ABM	287	Year 7
Selene Virga	L2 ABM	285	Year 7
Gracie Morris	L1 SGR	268	Year 7
Niamh Warman	L2 ABM	266	Year 7
Jessica Richards	L6 JSD	264	Year 9
Marcus De Freitas Sousa	L2 ABM	258	Year 8
Demi Pite	L6 JSD	258	Year 7
Louise Lai	L2 ABM	255	Year 8
Adam Filipek	L3 RAD	243	Year 8
Toby Palmer	L4 KJR	242	Year 8
Molly Watson	L3 RAD	241	Year 9
Archie May-Denton	L6 JSD	238	Year 7
Faith Horn	L2 ABM	238	Year 7
James Evans	L8 GMR	238	Year 7
Caitlyn Daly	L3 RAD	237	Year 7
Sienna Mensah	L6 JSD	236	Year 7
Lucy Martin	L3 RAD	236	Year 7

UNICORN

Alyssa Crandle	U4 AHN	295	Year 7
Grace Stevens	U1 ARO	277	Year 7
Emaan Baig	U1 ARO	276	Year 8
Mia Fuller	U5 ASA	264	Year 7
Dylan Hammond	U8 SWT	256	Year 8
Elizabeth Chung	U3 AMT	253	Year 7
Josh Sanderson	U8 SWT	251	Year 8
Huey Lai	U8 SWT	250	Year 7
Blaze Hibbert	U8 SWT	248	Year 7
Dixie Hughes	U5 ASA	238	Year 8
Millie Humphries	U2 ACK	234	Year 7
Fin Tovell	U9 CFR	232	Year 7

Shay Woolmore	U6 THR	231	Year 7
Angel Boorman	U9 CFR	227	Year 7
Daisy McIntyre	U7 DME	226	Year 8
Jayden Almond	U2 ACK	226	Year 7
Sonny Brooks	U1 ARO	222	Year 7
Karys Bailey	U8 SWT	222	Year 7
Cade Ford	U1 ARO	216	Year 9
Amelia Wator	U6 THR	216	Year 7
Siobhan Bingham	11U2 CFY	216	Year 11

Maths Problem of the Week:

Alex, Bella and Cary divide a prize in the ratio $x : x + 1 : 3x$ respectively.

If Cary gets £24 more than Alex, how much money did Bella get?

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Maths Solution for last week:

	Maximum angle of elevation	Maximum length of the ladder
LADDER A	70°	4 m
LADDER B	67°	4.2 m

Which ladder can reach the highest up a vertical wall?
What is the difference in the heights reached (in cm)?

Ladder A **Ladder B**
Height = $4 \times \sin 70^\circ$ **Height = $4.2 \times \sin 67^\circ$**
= 3.76 m **= 3.87 m**

Ladder B reaches the highest by 11 cm
 $387 - 376 = 11$ cm

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Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 23 rd October	-	Post 16 Careers Evening at the Park Inn 4pm – 7pm
Wednesday 23 rd October	-	Awards Ceremony 6.30pm for a 7pm start
Monday 21 st October at 6pm	-	The Friends of Passmores (PTA) Annual General Meeting
28 th October to 1 st November	-	Half term

Forthcoming House Events

Tuesday 26th November	-	House Event Year 8, Lunch B, Short Tennis
Tuesday 26th November	-	House Staff Event - short tennis, afterschool
Wednesday 27 th November	-	House Event Year 7 , Lunch A, Short Tennis
Tuesday 3rd December	-	House Event Year 11, Netball and Rugby, afterschool
Wednesday 4th December	-	House Event Year 10, Lunch A, Short Tennis
Thursday 5th December	-	House Event Year 9, Lunch B, Short Tennis

Natalie Christie *Vic Goddard*

Natalie Christie & Vic Goddard
Co-Principals of Passmores Academy

Harlow College

Astronomy Club

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promoting physics

An Astronomy Club will be run at Harlow College from **6th November 2019** and run every **term time Wednesday evening from 5:00-6:30pm** until **March 2020**

Students from Harlow College and Yr10 & 11 pupils from local secondary schools are all welcome. The club will take place at Harlow College in the science department.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Harlow College by telephone 01279 868211 or email centraladmin@harlow-college.ac.uk or arosier@harlow-college.ac.uk



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OPEN EVENT

Saturday 19th October 10am - 2pm
at Stansted Airport College

Year 9 & 10 are also welcome!

Entry is by pre-booked ticket only.
Book your ticket/s at: www.stanstedairportcollege.ac.uk



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JOINT POST 16 CAREERS EVENT



WHO
YEARS 10 & 11

WHEN
Wednesday
23rd October
4pm - 6.30pm

WHERE
The Harlow
Hotel
Southern Way,
Harlow,
CM18 7BA



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