



Principals' Letter – Spring Term 2021 Week Ending 26th March 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

After the weirdest of terms we have reached the holiday! It has been so good to have all the young people back in the building despite it being quite challenging for some of them and us. We are starting to talk about the things we normally talk about at this time of year like prom for Year 11 on July 6th – we have heard that Leventhorpe have just gone for the same date so get your bookings done if you need to! We hope that the lighter and warmer days after Easter will allow us to start to do more of that sort of memory making stuff as well as the normal curriculum.

For those that normally receive free school meals we have begun to issue vouchers to cover the holiday so please be patient and yours will be with you soon.

As you will all now know the loss of our site manager, Alan Simpson, has left a huge hole in our community and for many individuals as they lost a great friend. On Monday the family have requested that the funeral cars drive past the school on the way to the crematorium for one last visit before the 4pm funeral. So, if you wonder why lots of the staff are standing outside the school on Monday please do not panic that your child has missed a day of school! We are just paying our respects and you are welcome to join us if you wish to.

We hope that the sun shines and you all remain healthy and happy over the holiday. The summer term feels like a fresh, optimistic start and we are looking forward to it already.

Stay well please.

Passmores governing body needs you! An opportunity has arisen to recruit an additional parent governor to our Local Governing Body. Governance is a challenging and demanding role, but also a very rewarding one. As a parent governor, you'll work in partnership with the co-principals, senior leadership team, and co-operatively with other local governors to raise standards and improve outcomes for all children in our school.

This is a voluntary position, but there are many reasons why our local governors find their role rewarding. As a local governor you would:

- contribute to raising standards of education in our school, making a positive difference to the lives of young people now and in the future.
- have the chance to serve the local community and meet like-minded people who share the same passion for school improvement.
- realise your own potential by learning new skills which are transferable and offer the prospect of greater personal career development.

No previous experience as a governor is necessary but you need a strong commitment to the role of improving outcomes for children, the inquisitiveness to question and analyse, and the willingness to learn. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced disclosure through the Disclosure Barring Service.

For more information about the role and to apply, please email the Governance Manager, Mrs Deb Bartram: d.bartram@passmoresacademy.com

Reminder: Just to remind parents/carers that pencil sharpeners are not part of our school equipment list and therefore, they should not be in school. Thank you.

Harlow Educational Progress Awards: Congratulations to **Evie Matthews** who was announced as the overall winner for 'Outstanding Progress between Key Stage 3 and 4' at the Harlow Educational Progress Awards recently. Evie was presented with a certificate in recognition of her exceptional hard work and as part of her prize, also received £130 in shopping vouchers!

Careers News:

Virtual Work Experience Opportunities for Year 10 & 11: Springpod's April virtual work experience programmes are closing their application windows next Monday (March 29th). There are over 20 programmes which are completely free for students (and always will be). They include everything from [politics](#) and [journalism](#), to [fashion](#) and [engineering](#). They can be completed at a time that suits you. Students will receive a certificate upon completion, which is great for CVs, cover letters and interview. The programmes will run between April 6th and 16th. You can view all their April programmes [here](#)

Year 11 School Leaver Vacancies: The following opportunities are currently being advertised on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Nursery Assistant – Jack & Jills Nursery, Harlow, £7200pa

Motor Vehicle Technician, BMW – Barons in Bishops Stortford, £172pw, closing date 11th May

Retail Parts Advisor, Mercedes-Benz, Loughton, £150.50pw

Light Vehicle Technician, Mercedes-Benz, Loughton, £145.25pw

Dental Nurse, Epping, £124.50pw

Dental Nurse, Damira, Bishops Stortford, £116.20pw

Audi Parts Advisor, Stansted Audi, Bishops Stortford, £172pw

Care Coordinator, The Hamilton GP Surgery, Harlow, £129pw, closing date 31st May

Aftersales Customer Service (Parts Advisor), BMW, Stansted, £172pw, closing date 12th May

Audi Stansted – Parts Adviser, £172 pw, maths and English grade 4 required, start date in July.

SAFE IN ESSEX PROGRAMME FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS

You can access Microsoft Teams via the internet or download the app



FOR AGES 8-18

**Tuesday 30th March &
Tuesday 6th April**

10am: Exam Stress Workshop - Some useful tips and advice on how to manage stress related to studies and upcoming exams.

12pm: One Community- Support group for young people who identify as LGBTQ+ exploring identity and belonging.

2pm: Easter chocolate Quiz- Fun quiz and riddles to make you think.

4pm: Risky Behaviours: Anti social behaviour- Exploring anti-social behaviour and knowing how to avoid tricky situations.

**Wednesday 31st March &
Friday 9th April**

10am: Conflict Resolution and risky behaviours- How to overcome conflict and find a solution to those difficult situations.

12pm: Risky Behaviours: Online Safety -social media, grooming, gaming, bullying and awareness

2pm: Easter Survival Workshop- fun tips on how to survive different situations, like being trapped down a rabbit hole!!

4pm: Goals and aspirations- Exploring post 16 and 18 options including further education and university (Wednesday 31st March only)

**Thursday 1st April &
Thursday 8th April**

10am: Managing Emotions- Helping you to recognise, acknowledge and manage your emotions.

12pm: Healthy Relationships- help identify healthy and unhealthy friendships and relationships around us.

2pm: Fun Easter Baking - Forget the Great British Bake off, Safe in Essex have some easy but great baking ideas for you.

4pm: Easter Crafts- a look at creating your own masterpieces and crafty creations on a budget.



To book your place, please check out our website; www.childrenssociety.org.uk/east/services/safe-in-essex

or contact Essexreferrals@childrenssociety.org.uk



Natalie Christie *Vic Goddard*

Natalie Christie & Vic Goddard
Co-Principals of Passmores Academy

Forthcoming Events:

Tuesday 20 th April	Year 9 Vaccinations HPV 1 and 2
Friday 23 rd April	Year 9 Vaccinations HPV 1 and 2
Friday 30 th April	Year 7 & 8 Attitude to Learning Information to Parents/Carers
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 5 th May	Year 7&8 Academic Tutorial Evening 4pm-7pm
Monday 17 th May	Parent Council Meeting
Monday 17 th May	Year 9 Vaccinations Dip, Tet, Polio and Meningitis (two vaccines)
17 th May - 27 th May	Year 11 Internal Examinations
Thursday 27 th May	Winning House Non Uniform Day
Friday 28 th May	Year 11 Celebration Assembly
31 st May - 4 th June	Half Term
7 th June - 18 th June	Year 10 Mocks
Monday 27 th June	Year 9 Parents/Carers Evening 4pm-7pm
Friday 25 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 1 st July	Year 6 Transition Day
Friday 2 nd July	Inset Day
Tuesday 6 th July	Year 11 Prom
Wednesday 7 th July	Year 10 Parents/Carers Evening 4pm-7pm
Friday 9 th July	Year 10 Vaccinations Dip, Tet, Polio and Meningitis (two vaccines)
Friday 9 th July	Year 8 Vaccinations HPV 1
Tuesday 13 th July	Year 10 Vaccinations Dip, Tet, Polio and Meningitis (two vaccines)
Tuesday 13 th July	Year 8 Vaccinations HPV 1

Wednesday 14th July
Thursday 15th July
Friday 16th July
Friday 30th July

Year 6,7 & 8 BBQ & Rounders followed by a Disco
Non Uniform Day for the Winning House.
Early Closure for Students (1.25pm) END OF TERM.
Summer Reports to Parents/Carers

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Interested in becoming a primary or secondary teacher?
Contact Gareth Walsh on g.walsh@passmoresacademy.com