



Principals' Letter – Autumn Term 2019 Week ending 15th November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers



Our week began with all of us coming together in the heart space at 11.00am to commemorate Remembrance Day. Joined by Andi Harrod who played The Last Post and Reveille, a sombre and respectful calm fell within the building as we all observed the two-minute silence. As we all honoured those who serve and have served to defend our democratic freedoms, we also reflected on those things for which we are thankful for.

Children in Need:

Students in English prepared for Children in Need by writing their own Pudsey 'Thankful Notes'. Above are some examples of the beautiful notes of gratefulness. A truly humbling experience for all staff involved.



I am thankful for my health; I am thankful for being alive; I am thankful for the support I received at the hospital; I am thankful for my friends; I am thankful for women's rights; I am thankful and grateful for the roof I have over my head; I am thankful for my house, friends and dog; I am grateful for shops; I am thankful for my mum; I am thankful for food; I am thankful for my education; I am thankful for not having an illness; I am thankful for people accepting me for who I am; I am thankful for my family always being there for me; I am thankful for the love I have for others.

Just One Tree Charity Day: Next Friday is a non-uniform day to raise money for the environmental charity 'Just One Tree'. The money raised will be used to plant trees across the UK to offset people's carbon footprint, as well as to raise the issue of global warming. The cost of wearing non-uniform (something green would be appropriate) is £1 which is the approx. amount needed to plant one tree.

World Book Day Competition: On the World Book Day website there is a competition to design a Christmas Book Cover. The closing date is 1st December. If any student is interested, please follow the link below.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/2019/11/design-a-christmas-book-cover/>

Geography Thames Barrier Trip: 70 Year 7 geographers visited London's Thames Barrier in Woolwich on Friday's Aspire day. They saw first-hand how the Thames Barrier controlled tidal surges and protects London from severe flood risk. As well as the technical aspects, they also considered how important the river Thames is for London's industry and its wetland wildlife. A great introduction to our new Year 7 unit of 'rivers'.

Harlow College Taster Day: On Friday 8th November all our Year 9 students went to Harlow College for a Taster session in a course that they offer Post 16. The students took part in many different activities: bricklaying, plumbing, hospitality, computing, gaming, art & design, beauty, hairdressing & barbering plus many more. The day was a great success and tutors from the college could not praise the students enough.

Sports Achievement: Charlie Nunn in Year 10 entered the international CrossFit games for U15s representing CrossFit Raeda and England. In order to qualify Charlie had to complete five strenuous work-outs and had to come in the top 200 in the world to qualify for the online qualifiers. Charlie achieved 111th in the world and 2nd in the United Kingdom out of over 1060 competitors. The online qualifiers start in March next year which will include another five work-outs competing against the top competitors in the world. Charlie is currently in training alongside playing rugby for the Player Development Group (Essex 1st team) and has entered the European Cross Fit Championship that takes place in Colchester in the new year. We are very proud of Charlie's successes and wish him all the best! Charlie said, "I am extremely proud to represent Passmores Academy and Harlow town" We are backing Charlie all the way as he continues to improve upon his best.

Netball News: Wishing the Year 9 and Senior netball teams the best of luck representing the School and the District in the Regional Round of the National Netball Tournament in Colchester on Sunday! Good luck girls!!

Year 9 Team

Molly Watson
Grace Kearns ©
Kacey Butler
Evie Haley
Tia Burt
Ruby Cowan
Mileina Kazlauskaite
Macey Prosser

Senior Team

Sian Kearney
Mae Slaney
Megan Downton
Amy McMahon
Jessica Turner
Ruby Dance-Bishop
Grace Evans
Jade Maxwell
Joyce Luzitu

Focus on Dragon House Achievement: Each week for the next four weeks we will look at one house at a time. This week we have the Top Thirty Passmores Points earners in Dragon House so far this year:

Evie Matthews	D9 TBT	422	Year 10	Dragon
Ashlea Gates	D9 TBT	410	Year 7	Dragon
Eloisa Bellamy	D4 BPS	410	Year 7	Dragon
Sian Kearney	D3 JSO	407	Year 10	Dragon
Freya Nash	D6 HTR	405	Year 7	Dragon
Aaron Bhunjun	D3 JSO	402	Year 8	Dragon
Megan Norris	D7 ALL	380	Year 7	Dragon
Brooke Pugh	D5 EJM	379	Year 7	Dragon
Misty Eren	D7 ALL	377	Year 8	Dragon
Lola Clark	D9 TBT	376	Year 7	Dragon
Eduard Turcu	D4 BPS	371	Year 8	Dragon
Alex Pickering	D9 TBT	368	Year 7	Dragon
Reece Fenton	D5 EJM	367	Year 7	Dragon
Harry New	D1 MHT	363	Year 7	Dragon
Lacey Dedman	D4 BPS	361	Year 7	Dragon
Evie Rocha	D4 BPS	357	Year 7	Dragon
Maddie Kimble	D3 JSO	352	Year 7	Dragon
Kallie Jackson	D3 JSO	351	Year 7	Dragon

Ronny Bostock	D4 BPS	347	Year 7	Dragon
Oliver Enderson	D5 EJM	343	Year 7	Dragon
Joe Savage	D4 BPS	339	Year 8	Dragon
Reece Malyon	D1 MHT	337	Year 7	Dragon
Jamie Scott	11D2JPLACM	337	Year 11	Dragon
Riley Dedman	D4 BPS	336	Year 7	Dragon
Charlie Golding	D8 MBY	331	Year 8	Dragon
Tamara Khabbازه	D3 JSO	329	Year 7	Dragon
Haydn Kearney	D3 JSO	329	Year 7	Dragon
Jade Maxwell	D8 MBY	326	Year 10	Dragon
Michael Anfom	D7 ALL	321	Year 8	Dragon

Year 11 – Open Events:

New City College, Epping Forest Campus
Hockerill Anglo European Sixth Form

Saturday 16th November 11am-3pm

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

English Puzzles:

Year 7 - A Christmas Carol

O H Q U A Q J U L P
R W L J Y C B M F G
V J F I R M Q P H E
A R X R V Q T O Z K
X M Z R I O S P B P
Q B Z I M T I Q U B
C H A R I T A B L E
S T C R A T C H I T
E B E N E Z E R D G
D I C K E N S T F H

ghost Ebenezer Dickens Cratchit
charitable

Year 8 - Short Stories

Y E E V R K R Q E E
R J Q S E T T I N G
O D J Y R U O I S P
T E N O T L F S D S
S P R O S E V I Q U
T C X D L Y T P N S
R Z B Q J J H C S G
O P K C G E E O B O
H J O I S B M O X F
S L D T N D E X R B

setting theme tone prose
short story

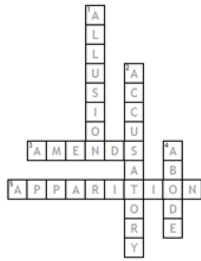
Key Stage Four - Literature (Macbeth)

I L A R U T A N R E P U S S E J K
A J C V B X Q H C T Y S T G H C E
I P E P U V U O N G R K K H O B I
X J C M V N A M R I P A M L L L P
O X Q F F M C S A H M S G D Y X U
E G X N W F J J I Q F O U E Q F C
B W C Q M T M E Z K N D W O D E J
I R Y B W A G A H V M J O G D Y T
N P I Z C Q C H T O C P V I V H F
B X M B X B K A M Q G S C R S Q Q
I Y E O A V B X J V O I A P O P J
Z T Y E C R K U D B G A V C B A Y
H H P C K M O L N E H S A A C I E
W I S O Y E Y P R A C I S R J M Y
L E K A W I S B T A B W G N I C X
A S Q A P L R H S S E N D A M Y V
H V W Z A P F N G A L F Y C R H E

Macbeth tragedy regicide supernatural
madness

English Puzzles Answers from last week:

Year 7 - A Christmas Carol



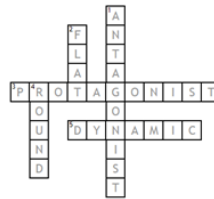
Across

- 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



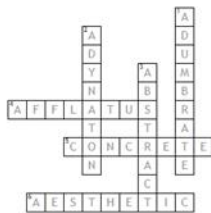
Across

- 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

Key Stage 4 - Literature



Across

- 4. A divine creative impulse or inspiration
- 5. Existing in material or physical form, ex. Stones
- 6. Concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty

Down

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

Maths Problem of the Week:

Paul invests £4500 in an account for 2 years. The account pays 3.2% compound interest per annum. Paul has to pay 20% tax on the interest earned each year. The tax is taken from the account at the end of each year.

Paul thinks that at the end of the 2 years he will have at least £4700 in this account. Is Paul correct? Show all your working.

Maths Solution for last week:

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Foundation & Higher

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?

$$8 \times 1 + 3 \times 2 + 2 \times 1 + 0 \times 3 = 17 \text{ dogs}$$

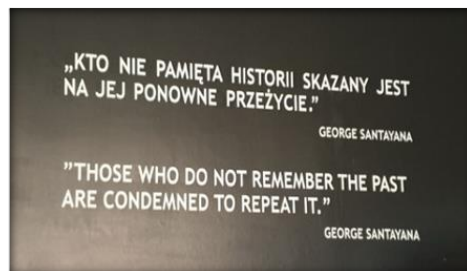
Book Reviews:

***The Tattoo of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris - a true tale of survival and love.
By, Maria Gladen**

The book was given to me by my mother, proclaiming it to be, "One of the best books she has ever read" (she says this a lot, bearing in mind that she is now retired and seemingly just reads). I took it dubiously from her as I was fancying a more lighthearted read, as the Autumnal nights were drawing in, cold and dark, but I chose to heed her words and immersed myself in the tale of a man, once just a normal human, who experienced the true monstrosities of Hitler's regime. The story is one of 2018's best sellers and is the debut novel of an Australian author who constructed the text after three years of correspondence with an Auschwitz survivor, Lale Sokolov, who died in 2006. The protagonist is a Slovakian Jew, who was imprisoned in 1942 and was saved from the gas chambers by befriending the tattooist of Auschwitz who made him his apprentice. Lale was then made the tattooist and gained his own apprentice.

The story opens up a narrative allowing the reader an insight into the darkest pit of humanity. Although, some may argue that the text sugar-coats the unremitting misery of the concentration camps, for me it gives a frightened survivor a voice. Lale is without a doubt a brave man who saved many people's lives through his wit and humanity and unfaltering morality. The reader is left with no uncertainty of some of the true horrors of mankind, but conveys also man's greatest ability: to love and be loved.

The narrative compelled me to visit Auschwitz, and I did so over the recent October half-term. When I entered the first building block in Auschwitz 1, I was greeted with the following sign:



And it haunted me, because we must remember what happened to these human-beings. In the week that has just marked Remembrance, we as a community must understand Santayana's words: "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it".

Student book review on Vietnam by Dayton Keeble Year 8

This amazing book is about the country of Vietnam. It contains maps, facts and much more about such an interesting country. I found the book interesting because I didn't know a lot about the country before and I think it's important to learn about lots of different places.

In my opinion this book would be suitable for 10 year olds and upwards (especially if you love geography). It is one of the many books in the school library that tell you about the world.

Overall, I rate this book 5/5. It has everything you could need; pictures, facts and it explains about the country's history.

Sports Fixtures:

Thursday 21st November - Year 9 Boys Essex Cup away to Woodlands School 2.30pm

Thursday 21st November - Years 8 and 9 girls football (friendly) 4pm

Forthcoming Events

11 th – 22 nd November	-	Year 11 Mocks
Wednesday 27 th November	-	Year 11 Macbeth 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
Thursday 12 th December	-	ASPIRE DAY
Friday 13 th December	-	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16 th December	-	Senior Citizens Christmas Party 4pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 18 th December	-	Technology Winter Showcase Years 7-10 - 5.30pm to 7.00pm
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 & Vic Goddard

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Open for Year 10/11 Students

- This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain a certificate with the UK's leading private provider for teacher training.
- The session will run across the Aspire Day in December and involves both Primary and Secondary teaching.
- If you are interested please see Mr Walsh or email him on g.walsh@passmoresacademy.com

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