



## Principals' Letter – Summer Term 2021 Week Ending 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

It has been a busy week as normal but with a few positive lateral flow test results giving us a quick reminder that the virus is still in the community. We have also had a couple of negative phone calls from members of our local community about some of the behaviour of our young people on their way home. We do find it hard to work out why anyone would knock over peoples bins for absolutely no reason, for instance. So a couple of quick reminders of our community responsibility:

- Please do not drop any litter on the floor, especially used masks. There is a bin in reception that we all walk past as we leave to dispose of things appropriately.
- We both know how amazing our young people are but we should also be showing the public why we are proud of you and this school. Please choose to show the best of us to the Harlow community and walk away from those that are choosing to behave poorly.
- Please be considerate of our neighbours when you are parking to wait for your young person as we are receiving complaints about different issues. Maybe as the afternoons are getting lighter you can wait a little further away from school to avoid the congestion.

We'd like to say a big thank you to our Year 7 and 8 families for signing up for the Tutor Evening. We know that by continuing to work together we will do all that we need to catch up what has been missed over the last year.

Please look at the dates at the end of the letter as we would really appreciate your support at any of the upcoming events. Let's hope the forecast sunshine does arrive this weekend.

Stay well please

**Sustran's Big Pedal:** The results are in and the data has been collated for those in Year 7 and 8 who took part in "Sustran's Big Pedal" ending last Friday. The Big Pedal is an initiative aimed at being more active on journeys to and from school. We raised a massive £250 for the charity and this will be going towards making journeys in urban areas more sustainable. Thank you all for contributing!

For two weeks we recorded how many students cycled, came by scooter, walked and came by wheelchair. A massive WELL DONE to all those in Year 7 and 8 as we clocked a huge **3,500** journeys to and from school (and at home if they could not travel to school by one of the methods above). This was **68.44%** of all the journeys made which is just over two thirds in Year 7 and 8. Amazing! Passmores came 16th out of all the schools who were involved nationally.

The total journeys by Year 7 were **1775**

The total journeys by Year 8 were **1510**

The total above includes journeys by "supporters" which included parents and carers and some form tutors too. Supported journeys counted for just less than 4%.

Not all the form groups in Year 7 and 8 have the same number of students in each group but the most journeys by form are as follows: -

In Year 8, **8U1 ARO** had the highest total with a massive 225 journeys (**8G3 KFS** were second with 205 journeys)

In Year 7, **7U1 CFR** had the highest total with 184 journeys (**7L2 SGR** were second with 174 journeys and had the most supporter journeys with 63).

Next week I am hoping to get a group photo of all students who cycled, scooted and wheeled to school so watch this space! Once again, thanks to all Year 7s and 8s who participated, along with any supporters. The journeys will help to reduce emissions as well as contributing to the Sustran's charity.

**Tassomai Champions for the Week ending 4th of May:** Well done everyone! Remember Tassomai is excellent for exam revision.

Year 11	<b>Kieran Legas</b>	1 hour 16
	<b>Bobby Kay</b>	1 hour 9
	<b>Gracee Swann</b>	1 hour 1
Year 10	<b>Noah Dickinson</b>	59 mins
	<b>Daisy Pearson</b>	47 mins
	<b>Maria Yordanova</b>	47 mins
Year 9	<b>Charlie Golding</b>	2 hr 11
	<b>Lily Joseph</b>	1 hr 28
	<b>Chloe Harkin</b>	1 hr 1

#### **STEM Activities:**

1. STEM Club this week has seen our Year 8/9s design and prototype a desk organiser which they will spend next week making - a useful item for studying at home! If students want to take part in making and getting creative and try engineering then they should come along to STEM on Tuesday in G002, 3.30pm-4.30pm with Miss Histon and Miss Knight.
2. The Quadcopter Challenge (<https://www.raytheon.com/uk/news/feature/quad-quest>) is underway with three superb physicists/engineers: **Joe Savage, George Moldon and Timmy George** in Year 9. They have been researching and designing solutions for a Quadcopter that will be suitable for Mars. We will all be rooting for them in the regional final on Thursday 27th May!
3. Well done to Year 9 students **Ollie McLaughlin and Summer Barrett-Prince** for their successful design during a Boeing Virtual Competition. The two designed a parachute that was able to stop an egg cracking on landing. Egg-cellent work!

**House Events:** We have house events coming up soon. We are looking forward to lots of students getting involved.

**Monday 10th May Year 7 and 8**

**Thursday 13th May Years 9 and 10**

**Thursday 27th May Year 11**

The plans are Danish for boys and Rounders for girls. Students will receive six Passmores Points for participating. If your son/daughter does not have PE on these days they will have to come to school in their uniform, however, there will be time allocated to change before the competition starts. Students should be finished by 4pm on Monday and 4:15pm on Thursday. Any questions please speak to your Deputy Head of House.

**Careers Information: Art & Design Twilight Tours** – Hertford Regional College are now able to offer in person Twilight Tours of their state-of-the-art studio and workshop facilities at the Ware Campus. Tours will run on a Tuesday and Thursday evening starting at either 17:00 or 18:30 and will last approximately 60 mins. To allow them to plan for the numbers attending, it is important that you pre-book for your preferred tour date & time at [www.hrc.ac.uk/whats-on/events](http://www.hrc.ac.uk/whats-on/events).

**Harlow College:** Is your child considering a career in film or media? Harlow College are hosting a series of exciting media talks given by their media students.

**Production – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 4:15pm-5pm**

Embrace your film making, props design and set design. Showcasing film production work on no budget and how to do build your own film set and equipment.

**Social Media – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 4:15pm-5pm**

- Blogging/ influencer project/ digital portfolio / social media platforms explained.

Book your free space now through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-media-hosted-by-media-students-at-harlow-college-tickets-150710084921>



Hello,

Exciting news! We are hosting 'A spotlight on level 2 & 3 apprenticeships' on the 26th May 2:00 - 2:45pm. This is a great opportunity to inspire year 10 & 11 students to take the first steps in their career.

Please forward [this link](#) to your year 10 & 11 students and we would also love you and your colleagues to attend!

The webinar will walk students through how to apply for apprenticeships, which employers they can work for and will also include a panel session from real-life level 2 & 3 apprentices!

## BOYS TRIAL AND TASTER SESSIONS



Study a range of sports courses

OCTOBER HALF TERM	FEBRUARY HALF TERM	EASTER HALF TERM	MAY HALF TERM
WED 23 OCTOBER	MON 17 FEBRUARY	MON 6 APRIL	WED 27 MAY
	WED 19 FEBRUARY	WED 8 APRIL <small>(U16 TOURNAMENT)</small>	

Times for all sessions are 12 - 3pm

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## GIRLS TRIAL AND TASTER SESSIONS



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**Co-Principals of Passmore Academy**

**Forthcoming Events:**

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Council Meeting
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 9 Vaccinations Dip, Tet, Polio and Meningitis (two vaccines)
17 <sup>th</sup> May – 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 11 Internal Examinations
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Winning House Non Uniform Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 11 Celebration Assembly
31 <sup>st</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term
7 <sup>th</sup> June – 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Mocks
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 9 Parents’/Carers’ Evening 4pm-7pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Inset Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 11 Prom
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 Parents’/Carers’ Evening 4pm-7pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 Vaccinations Dip, Tet, Polio and Meningitis (two vaccines)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 8 Vaccinations HPV 1
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 Vaccinations Dip, Tet, Polio and Meningitis (two vaccines)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 8 Vaccinations HPV 1
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6,7 & 8 BBQ & Rounders followed by a Disco
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Non Uniform Day for the Winning House
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Early Closure for Students (1.25pm) END OF TERM.
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Reports to Parents/Carers



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Entrance Fees:  
£1 - Adults  
50p - Under 16  
Free - Under 5

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