



Principals' Letter – Spring Term 2020 Week Ending 12th June 2020

Dear Passmores Family

As always we hope that you are managing ok. The ever changing announcements about education and what is and isn't going to happen have made for an interesting week of planning and planning again. As it stands, until tonight's briefing that is, we are really looking forward to seeing some of year 10 from Monday for a face to face chat followed by getting back into the classroom the following week. Hopefully, the awful death rate will continue to fall and we can have even more students in over the next few weeks; if it is safe to do so of course!

The deadline for the submission of grades for year 11 is with us; we've completed the process so all we can do now it is wait for the people at Ofqual to do whatever happens next. Obviously this is far from how we'd want things to have happened and I'm sure your young people (and you of course) are understandably anxious. A couple of you have been in touch to ask what grades we have submitted but, unfortunately, it has been made clear to us that this would break the exam protocols and put grades at risk.

We have loved seeing what you've been up to in this newsletter and it really makes us miss the students even more. This week's video is from the unique Unicorns and it was great to see some faces we haven't seen for a while. You can view it here - <https://youtu.be/YyD8x-7wbyc>



[#Don'tHoldBack](#)

Miss Richards enlists the help of the trusty Unicorn Mascot to round up Team Unicorn to create.... THE BEST VIDEO EVER! #Don'tHoldBack Music Credit: Galvaniz...

[youtu.be](#)

Please stay well and we look forward to seeing some of you next week

A Message from The Pastoral Team: To our wonderful Passmores family and community.

We understand that life is still chaotic right now and as we head into day 5,900 and something, week four hundred and something else, that many of you must be getting fed up and slightly frustrated. We are sorry about this; we know the situation is unfair but hang in there as we are in this together.

You are continuing to show us how much you are learning and growing each day. We have seen you explore your community and embrace your curiosity with having meaningful conversations with family members, elderly neighbours and loved ones. We have seen you use your creativity to recreate masterpieces inspired by something you have seen or read. We have seen yoga poses and P.E skills you have mastered which took practice, patience, and dedication. And let us not forget the amazing dishes we have seen you prepare that is worthy of featuring

on an episode of MasterChef. You have achieved all of this without a school building to tell you that you could learn. You had the capability to do so all along and you mastered it perfectly.

You have taken responsibility and created your own motivation and dedication to get your schoolwork done each day. You have made sacrifices and postponed play dates and birthdays with your friends and family. You have been outstanding in all of this and we could not be prouder.

A few weeks ago, I wrote that right now history is being written and we hold the pen, so let us write the best story ever! I hope you are continuing to write your best story and enjoying your time at home. Please make the most of it. Do not wish for things to return to normal again, hope for a better future, laugh daily, have fun, adventure, support your family and friends. In a world where you can be anything, choose kindness, build each other up, do not tear down and destroy.

By now, I hope that, regardless of your house colours, you will have tried the #missiongriffin dance, seen the dragons enter in style, heard the lions roar, and watched the Unicorns #donthold back. This week it is our MDA's turn to make their grand entrance and entertain you. We hope you enjoy it. We will see you all again soon. But for now, stay safe,

Your Pastoral Family. #4houses1family

Jack Petchey – Song Writing: The Jack Petchey Foundation have just announced the launch of their 21st Birthday Anthem Competition, a song-writing competition designed to reach young people looking for a creative outlet during the current lockdown. The competition is free to enter and open to anyone aged 11-25 across London and Essex. This is an exciting opportunity to write and record an inspiring song to celebrate young people and to look towards a positive future. The competition will run between 8th June – 31st July. Shortlisted entries will receive online feedback from an industry professional before honing their entry which will be then judged by a select panel of judges including Ruti Olajugbagbe, winner of The Voice UK 2018. More details of how to enter can be found here:

<https://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk/anthemcompetition/>

WHAT HAVE OUR STUDENT'S BEEN UP TO?

Charlotte Filer in Year 10 made these cakes for her aunt's 2nd wedding anniversary. They look great Charlotte, well done!



These are some time puzzles completed by **Daniel Head** and a picture of the fish he caught while fishing. Well done Daniel!



Keanu Barnsley made this lovely lunch this week for the family. Well done Keanu, it looks lovely!



Gracie McCann has been busy in the kitchen making dinners. Well done Gracie, it looks lovely!



This World War I trench was made by **Jack Stacey**. It looks amazing Jack!



Priya Sivathanu has completed a puzzle of a scene from the Battle of Hastings. Well done Priya!



This showstopper is from **Jamie Rowlett**. Lovely!



These photos are just a few that have been received from **Dylan Wilson** Year 7. Amazing Dylan, well done!



This upcycling project was completed by **William Pite**. Fantastic ideas, well done!



Libraries Update: Essex County Council announced its initial plans regarding the reopening of libraries earlier this week and full details about that can be found on its website. In the meantime, the #LibrariesFromHome offer continues and links to the e-library, (for e-books, e-audio, e-comics and e-magazines), online learning course, online reference materials and online rhymetimes, storytimes and craft sessions can be found via the library catalogue

Volunteering: It was recently National Volunteering Week and this ties in well with the theme of Kindness that was the focus of Mental Health Awareness. It's a well-known fact that helping others is good for your own wellbeing, but did you also know that volunteers add over £22 billion of value to charities and organisations around the UK? They rely on your kindness and goodwill to provide help and services to everyone within society. If you would like to learn more about how you might volunteer, along with the many benefits then why not have a look at <https://volunteersweek.org/> Many people's careers started with volunteering, and who knows where a bit of volunteering might lead you?

Charlie Holmes regularly volunteers at his granddad's charity (David Livingstone club) . They hold social evenings once a week for people with special needs, where he plays pool and basketball as well as helping with arts and crafts and plays board games. However, due to lockdown he can't go at the moment but has been down to the place to help clean it and put blinds up with his step dad to get it ready for when they are allowed their social evenings again.

YEAR 11 FURTHER EDUCATION UPDATE: There is new bridging work for Year 11 students planning to go to The Bishop's Stortford High School on the website now. It joins work and guidance from many other FE providers and can be seen by scrolling through this webpage:

<https://www.passmoresacademy.com/page/?title=Careers+and+Post%2D16&pid=37>

Open Days: Here are some Virtual Open Days for Year 11s and 10s that you might be interested in.

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We will host our first ever Virtual Open Day on Wednesday 17 June, from 2pm to 3.30pm, allowing prospective students to discover courses, meet our tutors and ask questions live.

We are still accepting applications for courses starting this September, and since we cannot meet students in person, we are delighted to meet them "virtually" to give them the information and advice they need to reach their dream career.

Please spread the word about our event to students who are considering land-based courses. They will need to [register on our website](#) and choose one subject breakout room to attend from the following options:

- Animal Management
- Horticulture and Garden Design
- Arboriculture, Agriculture and Environmental Conservation
- Floristry and Event Styling
- Dog Grooming
- Leatherwork
- Foundation Learning
- Apprenticeships
- Higher Education

We are more than happy for you to join us, too. It will be a great opportunity for you to learn more about our six campuses across London and ask us any questions.

[Register](#)

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