



Principals' Letter – Summer Term 2021 Week Ending 16th April 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

As always, it has been a busy start to the term and feels much better now we are not having to be a Covid testing facility at the same time. Whilst on that topic we do place more home testing kits out every week for any young person that would like them so please don't think that they are no longer available if needed.

It has been lovely to see some of the extra-curricular clubs starting up again this week and we hope that this can continue as we head into the summer months with more sport, drama, music etc alongside the extra academic opportunities. Please do look at the forthcoming events sections at the end of this letter regularly as we will update it with more events as lockdown (hopefully) continues to ease and we can start to do the activities we have all missed.

It still feels odd that a trip to the shops or sitting in a cold pub garden feels like a treat at the moment, but it does. Hopefully, the sun shines and we can all enjoy some (socially distanced) fresh air. Ramadan Kareem to those in our community fasting this month.

Thought for the month: Last Monday (12th April) saw the start of Ramadan which is one of the most important events in the Muslim calendar. Ramadan lasts for one month and ends with a huge celebration of feasting and gift giving. During Ramadan, Muslims fast (not eating or drinking) between sunrise and sunset as an act of religious devotion. More details about Ramadan will be shared with students through Thought for the Week. An understanding of different cultures, religions and customs is an important part of building a more cohesive and tolerant world.
Mr Pickering

Summer Fete: Friends of Passmores are hosting the summer fete this year on 10th July from 1pm. If you would be interested in having a stall please email fop@passmoresacademy.com



Interested in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths, or even in design? STEM Club starts again next Tuesday at 3.30-4.30pm in D002. Furthermore, there is another STEM opportunity in the National 'Quadcopter' Challenge! <https://www.raytheon.com/uk/news/feature/quad-quest> This will be held on Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm in D002. Anyone interested must speak to Miss Knight (L004) or Miss Histon (D002) as soon as possible."

Spare Uniform Request: If anyone has any spare ties, PE kit, blazers or larger sized shirts, blazers and trousers and would like to pass them onto the school, they would be very much appreciated. If they can be passed onto the STEP Team/ Miss Watts via reception. Thank you in advance for any donations.

Lily's story - Passmores family campaign to help raise awareness of childhood strokes:

On 27th April last year, during the first national lockdown, eight-year-old Lily suffered a stroke. Lily went from a normal, healthy eight-year-old girl, to being totally paralysed down the whole right side of her body, and completely losing her speech, all within just half an hour. As her mother Natalie said, "who knew that an eight-year-old girl could suffer a stroke?". Now, Lily's family want to raise awareness of childhood strokes. Click here to read more about Lily's story: <https://www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/brain-injury-information/real-stories/stroke-lily>

As part of their campaign to raise awareness, Lily's family are also running a fundraising raffle. For every £2 donated through the just giving page (<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lily-collins-stroke-story>) you get one raffle entry. Donations must have a name as anonymous ones obviously can't be entered in to the draw! There are 16 prizes up for grabs which include a £200 amazon voucher, a signed and framed Anthony Joshua boxing glove, a £100 amazon voucher, signed Joe Wickes books, cupcakes, cookies, restaurant vouchers, a massage etc. The draw will take place on the evening of Lily's 1 year stroke anniversary, 27th April. All money raised will go to The Children's Trust, the UK's leading charity for children with brain injuries.

PE News: All PE clubs have started this week! For further information, students can look at their form boards or look outside the PE office for the timetable.

English Department News: Our students have been continuing to read a range of fiction and non-fiction books and have been busy quizzing. Our top quizzers are:

Year 7

Ella Nicholls	29 quizzes passed.
Alfie Letts	26 quizzes passed.
Katie Mahon	25 quizzes passed
Travis Morgan	25 quizzes passed.
Charlotte Bridge	24 quizzes passed.
Lewis Richards	22 quizzes passed.
Alfie Godfrey	22 quizzes passed.

The following Year 7 students have also read over 1 million words!

Charlotte Bridge	1,858,383 words
Katie Mahon	1,601,206 words
Ella Nicholls	1,568,361 words
Alfie Godfrey	1,485,571 words
Lewis Richards	1,210,411 words
Maya Connell	1,206,177 words

Year 8

Matin Yussif	45 quizzes passed!
Angel Boorman	29 quizzes passed.
Triston Miller	24 quizzes passed.
Peter Beregi	18 quizzes passed.
Lawrence Osagie-Ighodaro	17 quizzes passed.
Rex Dance-Bishop	16 quizzes passed.
Yulia Cachia	15 quizzes passed.
Callum Burch	15 quizzes passed.

Only one person in Year 8 has reached 1 million words but there are many who are nearly there. Congratulations to **Matin Yussif** who has read 1,768,159 words.

Tassomai Champions for the Easter Holidays:

Year 11

Bobby Kay	6h 32m
Evie Matthews	4h 34m
Piper Johnstone	2h 18m

Year 10

Scarlet Webber	4h 14m
Noah Dickinson	3h 37m
Jessica Richards	3h 15m

Year 9

Nathan Lai	2h 15m
Lexie Hind	2h 12m
Charlotte Wong	2h 0m

Well done to all. A really good effort. Miss Betts.

Passmores Clay Workshops: The Art Department have a new opportunity for students from Year 7, 8 and 9 to join this year's Sculpture Town Artist in Residence for a series of after school creative workshops. Students can join artist Romane Courdacher for five after school sessions in the summer term. Through the sessions they will draw, sketch, develop ideas and experiment with clay to produce a piece of work to be exhibited at the Gibberd Gallery in November. Any student from these years can register their interest with Mrs Friedner in the Art Department.

Years 7 & 8 ONLY: A separate letter for Year 7 and 8s has been sent out about "Sustran's Big Pedal" which is aimed at getting young people to walk, cycle, scooter or wheel to school. Please keep an eye out for this letter with all the details if your child is in Year 7 or 8.



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Years 10 & 11:

Hertford Regional College

Online Digital Events have proven a success during periods of lockdown, therefore, HRC plan to repeat their ASK THE EXPERT event this month and their Online Digital Open Event in June. Here are the details:

Event: ASK THE EXPERT

Date: Wednesday 21st April

Time: 5 – 8pm

Event: ONLINE DIGITAL OPEN EVENT

Date(s): Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th June

Time: 9am – 5pm

To see how this works, follow the link <https://www.hrc.ac.uk/digital-open-event> to access previous event recordings via the HRC Video Portal. As you navigate this webpage you will see additional links that will direct you to each curriculum area of interest (at the bottom of the page). Here you will find an abundance of useful information for students, parents, carers and school careers advisors with an insight to 'Life as a Student at HRC.'

Stansted Airport College have a virtual open event on the 17th of May. You can also visit the college (government guidelines permitting) on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of June. Each tour will last 30 minutes with a maximum of 20 people so book early to avoid disappointment on <https://www.stanstedairportcollege.ac.uk/about/upcoming-events>

Apprenticeships for Year 11: Employers are now starting to advertise apprenticeship opportunities on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> for summer school leavers. Students can create an account and set up alerts for jobs that interest them. Here are some of the latest opportunities:

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

Business Admin Level 3, Test Incorporated, Harlow, £200pw,

Apprentice Commis Chef, Atkins Restaurant, Sawbridgeworth, £7202.20pa

Health & Wellbeing Apprentice (PE Assistant), Forres Primary School, Hoddesdon, £129pw



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 14 th July	Year 6,7 & 8 BBQ & Rounders followed by a Disco
Thursday 15 th July	Non Uniform Day for the Winning House.
Friday 16 th July	Early Closure for Students (1.25pm) END OF TERM.
Friday 30 th July	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