



Principals' Letter – Autumn Term 2020 Week Ending 16th October 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Sorry this is a bit late it's been a busy one as today has been the day we have expected for some time as with the rising infection rate it was going to be sooner rather than later. We are pleased that the trial runs we'd had on our response to a positive test meant that we'd pinpointed and collected all of the students that needed to go home well within the first lesson of the day. We are very thankful to the parents/carers that we called to let them know that their young person now needed to self isolate; the understanding, empathy and support shown by all of you made a very difficult day manageable.

With one week to go before half term we are reflecting on the lessons we can learn from the first few weeks and how the changing national/Essex picture impacts on what we do moving forward. Obviously the feedback we have received from many of you will be part of our conversations and planning.

There is no doubt that there are many tired students and staff as we enter the last week and having not been in school properly for many months, it is understandable that the numbers of coughs and colds has been steadily growing. However, we remain positive about our year ahead because we know that with hard work and partnership with you we can ensure that we catch up any learning that has been/will be missed.

Thanks once again to our Passmores family for working with us as we attempt to make sense of the changing guidance and changing situation locally - we are very grateful.

Just One Tree Project: Last year the school took part in in the JUST ONE TREE project, and as a result 375 trees were planted on behalf of our school in an area severely affected by mass deforestation. Last year's event was a huge success, uniting 350 schools across 5 countries and planting over 100,000 trees. We had hoped to hold a non-uniform day this year but as this is not possible we would like to give your family the opportunity to donate to this important charity through their donation page <https://www.goldengiving.com/secure/donation/a-forest-planted-by-the-children?tag=PassmoresAcademy>

Potential Dangers: As we approach half-term our Thought For The Week has been a reminder of two dangers facing young people during this break. The first is a warning about the misuse of fireworks and the damage this can do to young people, as well as causing problems to our community through anti-social behaviour. Therefore, we would ask that you are vigilant in ensuring your child does not illegally acquire fireworks as there are sadly shops who will sell these to people under the legal age of 18. Secondly, we have been asked to remind students of the dangers of trespassing onto Network Rail property and they have sent a video link explaining this. The video can be found at <http://www.youstrain.co.uk/>

Important information for Students Isolating: We thank those taking precautions to ensure the school is safe. There are a few students who are missing from class due to isolation due to potential symptoms in the family, who are waiting for their negative tests. However, can we point out that there is a level of expectation that they should be using the home learning resources to enable them to not miss out on their learning. Teachers will be checking for work completed during isolation to avoid falling behind in class whilst off school as a precaution. We thank you for your support with this. Work can be found on the website (under the student tab) and show my homework.

Drama News: Last Friday, Year 11 GCSE Drama presented their devised performances, the first in their examined work. “#Paradise” a piece inspired by Phil Collins “Another Day in Paradise” looked at how we choose to portray our lives through the lens of social media and the impact this has on mental health and well-being.

The second group used Malala Yusufzai as their stimulus and created “Headlines”, which examined the impact of “everyday” activists over time. The piece took the audience from Rosa Parks in 1950’s America, to today’s #BeKind movement. The performance sensitively tackled issues ranging from racism to climate change.

We are impressed with the efficiency and focus the students applied in their intensive rehearsal period. Well done 11Z drama.

PERFORMING ARTS CLUBS ARE BACK!! From this week, the Performing Arts department are offering a variety of clubs for KS3. On offer is:

- Drama Club for Years 7, 8 and 9.
- Dance Club for Years 8 & 9
- Technical Theatre Club for Years 8 & 9.

Please see your drama teacher for information on dates and times.

PE Hoodies: After half term students will be able to wear the new Passmores PE hoodie for the days they have PE lessons. If any other hoodies are worn, students will be asked to be remove these and informed that they need to be put into bags or lockers, otherwise they will be confiscated. The wearing of a plain navy jumper / sweater will also be acceptable but no logos or branding will be allowed. The hoodies will be able to be purchased from our PE kit supplier Create Identitee.

JUNIOR @ £10.00e
SENIOR @ £13.35e



UNEK CLASSIC HOODIE

Size	9-10"	11-13"	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL
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Summer Project Gold Award: We are reprinting the Summer Project Gold Award information from last week as we have had some additional students qualify for the award. They will each receive a £10 voucher and enter a draw for a Kindle.

YEAR 7 SUMMER PROJECTS **GOLD AWARD:** TWO OUTSTANDING PROJECTS (20 Passmores Points)

CHARLSON Jessica
IZZY COBIE
ELLIS Madison
HOUGHTON Harrison
HOWARD Georgia
LUTWYCHE Hannah
NICHOLLS Jaymz
RAMCHURUN Amelie
ROUSE Ethan
SALBERG Ryan
STAFFORD Lacey-Mae
WIX Sam

Year 11: The following settings have their virtual open days planned. The details are below:

Cambridge Regional College	Saturday 17th October	9.30am - 12.30pm
Hills Road Sixth form	Monday 19th October	4.00pm – 8.45pm
	Tuesday 20th October	4.00pm - 8.45pm



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