



Principals' Letter – Summer Term 2021 Week Ending 21st May 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Although it may not feel like it outside we are one week away from SUMMER half term!

We are pleased with how the transition to the new regulations has gone this week and that there are still a significant amount of young people that feel comfortable in choosing to wear a mask as they move around school. During a meeting with Public Health England it was uplifting to hear that Essex is doing well in avoiding any big outbreaks, especially of the new variants. However, it was made clear that, to help avoid the progress towards a further easing of restrictions being slowed down, we need to remain cautious in the changes we make. Thank you for continuing to work with us; it helps our stress levels immensely.

Year 11 have finished their first week of assessments that will support their final grades and we hope Year 10 have started their revision as per their timetable. We are trying to avoid simply giving tests to our young people as they have already missed so much of the expertise of the teachers but we need to make sure we know where the gaps are in order to plan properly for the rest of this year and into next.

Finally, do please look at some of the opportunities and offers of support that are in the rest of this newsletter as they may be useful for you or your young person.

Stay well please

Tassomai: Well done to everyone below for their efforts with Tassomai this week. A really excellent effort. 🎉 Please note as of this week all students listed on the Tassomai Champions list will receive six additional achievement points in recognition of their efforts.

Year 11

Maddie Wollaston **1 hour 16**

Bobby Kay **1 hour 09**

Evie Matthews **1 hour 07**

Year 10

Garry Ivanovs **1 hour 36**

Chase Langley **1 hour 23**

Kyran Ackerman- Mond **1 hour 12**

Year 9

Sophia Atkinson **1 hour 21**

Robert Hudson-Hamilton **1 hour 10**

Faye O'Reilly **56 minutes**

STEM Club: In STEM club for the last two weeks students have been designing and making personalised desktop organisers. Well done to everyone for working hard.

The students below have been making useful items with sources from recycled materials. The final products will be shared soon!

Matin Yussif
Louis Turner
Alfie Liddle
Ryan Salberg
Izzy Cobie
Yulia Conchin
Nafisa Yussif
Lily Quigley
Tristan Thira
Maria Thira
Abena Kwarteng
Melanie Magalhaes
Lexi Bowles-Millar

If any student wants to join STEM Club, they just need to come along **Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm in G002**. Please see Miss Histon or Miss Knight for any questions.



Children & Young People's Mental Health Support Team Online Parent Courses

Following the success of the current courses, we are pleased to announce MIND will be delivering the emotional regulations courses again after the half term in June.

To access this FREE service you must:

- Have a child attending a Harlow school
- Have access to Zoom
- Be able to attend all four pre-planned sessions

If you are interested, please email trailblazer@mindinwestessex.org.uk with the following information:

- Parent/carer name
- Contact telephone number
- Email address
- Child's school
- The course you are interested in (please state 1, 2, 3 or 4)

They will send you an email to confirm a place on the course along with joining instructions. Please check your mailbox regularly including your Junk/Spam folders. If you have any queries please contact trailblazer@mindinwestessex.org.uk There are limited places available so please book your place asap.

1) Helping to Support your Child's Emotions

4 weekly sessions to be held on Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm

8 June – Session 1
15 June – Session 2
22 June – Session 3
29 June – Session 4

This course is suitable for parents with children aged 4-11 years old

2) Supporting Teenager's Emotional Wellbeing

4 weekly sessions held on Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm

10 June – Session 1
17 June – Session 2
24 June – Session 3
1 July – Session 4

This course is suitable for parents with children aged 12-19 years old

3) Supporting Teenager's Emotional Wellbeing

4 weekly sessions held on Mondays 10:30-11:30am

5 July – Session 1
12 July – Session 2
19 July – Session 3
26 July – Session 4

This course is suitable for parents with children aged 12-19 years old

4) Helping to Support your Child's Emotions

4 weekly sessions to be held on Mondays 1:30-2:30pm

5 July – Session 1
12 July – Session 2
19 July – Session 3



Active Essex is offering a range of ActivAte clubs over the half term!



These clubs are completely **free** for **young people** who are **eligible for benefits based free school meals** and those who need **additional support** during the holidays.

Clubs will feature fun activities, for 4 hours a day over 4 days of the Half Term. Plus, each child will get a **tasty, nutritious lunch!**

Mental Wellbeing Hubs

Delivering **supported activities** over **shorter sessions**, in **smaller groups**. Activities will be **sensitive** to the children's needs, focusing on **gentle social transition** and **coping exercises** to help with the move back to community engagement.

[BOOK HERE](#)



Local Activity Clubs

Our holiday clubs, run by **locally trusted organisations**, offer a range of **physical and enrichment activities** for children across Essex. Ensuring they have a **fun, memorable and active** Easter break. All activities will be delivered within government guidelines.

If your child is eligible but does not require this face to face support, then we are pleased to also be offering fun activity packs and virtual resources.

SEND Activity Hubs

There will be **SEND Hubs** across Essex, delivering **specialist workshops**. These will provide **coaching and inclusive physical and enrichment activities** for SEND pupils, to ensure they get the **best** out of their Half Term.

Are you a young person who has accessed mental health services during the pandemic?

Join one of our online focus groups and be part of the conversation to help improve mental health services for children and young people

Mon 17 May 5-6.30pm Thur 20 May 5-6.30pm
Tues 18 May 5-6.30pm Fri 21 May 5-6.30pm
Wed 19 May 5-6.30pm Sat 22 May 11-12.30pm

£10 vouchers when you attend a workshop!

Text "I'm in + your name + your email address + focus group date" to Antonia on 07921 907210

Or you can complete our short online survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CQCMHYouthVoice2021>

You can find out more about the project at:

- Facebook – /ParticipationPeople
- Instagram – @participationpeople
- Twitter – @ParticipationPP

FREE Survey Prize Draw to win £50 High Street vouchers!



Technology:



Aldi are challenging students aged 5–14 to design an Aldi lorry, plus win incredible prizes for their school with the ‘Design a Lorry Competition’.

Two new Aldi lorries will be spreading a healthy eating message across the country, celebrating fresh, healthy food, and they want students to design them!

Judged by their Team GB athlete panel, featuring Nile Wilson and Shauna Coxsey, our students could bag some fantastic prizes for our school, including a £1,000 Aldi voucher and exclusive Team GB goodies, in addition to seeing the two winning designs on a real lorries. Any students wanting to enter and get a lorry template need to see a DT teacher. Happy designing.

Maths homework Club

Maths4Everyone
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Time : Every Thursday
3:15pm

Location : Fishbowl

info : Mr. Boamah
j.boamah@passmoreacademy.com

Year11

Recycle: To continue our focus at Passmores to recycle as much as possible, we are asking for Year 11s to donate any PE kit or uniform they do not need. If your young person would also like to donate their calculator or dictionary due to no longer needing them when they start their further education, there will be boxes on the duty team desk to collect after their last exam. Any PE kit or uniform please drop off at reception.

New City College

Open Event

A Levels | Apprenticeships | BTEC | Degree | Adult Courses

Thursday 10 June, 4 – 7pm
Back on campus

Speak to tutors and see our fantastic industry standard facilities

Register today
www.nccopenevents.co.uk

FUTURE STARS

REACH FOR THE MOON !

Year 9-11 25th May 5pm-5.45pm
Year 12-13 27th May 5pm-5.45pm

If you're a
care-experienced young
person, you're invited to our
online session to
discover life at university

CAREER LADDERS!
UNIVERSITY FACTS & MYTHS!
VISUALISING YOUR FUTURE!

To join our **online** event, please contact
Kirby.cassidy@essex.gov.uk to register!



Natalie Christie *V. Goddard*

Natalie Christie & Vic Goddard
Co-Principals of Passmores Academy

Forthcoming Events:

17 th May – 8 th June	Year 11 Internal Examinations
Monday 24 th May	Parent Council Meeting 6pm
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
Wednesday 23 rd 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



TEACHarlow

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