



Principals' Letter – Spring Term 2020 Week Ending 22nd May 2020

Dear Passmores Family

'As always we all hope that you and those important to you are doing ok and you are all managing to stay well. This week has been rather hectic with the government and the media being rather fixated on education matters! The problem that this causes us is the amount of guidance we are being sent only for it to be changed once we've started to put things in place; for example one piece of guidance was given to us at 9pm on Sunday by the Department for Education but by Wednesday lunchtime there had been 11 changes to it! Anyway, hopefully you all know that we will do what we think is right once we've read everything there is to read and thought about it in terms of our Passmores family.

We have been trying to contact every family over the last two weeks and have only a handful that we've not been able to reach; but beware because if we haven't got hold of you it means you might receive a visit from a couple of us just to say hello!

From our phone calls we know that we all share the same wish to have our young people back in school BUT only when it's safe to do so. The key right now is patience, not making rushed decisions and giving you all as much information as possible so you can decide what is best for your children. We are working on exactly how we best lessen the risks of more students being in and will be sharing exactly what it will look like soon; that way you can make as informed a decision as possible in the best interest of your child.

If you've missed our video messages on YouTube this week here are the links:

Mr Tarling celebrated World Bee Day on his walk - <https://youtu.be/yuJKXvqbStI>

Miss Watts has shared some excellent tips as part of our mental health awareness support

https://youtu.be/HC_y5zks9wY

Finally, today saw the premiere of the #MissionGriffin video put together by the Griffin House staff using some of the pictures and videos sent in from the students - <https://youtu.be/YT2Ald1mHWg>. It will be a different House next week."

A Message from The Pastoral Team: For our Dragon Family

Hello, Dragons!

As you read this, we hope you are all keeping safe and healthy. They say that 'distance makes the heart grow fonder' and ours are about to burst out of our chests! We miss you all so much and we can't wait to see you all again.

It has been great to hear the positive feedback about your home learning packs. We have seen some fantastic work sent through already and we look forward to receiving even more. We've also loved keeping in touch with you all via telephone, e-mail or Show My Homework. Even though we don't see you every day like normal, we are still here for you. Hearing that you are doing okay makes this all a little bit easier. Remember you can also share your work and keep in touch with us via our social media platforms. You can find us on Twitter (@PassmoresDragon) and on Instagram (passmorespastoral).

Like all families, it is important that we always look after each other. This is even more important during this time of crisis. We must talk to each other and support one another the best we can. Everyone has experienced highs and lows over the past few weeks so please don't be ashamed or embarrassed to reach out and ask for help.

We find ourselves living in a "new normal." Whilst this has undeniably come with its challenges, we have also experienced many positives. With more time to stop, take a deep breath and reflect, we have learned to appreciate the little things in our lives that we previously took for granted. As restrictions ease and life slowly meanders back to some semblance of normality, we must learn a lesson from our experience and ask ourselves "What is our normal?" and "Is this really a good thing?"

Whilst it may be temporary, the absence of the usual hustle and bustle around the school building is striking. We are reminded of our favourite part of the school building: The Heart Space. At the moment it is just that: a space; we are missing the heart of our community. We are counting down the days to your return when we will have the 'Heart' back in our Heart Space. 'We can and we will' get through this together. Until then, stay positive, take care and stay safe.

Dragon House. 

Mental Health Awareness Week: You may have seen on TV that this has been mental health awareness week. The theme has been kindness and we have put a Thought for The Week challenge on Show My Homework for the students to think about how they can benefit from being kind. During these difficult times one of the positive things to come out of this crisis is how people and communities have pulled together to help each other. It could be as simple as saying hello to strangers as you are out on a walk, to something requiring a little more commitment like shopping for an elderly or vulnerable neighbour. Whatever you do, there seems to be a national feeling that when this is all over, we would all like these random acts of kindness to continue. If you would like a little more information about how we can improve, and maintain our mental health then you can always visit the following website <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>



Mental Health Awareness Week 2020

Hosted by the Mental Health Foundation, Mental Health Awareness Week 2020 takes place 18-24 May.

www.mentalhealth.org.uk

Words of the Week:

Principle - a fundamental truth that beliefs are based on and a scientific idea with lots of applications.
and

Principal -the most important.

Examples:

The principle of forgiveness is important in most religions.

The principal cities of France are Paris, Lyon and Marseilles.

Passmores has TWO Principals because there is so much good work going on!

National Drawing Day: Saturday 16th May was NATIONAL DRAWING DAY! Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to this exhibition! All drawings were created by staff and students at Passmores Academy. Please share, pause & enjoy the wonderful collection of artwork!



https://www.instagram.com/tv/CAPr1nwHtxl/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

What have our student's been up to?

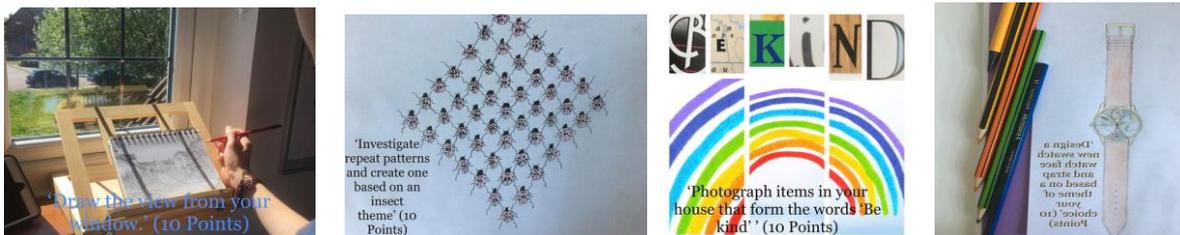
This amazing toilet roll art and VE Day Souvenir passport challenge is by **Samuel Webb** Year 9 G2. This is superb Samuel, well done!

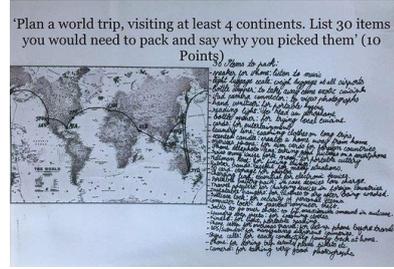
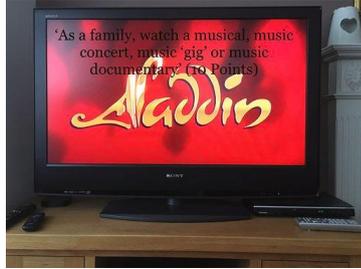


This beautiful character creation has been sent in by **Eik Tong Got** in Year 8. Well done Eik, it is amazing!

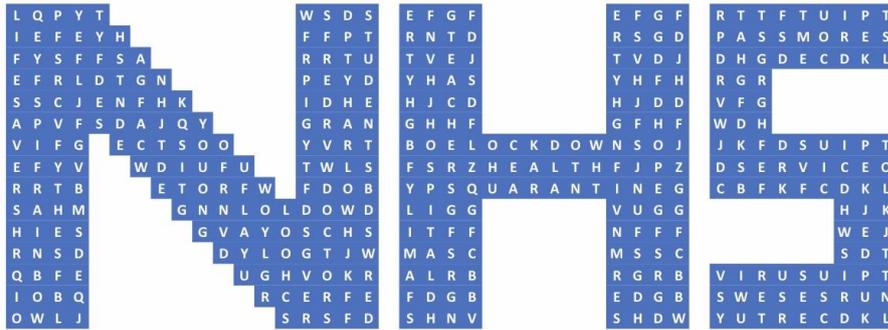


Joshua Brown (Year 9) has emailed in a set of the 30 challenges he has completed from the first Passmores Passport, in a form of photographs and a video. These are just a few examples of his exemplar practice.





This word search has been sent in by Ben Vessey in Year 9. Very clever Ben, well done! Why not give this a go?

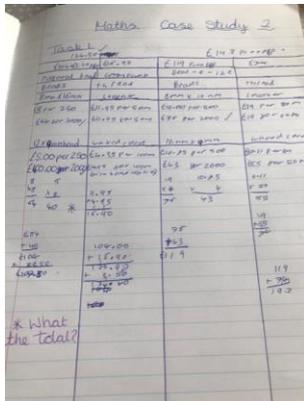


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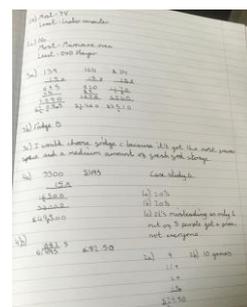
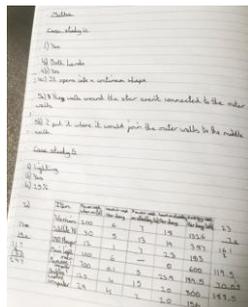
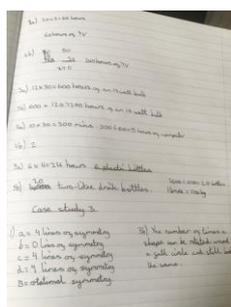
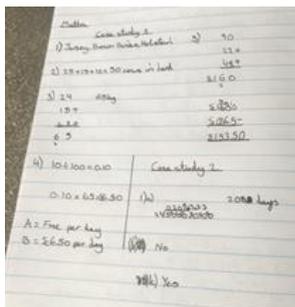


BEN VESSEY - YEAR 9

Maths Department: The Maths Department would like to share some great work . This is from Freddie Kimble.



Here are some lovely pieces of maths work from Aimee in Year 7.



The perfect day for Branden, by Brandon Dawson:

I woke up it's Thursday and 7:30 am, early. I saw the beautiful shining sun of Malta it was going to be amazing day. No-one was up yet and I went to the computer, I got to play games in peace until mum, dad and Kit got up.

I have my favourite breakfast – bacon and egg sandwich with chocolate milk. Then we went to pop eye's village really fast, it was going perfect. Kit laughed, mum and Dad were happy, I got to play in the pool and crazy golf.

Then we got back to our hotel room then we went down to the swimming pool and mum went to the Spa, I was busy swimming. We swam for a while and played games and we went coldly up stairs a tiny thing then we play computer games and watched TV then we herd knocking on the door it was a lady with tons of food like burgers, fries, milkshakes, and way more we ate nearly all of it then it began to get dark and I was told I could have a night walk, it was nice seeing Malta one last time for now, it was nice to see and I hoped we see it again soon. I got to stay up for as long as I liked playing video games and I got a wooden sword, a wooden crossbow and a wooden gun.



Natalie Christie & Vic Goddard

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