



Principals' Letter – Summer Term 2021 Week Ending 25th June 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

At the end of another busy week we were obviously disappointed to postpone Sports Day today but are hopeful we'll find a suitable alternative date soon. We'd like to say a big thank you to the parents/carers that were able to attend the Year 9 evening this week. The feedback from staff was so positive about the undoubted partnership between them and you in order to help your young person in the best possible way. Parents/carers of Year 10 please do sign up for your evening when you can.

Today we had our first known positive test result amongst our students for a while and, unfortunately, had to send a few 'close contacts' home to isolate. It would be good if we could use the same rules as the Scotland football team and avoid having to isolate by taking tests but those rules don't seem to be available to us. If you have not heard from us then your young person was not a known contact. We continue to give out test kits twice a week for those of you that wish to continue to administer lateral flow tests.

Please take a few minutes to look at the end of the newsletter to see the dates of upcoming events as your support is vital to the school's success.

Stay well please

Year 10 Parents/Carers' Reminder: Year 10 Parents/Carers' Evening opens Monday 28th June for booking and the evening is on Wednesday 7th July 4pm-7pm.

Uniform Reminder from the PE Department: A reminder to all students that PE kit is to be worn only for the days that students have it on their timetable. Thank you in advance for your support on this matter.

Summer Fete News: It is with regret that we have had to postpone the Friends of Passmores Summer Fete scheduled for 10th July, due to the new Covid safety guidance. We are looking into the possibility of holding a similar event early in the new school year, so please keep your eyes peeled for further dispatches.

Jack Petchey Winners: We are pleased to announce that Jack Petchey winners this year and last year (named below) were able to have a virtual acknowledgement on 21st June where a live recorded film was shown via YouTube. Usually students and staff winners are invited to the Playhouse for a celebration evening but due to Covid 19, the Jack Petchey corporation arranged this virtual celebration instead. The film ended with a song from **Reggie Shipwright** who performed "under my skin" by Frank Sinatra. Well done to Reggie and all the deserving winners of this award.

Cerys Sharpe
Kai Rundall
Elena Iona
Joshua Brown
Isabelle-Carey-Young
Nicole Holmes
Staff Winne - **Ms Gladen**

Dylan Hammond
Sian Kearney
Connor Foster
Ahmed Farhan
Lacey-Mae Stafford
Kayleigh McConnell

Tom Brazier
Alfie Timpson
Oak Saunders
Joe Savage
Maheen Anwar
Mia Rowan

Year 10 Drama Excellence Club Performance at Hornchurch: After their successful run through a couple of weeks ago, our Year 10 Drama Excellence Club put on their performance of "**A Series of Public Apologies (in response to an unfortunate incident in the school lavatories)**" at the Queenx Theatre Hornchurch. Passmores were joined by two other schools, who also performed drama pieces which they had been working on for quite a few months (even during lockdown). Two Passmores Governors attended both the run through and the final performance at Hornchurch and commented on just how much the performers had come on in just a week. Lines were perfected and new jokes added in. The original run through had an incredibly funny impression of Boris Johnson, but this time with a twist of a wig, he was joined by Donald Trump. The audience found this very funny. One Governor stated "the Year 10s were just amazing and delivered their performance in a professional thought provoking way. The play was extremely funny and all the lines were projected and heard through out the large auditorium". These performances were part of the National Theatre Connections Festival. The Queenz Theatre did an amazing job of keeping audience members to keep masks on and social distanced, with everyone spread out and drinks ordered/delivered whilst the audience remained in their seats, proving that theatres could work in a safe manner.

Well done to the cast members. They did an amazing job and represented Passmores in a fantastic way. The cast consisted of **Joshua, Louise, Ben, Kai, Zak, Hannah, Harrison and Amal**. A special mention to Louise whose birthday was that day and she spent her birthday rehearsing and performing. Such professionalism. Well done all. A couple of the cast members wrote up their experiences of the event.

Account from Josh

My highlight was performing in a theatre again after so many months; it was glorious witnessing the audience's reactions and it was marvellous receiving the huge laughter and applause from the hilarious script by John Donnelly. The theatre itself was fabulous and I have gained many fond memories from the day, namely the Nando's that Miss Warncken was so kind to buy us, and the fun times shared with the cast throughout the day. The other plays were fantastic (although, undoubtedly, ours was the best), but all three plays were united in challenging the crazy world of today. I would like to thank the National Theatre, the playwright - John Donnelly - the staff from the Queens Theatre, the wonderful people in the rest of the cast and Miss Warncken for investing so much in the project through a difficult period for her.

Account from Amal

Today was the day we all have been enthusiastically waiting for. The weather was particularly rainy, and this made it a bit of an adventure to get on the road to Hornchurch, yet we all decided to practice lines in the minibus while travelling. Upon arrival, we were greeted by two lovely members of theatre staff, who welcomed us into the theatre space and we met with our mentor director, Tom Mansfield, who we had seen at school on Tuesday. It was amazing seeing the stage which we would be

performing on. It was a classic stage with red seats surrounding it on which we ran through some remarkably interesting and incredibly fun vocal exercises with Tom.

After having a dress /tech run we were given a one-hour break where our wonderful drama teacher decided to treat us to Nando's, this was simply the highlight of our day! We also celebrated the birthday of one of our cast members with a cake and lively music, it was great fun.

Once the evening started, we watched the performance of the group before us consisting of girls a high school. Following this there was a short interval, during which we got ready in our costumes and then went and performed on stage. It was wonderful! We felt very nervous yet also very excited. To finally be on stage looking at our families and new faces was a very exciting and new experience for many of us, we were purely running on adrenaline. The audience had a lot of laughs and found the play very funny which we all were very happy to hear. After our performance, finally a sixth form drama group performed a piece on environmental friendliness which was very heart touching and emotional.

After the performances were over, we were able to talk to some of the other groups and they were all friendly and amazing and it was a job well done. We had a fun time, the audience enjoyed the play and we took a lot of pictures. It was really a night to remember!

Account from Hannah

It was wonderful performing on stage again and being able to do it in this warm and welcoming environment made it even better. Being part of the National Theatre Connections festival made it clear to us as a group, why we enjoy performing so much. The day overall was such a fulfilling experience, as it was clear that the work we put into our performance paid off, even throughout our dress and tech runs, it was obvious that we were both learning and enjoying ourselves. Being surrounded by industry professionals was amazing, it gave us an insight to what it would be like having a career in the arts and left us feeling inspired and hopeful. I'm sure we would all do it again in a heartbeat.



Tassomai Champions for the week ending 21/6/21:

Year 10

Scarlet Webber	1h 34mins
Chase Langley	1 h 39 mins
Kyran Ackerman-Mond	1h 18mins

Year 9

Fred Lyon	1h 34mins
Charlie Root	1h 24mins
Robrt Hudson-Hamilton	1h 18 mins

Congratulations! You will all be awarded 6 extra achievement points. Well done and keep it up!
Miss Betts

Maths Department Reminder:

Maths homework Club

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

Location : Fishbowl

info : Mr. Boamah
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Natalie Christie *V. Goddard*

Natalie Christie & Vic Goddard
Co-Principals of Passmores Academy

Forthcoming Events:

Thursday 1 st July	Year 6 Transition Day
Friday 2 nd July	Inset Day
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
Monday 12 th July	It's a knockout Challenge (Year 8/10)

Tuesday 13th July	It's a knockout challenge (Year 7 /9)
Tuesday 13th July	Year 10 Vaccinations Dip, Tet, Polio and Meningitis (two vaccines)
Tuesday 13th July	Year 8 Vaccinations HPV 1
Thursday 15th July	Non Uniform Day for the Winning House
Thursday 15th July	Drama Summer Showcase (6pm)
Friday 16th July	Early Closure for Students (1.25pm) END OF TERM.
Friday 30th 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