



Principals' Letter – Autumn Term 2019 Week ending 25th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

The last week of this 8 week half term has been just as busy as every other! The highlight of the week was undoubtedly the annual Awards Evening. It is great to see so many young people, and their families, present to receive the recognition they deserve for their hard work. We know it can sometimes feel like a long evening when your child is getting one award from the dozens that are given out. However, the message it sends to our children is that they belong in an atmosphere of high achievement (which is why some of us wear academic dress for the night) and that we and you are proud of them. We find that too many of our young people struggle with their self-confidence, especially when academic life gets harder, so we want them to see other students' achievements, as well as celebrating their own, to reinforce that anything is possible with the right amount of effort and support. Thank you to those families that were able to attend to show that, as a very large extended family, achievement at school is really important and that we will celebrate it together.

This is a quick reminder that your young person has access to 1000s of hours' worth of online learning and support (Hegarty Maths, SAM Learning, Tassomai etc) so if they are at a loose end over half term they could always recap some of the work they have done this term; remember that the best way to move knowledge from short term memory to long term memory is to revisit the learning regularly.

We hope that you have a healthy and stress-free half term and can find some time to spend together during the break.

Halloween & Bonfire Night Safety: With Halloween and bonfire night taking place during half-term, the fire service recently came into school to talk to year 7 about the dangers of fireworks. In addition, they also spoke about anti-social behaviour during both events and gave the students some excellent advice about how to conduct themselves when trick or treating, and what they needed to do to keep safe on bonfire night. Their main message for bonfire night was not to see fireworks as a toy, but as an explosive material, and if they wanted to see a display go down to Harlow Town park where there is a well organised and safe display. They were reminded that Halloween is a particularly busy night for the police and that anti-social behaviour is a crime.

Breakfast Club Award: The school was approached via email a few weeks ago by Kellogg's Breakfast Club Awards asking about our Breakfast club. When asked what makes us different the staff said: "We are a small breakfast club and cater to those who may be struggling emotionally, socially and even financially. We aim to give them some structure, routine and a caring environment where we are part of a family working together. Everyone treats everyone with respect and joins in to help each other out in the mornings." We have now been shortlisted as the Best Breakfast club in the East of England!! The winner will be announced next Monday and the winner receives £1000. Good luck to the breakfast club.

Cricket Success: We have received news that both **William Forde** and **James Forde** were recognised in the end of season cricket presentations for Harlow Cricket Club at the beginning of October. Both boys helped their age group teams win the cup and league doubles and both were awarded player of the year trophies. James was also awarded players' player and manager's player of the year trophies for U13s. He also received a Jack Petchey Award for achievement and he got his name recorded at the Lord's Taverners Award Hall of Fame for scoring his first century. He has also successfully been awarded the Herts and Essex Cricket League U18 Player 2019 and highest run scorer for the season, for playing in the Harlow Cricket Club Seniors 5XI. Well done boys, fantastic achievements.

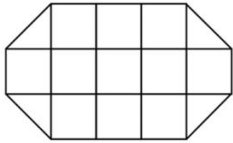
Post 16 Careers Evening at the Harlow Hotel: On Wednesday 23rd October Passmores and Stewards hosted their annual Post 16 Careers Evening at the Harlow Hotel. It was a really successful evening and it was great to see so many Year 11 and some Year 10 students at the event looking at all the opportunities available to them post Passmores.

TOP OF THE LEAGUE: After eight weeks of the school year (we have actually had 1/5 of our time despite there being 6 terms) we are delighted to announce that the following students comprise the top fifty Passmores Points earners at this key point. With 17 students on the list, the Dragons will be cheering. But there is still the bulk of the school year left to go, so this competition is far from over:

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| Maria Thira | G7 PWN | 456 | Year 8 | Griffin |
| Emelia Abbott | G1 MTR | 410 | Year 8 | Griffin |
| Daisy Burbeck | L5 ROH | 370 | Year 7 | Lion |
| Mitch Ward | G6 JKG | 363 | Year 7 | Griffin |
| Amy Bryson | L4 KJR | 354 | Year 7 | Lion |
| Evie Matthews | D9 TBT | 353 | Year 10 | Dragon |
| Ashlea Gates | D9 TBT | 344 | Year 7 | Dragon |
| Amy Kenway | G5 KFS | 342 | Year 7 | Griffin |
| Emma Connell | G4 VNS | 341 | Year 7 | Griffin |
| Freddie Hardie | 11L1 DES | 338 | Year 11 | Lion |
| Eloisa Bellamy | D4 BPS | 335 | Year 7 | Dragon |
| Maheen Anwar | L7 AFY | 334 | Year 7 | Lion |
| Selene Virga | L2 ABM | 331 | Year 7 | Lion |
| William Forde | G4 VNS | 330 | Year 7 | Griffin |
| Alyssa Crandle | U4 AHN | 326 | Year 7 | Unicorn |
| Aaron Bhunjun | D3 JSO | 325 | Year 8 | Dragon |
| Erin Murphy | L2 ABM | 323 | Year 7 | Lion |
| Shelby Paterson | G8 DDE | 322 | Year 8 | Griffin |
| Dylan Hammond | U8 SWT | 322 | Year 8 | Unicorn |
| Lucy Clay | G1 MTR | 322 | Year 8 | Griffin |
| Freya Nash | D6 HTR | 319 | Year 7 | Dragon |
| Sian Kearney | D3 JSO | 316 | Year 10 | Dragon |
| Daisy Hooker | G3 SHO | 311 | Year 9 | Griffin |
| Emaan Baig | U1 ARO | 311 | Year 8 | Unicorn |
| Grace Stevens | U1 ARO | 311 | Year 7 | Unicorn |
| Mia Fuller | U5 ASA | 308 | Year 7 | Unicorn |
| Megan Norris | D7 ALL | 306 | Year 7 | Dragon |
| Adam Filipek | L3 RAD | 305 | Year 8 | Lion |
| Brooke Pugh | D5 EJN | 304 | Year 7 | Dragon |
| Louise Matlock-Jeffery | G3 SHO | 304 | Year 7 | Griffin |
| Marcus De Freitas Sousa | L2 ABM | 303 | Year 8 | Lion |
| Jamie Scott | 11D2JPLACM | 303 | Year 11 | Dragon |
| Jessica Richards | L6 JSD | 302 | Year 9 | Lion |
| Louise Lai | L2 ABM | 302 | Year 8 | Lion |
| Reece Fenton | D5 EJN | 299 | Year 7 | Dragon |
| Callum Burch | G7 PWN | 299 | Year 7 | Griffin |
| Lily Quigley | G4 VNS | 298 | Year 8 | Griffin |
| Niamh Warman | L2 ABM | 297 | Year 7 | Lion |
| Karys Bailey | U8 SWT | 297 | Year 7 | Unicorn |
| Josh Sanderson | U8 SWT | 296 | Year 8 | Unicorn |
| Gracie Morris | L1 SGR | 296 | Year 7 | Lion |
| Lola Clark | D9 TBT | 296 | Year 7 | Dragon |
| Leah Martin | 11U2 CFY | 295 | Year 11 | Unicorn |
| Eduard Turcu | D4 BPS | 294 | Year 8 | Dragon |
| Alex Pickering | D9 TBT | 293 | Year 7 | Dragon |

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| Harry New | D1 MHT | 292 | Year 7 | Dragon |
| Maicey Collins | G6 JKG | 292 | Year 7 | Griffin |
| Reece Malyon | D1 MHT | 291 | Year 7 | Dragon |
| Evie Rocha | D4 BPS | 290 | Year 7 | Dragon |
| Haydn Kearney | D3 JSO | 290 | Year 7 | Dragon |

Maths Problem of the Week:



The patio shown above is to be made with 13 square paving slabs each with side length 0.8 m. It will be edged using edging costing £9.40 per metre.

If the paving slabs cost £5.50 each work out the total cost of the slabs and paving.

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Maths Solution for last 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?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cary} - \text{Alex} &= 3x - x \\ &= 2x \\ 2x &= \text{£}24 \\ x &= \text{£}12 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Bella } (x + 1) = \text{£}12 + 1 = \text{£}13$$

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Forthcoming Events

28th October to 1st November - Half term

Forthcoming House Events

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| 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 |



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