



Principals' Letter – Summer Term 2021 Week Ending 11th June 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

We hope this finds you all doing ok. It has been an eventful week with Year 11 finishing their final exams in English and maths meaning the mammoth job of sifting through all the data and entering their teacher assessed grades has begun; ready for the big results day on August 12th. Year 10 started their internal assessments and have really taken them seriously; which has been great to see. The purpose of all of our assessments over the next few weeks is to allow us to see the gaps in our students knowledge, post lockdown, so we can plan properly for next year. Also to remind them that they need to prepare thoroughly if they are going to be truly successful.

A quick reminder for parents/carers of Year 9 students that you will receive a letter from us on Monday morning with the instructions on how to make appointments for Parent/Carer Evening on Wednesday 23rd June (4pm-7pm). We have done a few online evenings now and they've all gone well so do contact us if you have any concerns about using the system at all – datateam@passmoresacademy.com.

The nicer weather has obviously been a lovely change and allowed our young people to get outside at break and lunch. We know that playing with water when the weather is hot is always lots of fun but can we ask you to remind your child that they can do that out of school because sitting in wet underwear during a maths lesson is no fun; also we cannot justify more learning time missed because they need to get changed!

A big highlight of the week was to see the return of out of school hours performances on Thursday. It was lovely to see our young people expressing themselves and enjoying the adrenaline rush of performing live on stage!

Thank you as always for your continued support and partnership and hope that you all stay well and covid free.

Year 10 Drama Excellence Club: Year 10 Drama Excellence Club put on a performance of "A Series of Public Apologies (in response to an unfortunate incident in the school lavatories)" yesterday. The play was very funny and examined modern culture and shaming in an amusing and thought-provoking way. This performance was a preview of the National Theatre Connections Festival performance taking place at The Queens Theatre Hornchurch next Friday where the group will join two other performances. Tickets can be purchased from their website and cost £6. It was lovely to see our main hall with an audience and students performing again. The sound of laughter was therapeutic.

Well done to the cast members and tech crew. They did an amazing job for their first run. The audience laughed a lot. The cast consisted of **Joshua Brown, Louise Turner, Ben Vessey, Kai Doyle, Zak Simpkins, Hannah Phelan, Harrison Meadows** and **Amal Khalid**.

Barbican Box Project: The Barbican Box Project will be starting this week. This is a unique opportunity for a group of Year 7 students to participate in a project in partnership with The Barbican Theatre. The students will take part in a number of drama-based workshops that will prepare them for a final piece to share in July.

Tassomai Champions for the two weeks from 25th May to 7th June:

Year 10

Kyran Ackerman-Mond **2hr 13**

Scarlet Webber **1hr 20**

Ahmed Farhan **1hr 12**

Year 9

Toby Palmer **1hr 2**

Maria Thira **1 hr**

Nathan Lai **59mins**

Congratulations all of you for just continuing to do the right thing. Six achievement points will be awarded to each of you by the end of the week. Miss Betts

Message From MIND: We have been made aware of stickers being placed in the local area promoting a chat group on the messaging app Telegram called jointhewhiterose. The stickers encourage people to download the app and access an open messaging facility. This appears to be a site promoting anti-covid and anti-lockdown views in the main.

Please check your child's phone and be aware of the apps that your child is downloading and accessing as this is an open chat site where your children can communicate with strangers and people have direct access to communicating with your child.

“Cast” an eye over these! Congratulations to Renea Coppeard (Year 8) for her fantastic creativity and skill shown in this year’s Claymation Project. We are proud of her volunteering to develop her skills in her own time and are sure that you can see how gifted her artworks are. If students are interested in a school-based clay project with an outside artist, then we are running one on Wednesdays after school between now and the end of term. Students should see their art teacher with any questions or just turn up.



SUMMER FETE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES: Friends of Passmores are very excited to host the Summer Fete and this year we will be giving out free goodie bags to attendees! These bags have been sponsored by two very kind local businesses, **Mike Varney** and **Chandini Indian Restaurant**. We now need your help to fill them with leaflets of your small businesses. Please contact fof@passmoresacademy.com for details of how to take advantage of this exciting way to increase your company's visibility.

Maths Homework Club: Please note, this club has moved to Fridays.

Maths homework Club

Maths4 Everyone
Helping everyone to succeed

hegartymaths

Number of days: 601
 Months: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun
 How many shares were sold in January? 28

**Time : Every Friday
3:20pm**

Location : Fishbowl

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

Post Year 11 - Writtle College Open Event:

Sunday 27th June, 10am-3pm

If you are interested, please book a space online at <https://writtle.ac.uk/College-Course-Events#Visit>

8 OUTDOOR
activities to boost wellbeing

1. Do some gardening
2. Discover new walks
3. Nature spotting
4. Forage for fruit and flowers
5. Take your workout outside
6. Have a picnic
7. Practice mindfulness
8. Get crafty

NATURE & EMOTIONAL HEALTH

Benefits to our wellbeing



Time in nature

Reduces

Depression
Stress
Anxiety
Rumination

Increases

Meditative feelings
Good mood
Empathy
Attention & focus



USING NATURE AS AN EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEM



WHILE RESEARCH SHOWS A REDUCTION IN STRESS LEVELS AND AN INCREASE IN RELAXATION, SPENDING TIME IN NATURE HAS ADDITIONAL SOCIAL & HEALTH BENEFITS



ACTIVITY IN GREEN SPACES REDUCES SOCIAL ISOLATION AND INCREASES A SENSE OF BELONGING AND CONNECTION TO PEOPLE AND PLACE

A 90 minute walk in nature...
reduces negative self talk
10 minutes in a green space...
increases meditative responses in the brain
Looking at natural scenery...
Triggers areas of the brain associated with empathy & love

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@wildinthecity1

Handwritten signatures of Natalie Christie and Vic Goddard.

Natalie Christie & Vic Goddard
Co-Principals of Passmores Academy

Forthcoming Events:

7th June – 18th June
Wednesday 23rd June
Friday 25th June
Thursday 1st July
Friday 2nd July
Tuesday 6th July
Wednesday 7th July
Friday 9th July
Friday 9th July
Saturday 10th July
Tuesday 13th July
Tuesday 13th July
Wednesday 14th July
Thursday 15th July
Friday 16th July
Friday 30th July

Year 10 Mocks
Year 9 Parents’/Carers’ Evening 4pm-7pm
Sports Day
Year 6 Transition Day
Inset Day
Year 11 Prom
Year 10 Parents’/Carers’ Evening 4pm-7pm
Year 10 Vaccinations Dip, Tet, Polio and Meningitis (two vaccines)
Year 8 Vaccinations HPV 1
Passmores Summer Fete
Year 10 Vaccinations Dip, Tet, Polio and Meningitis (two vaccines)
Year 8 Vaccinations HPV 1
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