



Principals' Letter – Autumn Term 2019 Week ending 8th November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

How lovely to see so many parents and young people at our Year 7 Social Evening on Wednesday, what a great way to start this half term. Your feedback and engagement is really appreciated. For you all, there are still so many surprises and opportunities ahead. For our Year 11s, the time has arrived again to prepare and practice for their GCSEs exams as they start their mocks on Monday. These two weeks are intense and we wish them well but more importantly we encourage them to use the support mechanisms available at home and school. Revision is crucial but so is the space and time to self-regulate and nothing is more important than sleep.

Health & Safety Reminder: Can we remind everyone that aerosols of any kind are not permitted in the school. This follows some potentially serious asthma attacks resulting from the use of sprays. We really appreciate everyone's co-operation in this matter, but, as you will understand, the health and safety of everyone in the building is of vital importance. On this note, can we also remind you that we are a nut-free school so please remember to respect this health and safety protocol as well.

Energy Drinks: We are seeing an increase in the number of energy drinks being bought into school. Can we remind students and parents/carers that energy drinks such as Red Bull, Monster and Lucozade etc are not permitted on site and that, if they are seen, they will be confiscated. Thank you again for your support and understanding.

Post-16 Careers Event: On Wednesday 23rd October, we jointly hosted a careers fair with Stewards Academy at the Harlow Hotel. The evening was a real success with lots of students and parents attending to find out more about the opportunities open to young people locally after Year 11. Representatives from all the local colleges and sixth forms attended and were really impressed with our students and the questions they were asking. We also had some employers including Princess Alexandra Hospital and Stansted Airport advertising the vast range of employment opportunities within their sectors, and local training providers who offer a wide range of apprenticeships, including Sporting Futures, Aim Apprenticeships and Harlow Hairdressing Training Academy. The feedback from students and parents was very positive:

"It was a great event, very informative and helpful"

"We spoke to a range of providers and were able to ask lots of questions about their provision"

The exhibitors were really pleased with the number of students who came with their parents and felt the event was well organised, welcoming and a great opportunity for students to access lots of careers information under one roof! All our year 11 students had the opportunity to speak to our Careers Adviser, Mrs Kay, in a 1:1 guidance appointment prior to the event and were all encouraged to attend. Mrs Kay is available on Wednesdays and Thursdays; you can contact her by email on j.kay@passmoresacademy.com if you have any questions following this event.

Shakespeare School Festival: Yesterday, our Year 10 GCSE Drama class attended the Playhouse to perform their version of A Midsummer Night's Dream as part of The Shakespeare Schools Festival (SSF). The cast performed alongside two other schools – Stewards Academy (KS3 & KS4) and Roydon Primary School, who performed Hamlet, The Taming of the Shrew and Romeo and Juliet. All four plays were met with huge rounds of applause and the talent and the commitment to learning such difficult dialogue was commended.

Despite their nerves at being on such a big stage, the Year 10 students were professional and enthusiastic, earning them some lovely feedback from an SSF professional director. She stated that their production was “a creative, fun and immersive performance from a playful cast”. She commented on the great use of music, props and costumes and the comic timing that could be seen throughout. Well done to all involved.

Reader Leaders: A huge congratulations to **David Griffiths**, **Abena Kwarteng** and **Aimee Hardings** for being the first three students to complete this term’s bookmark challenge. Each of them has added 315 new words to their vocabulary and been tested to prove that they have stuck in their memory. Students are rewarded with 10 Passmores Points for each completed bookmark (45 words) and these three have completed a whole rainbow of them, earning themselves 70 Passmores Points into the bargain. **Lion** (David and Abena’s) and **Unicorn** (Aimee’s) House will be thrilled with them!

Year 7,8 & 9 Disco: Next Wednesday 13th November, we will be holding our annual disco from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. Tickets are now on sale for £3. Money and consent forms need to be handed to student services as soon as possible. Students are invited to wear fancy dress and prizes will be awarded for the best costume in each year group. We will also have dance competitions throughout the night, where prizes and treats can be won. In addition, Friends of Passmores will be selling refreshments.

Book Plea: With Christmas coming, it is the perfect time for a bit of a clear out. If you have any books that you would like to get rid of, please pass them to the English department who are always looking for interesting reads suitable for our young readers to fill the library with. All donations can be made to the English office or to any English teacher.

Remembrance: Monday 11th November will see the country fall silent at 11 a.m. to remember those service personnel who have sacrificed their life for our country since the First World War. The Poppy Appeal first started in Shipston in 1921 and has come to symbolise the annual fundraising event organised by the Royal British Legion. Their work revolves around offering and providing support for ex-service personnel who may have physical or mental disabilities resulting from their time in the armed services. They also provide help for families who have also been affected by the loss, or injury of a loved one. Helping with this important cause is easy, all you need to do is buy a poppy and observe the one-minute silence on Monday for the fallen. 

District Cross Country Competition: Over 64 pupils represented Passmores at the annual District Cross Country Competition held at Burnt Mill last week. Twelve schools took part and Passmores finished in 2nd place overall. We had some fantastic team and individual achievements. The Year 7 boys team finished 3rd overall and the Year 7 girls team finished 2nd overall. The Year 8 & 9 boys team finished 4th and the Year 8 & 9 girls finished 5th overall. The Year 10 & 11 boys finished won their tournament and the Year 10 & 11 girls finished 3rd overall. A huge well done to all the students who took part in the race, you did Passmores proud! A special mention goes to **Jack Cotton** and **Tyler Jackson** for finishing 1st and 2nd individually in the 10 & 11 boys’ race.

AND THEY’RE OFF: Making a perfect start to half-term 2 are the following students who have all earned stacks of Passmores Points this week, showing that they mean business!

Molly Watson	59	Amity Mignot	42
Jedd Taylor	57	Dayton Keeble	42
Ronay Koker	55	Emelia Abbott	42
Kieran Hudson	53	Jack Mascal	42
Mileina Kazlauskaite	51	Abigail Seymour	41
Helin Bozkurt	50	Emma Galvin	41
Grace Kearns	49	Lily Quigley	41
Alexandra Coats	47	Bailey Palmer	40
Adam Filipek	46	Chloe Stuart	40
Joshua Brown D1	46	Don Berdy Luzitu	40
Cameron Airlie	45	Kaiyah Hunt	40
Daisy Cleverdon	44	Arina Potraite	39
Madeline Bailey	44	Ellie Barnard	39
Alfie Bradley	43	Indie Denton Purl	39
Harrison Meadows	43	Macie Brittain	39
Lucy Dolling	43	Madison Radford	39
Maddi Foster	43	Selin Bozkurt	39
Madison Gordon-Irons	43		

Year 11 – Open Events:

Writtle College

Epping St Johns Sixth Form

The Bishops Stortford High School

Birchwood Sixth Form

Joyce Frankland Academy

Presdales Sixth Form

New City College, Epping Forest Campus

Hockerill Anglo European Sixth Form

Saturday 9th November 10am-1pm

Tuesday 12th November 6pm-9pm

Wednesday 13th November 5.30pm-8.30pm

Thursday 14th November 5.30pm-8pm

Thurs 14th November 6pm

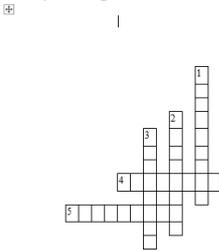
Thurs 14th November 7pm-9pm

Saturday 16th November 11am-3pm

Saturday 16th November, registration from 8.30am, presentation at 9.00am

English Puzzles:

Key Stage 4 - Literature



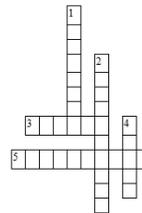
Across

4 Existing in material or physical form, ex. Stones
5 Concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty

Down

1 To give a sketchy outline- to disclose partially or guardedly
2 Existing in thought or as an idea but not having a physical existence
3 Figure of speech in form of a hyperbole taken to such extreme lengths insinuating complete impossibility

Year 7 - A Christmas Carol



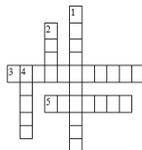
Across

3 (n.) to make up for something
5 (n.) a ghost or ghost-like image of someone

Down

1 (n.) a word or phrase used to refer to something else, without explicitly referring to it
2 (adj.) indicating or suggesting that someone has done something wrong
4 (n.) a place of residence; a house, a home

Year 8 - Short Stories



Across

3 the main character in a piece of literature
5 a character who changes throughout the story

Down

1 a person or thing who opposes the protagonist
2 a character with only one or two traits; a character with no depth
4 a character with many different character traits, which sometimes contradict on another

Maths Golden Ticket: Congratulations to the first winners of the Maths Golden Ticket Award. The bi-weekly focus was 'Positive Attitude to Learning.' The winners who received a reward and will appear on our Wall of Fame are:

Alex Pickering
Connie Robinson
Ryley O'Grady
Abi Pike

Grace Williams
Dylan Hammond
George Franks

Ruby Hawsworth
Adam Harvey
Alexander Cleverdon

Sasha-Rae Newnham
Baylea-Mae Bryant
Grace Griffiths

Maths Problem of the Week:

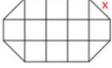
Mr Drake asked his class how many cats and dogs they own.

The results are shown in the two way table.

		Number of dogs			
		0	1	2	3
Number of cats	0	8	2	2	1
	1	3	4	0	0
	2	2	1	1	0
	3	0	1	0	0

How many dogs do the class own?

Maths Solution for last 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.

Perimeter $0.8^2 + 0.8^2 = x^2$ $x = 1.131 \text{ m}$	Cost of slabs 13 slabs @ £5.50 = £71.50
Total = $4 \times 1.131 + 8 \times 0.8$ = 103.924 m	Cost of edging $10.924 \times £9.40$ = 102.69
Total cost = £174.19	

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Book Review of the Week: Ms Szpakowska's book review: His Dark Materials by Phillip Pullman.

Have you ever wondered what your soul would look like if you could see it? In Phillip Pullman's His Dark Materials, he creates an alternative universe where everyone's soul travels with them as an animal- their daemon.

Set in Oxford, in this parallel world, this trilogy of books follows the adventures of tom-boy Lyra Belaqua and her daemon, Pantalaimon. The first book tracks Lyra's journey to the north to save her friend, Roger, and other children who have been kidnapped by the gobblers! Along the way, she travels with the gyptians, rides an armoured polar bear and fights the authoritarian Magisterium who are trying to separate children and their deamons.

Books two and three see Lyra's life cross with that of Will, a young man from the world we recognise as our own.

Though these books are aimed at teenagers, I read these books as an adult and absolutely loved them. Phillip Pullman's ability to create a convincing alternative world and the strong female lead were things I really enjoyed about this series of books.

What's even better is that Phillip Pullman has also released a prequel and a sequel to the "His Dark Materials " series called the "Dust" series. These books are more adult in tone but contain the same characters from the original books.

The BBC are currently showing an adaptation of this series on Sundays at 8pm and it's a lovely family watch which has been faithful to the books. I would wholeheartedly recommend both the books and the television series to young people and adults alike!

Student Book Review of the Week by Melissa McCall in Year 10:

After reading the first Harry Potter book in September, I knew I wanted to read the next one. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets begins with Harry's second year at Hogwarts. After a terrible summer with the Dursley's, he returns for more adventures with Hermione and Ron at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Harry and his friends find that people are beginning to be petrified around the school. This means that they have been frightened stiff and are unable to move. We aren't sure what is causing this but as always Harry and his friends are on the case. Voldemort is obviously involved but we aren't sure how until the very end. As always, Snape is a prime suspect but with some new characters in the mix we really don't know who is to blame.

I'd recommend this book for those students, and adults, who enjoy magic and adventure stories. I know these books are usually for children, but I know lots of adults who love to read them.

Sports Fixtures:

Monday 11th November - Year 7 boys' football (national cup) at home, 2pm kick off.

Thursday 14th November - Year 7 girls' football at home, 4pm.

Friday 15th November - Primary school football festival on the Astro from 9.30am.

Forthcoming Events

11 th – 22 nd November	-	Year 11 Mocks
Wednesday 13 th November	-	KS3 Disco 6pm – 8pm
Wednesday 27 th November	-	Year 11 Inspector Calls Film Night 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 28 th November	-	Cultural Appreciation Day – Religion
Friday 29 th November	-	INSET DAY
Monday 2 nd December	-	Christmas Lunch – Year 11
Tuesday 3 rd December	-	Christmas Lunch – Year 10
Wednesday 4 th December	-	Christmas Lunch – Year 9
Thursday 5 th December	-	Christmas Lunch – Year 8
Friday 6 th December	-	Christmas Lunch – Year 7
Friday 6 th December	-	FOPS Xmas Fayre 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Wednesday 11 th December	-	Technology Winter Showcase Years 7-10 - 5.30pm to 7.00pm
Thursday 12 th December	-	ASPIRE DAY
Friday 13 th December	-	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 th December	-	Passmores Christmas Concert 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Friday 20 th December	-	Early Closure for students for Christmas – 1.25pm
Tuesday 7 th January 2020	-	Spring Term starts.
Wednesday 8 th January 2020	-	Year 11 Parent's Evening

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 *V. Goddard*

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- This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain a certificate with the countries leading private provider for teacher training.
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- If you are interested please see Mr Walsh or email him on g.walsh@passmoresacademy.com

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