



Principals' Letter – Summer Term 2021 Week Ending 2nd July 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

We hope this finds you all ok. We know that staff training days can be an inconvenience for families but today's was important for us in preparation for next year. We called the day the start of a Passmores Reset as we are all looking forward to a year without disruption and want to ensure that we are focussed on how we best make up for the lost time of the last two years.

The experiences of the pandemic are very personal and different depending on what we've had to deal with outside of school as well as in. However, there are many things that we know that will make a positive difference when we start the new year. What has been reinforced in the lockdowns about our partnership with you is how much better we can support your child when we do it together.

There is no doubt that some young people have had more difficult experiences than others and some have coped better than others. In September we must ensure that each member of our community is doing what is needed for themselves but also for others. Two of our Cooperative values are self help and social responsibility and they will be crucial for the future success of our young people and school in general.

With only two weeks to go it feels that the recent increase in cases is, hopefully, the final test of our patience before we can move on together with the energy and comradeship we need to be a success. We continue to be grateful for your understanding as we attempt to navigate the still, sometimes, nonsensical guidelines and hope that September brings a great deal more stability and enjoyment back to school life.

Stay well please

Changes to School Skirts from September 2021 FOR ALL PUPILS IN YEARS 7-11: Students need to make sure they have a pleated skirt from September. Students will be no longer able to wear a straight skirt, this is not new information as we informed everyone at the end of the last academic year. The **skirt needs to be pleated all the way round** (same size pleats), plain at the top and it needs to sit just above your knee. If students come into school on the first day back with an incorrect skirt, they will be given one to wear provided by the school until a correct one is purchased and worn.

These skirts **are not** suitable! There can be no buckles, they need to be plain at the top, pleats need to go to the waistband. The pleats are different sizes and they are too short. If you are unsure about a skirt you are about to purchase please email Miss Banks and she will check them for you. s.banks@passmoresacademy.com. Create Identitee have the correct skirts in stock so if in doubt

have a look on their website. You can purchase from other retailers as long as they meet the requirements.



These are acceptable.



Rising Futures 'Into the Wild' Trip overview - Monday 28th June

The Year 9 and 10 students participating in the 'Rising Futures' programme had a really great 'Into the Wild' trip at Lambourne End Centre for Outdoor Learning on Monday 28th June! It was so wonderful to see the students have a well-deserved trip experience, considering how much of the 'normal' programme they weren't able to do over the winter period. They experienced an action-packed day of team building, climbing and a farm tour. On numerous occasions the students demonstrated the four 'Yes Futures Talents' in abundance (Confidence, Communication, Resilience and Self-Awareness).

The students worked together throughout the day and tackled each activity supporting each other brilliantly. At the end of the day, every student graduated with a certificate for completing the programme and the Rising Futures staff highlighted their achievements from throughout the programme and the day.

Special mentions go to the following pupils:

Bryony - During the team building and problem-solving activities she completely threw herself into the activities taking a leadership role and guiding the team to success!

Kayleigh and Kaisha - were unstoppable during the climbing activity! They found their first climbs challenging but that only made them more determined. Showing great resilience, they went on to conquer the entire climbing wall.

Lewis - Lewis also found his first climb a challenge but after a talk with the rest of the group he was soon back on the wall, showing outstanding resilience and facing the challenge!

Lily - was a great support to the other students in her group, cheering them on and offering encouragement. This is such an important role within a team.

The students that successfully completed the programme were **Selin Bozkurt, Joshua Brown, Rega Canaj, Sophie Gibbs, Lily Daly, Markus Dignan, Bryony Gibb, Will Grant, Albie Hibbert, Kaisha Hayward, Lewis Martin, Kayleigh McConnell, Rebecca Nicholls, Shelby Paterson, Francesca Pickering, Shane Shaw, Jedd Taylor, Kevin Traci and Freddie Thornton.**



Year 5 Visits: This week we invited our Year 5 students from our three cooperative primaries (Potter Street, Purford Green and The Downs) into Passmores to give them a taste of secondary school life. We were able to keep them all within their primary bubbles for the visits but that did not stop them from enjoying their time with us. The students explored the wonders of acids and alkalis in the science labs on Monday, had a go at running relays on our athletics track on Tuesday and finished their Passmores experience making fabric party bags, pizza whirls and Thaumatrope party toys in technology on Wednesday. The Year 5s impressed us with their enthusiasm and good manners and we are looking forward to seeing them all again next year in Year 6.

The Soldiers' Charity Challenge: If you are looking for something to do with the family this summer, why not try the Operation Bletchley code breaking and exercise challenge. Their challenges combine brains and brawn to raise money for 'The Soldiers' Charity' whilst also learning about the history of World War 2. Details can be found at <https://events.soldierscharity.org/> - Mr Pickering

Diversity Week: Last week Diversity Week was celebrated and several students took part in a celebration marking the event.



Letter from Robert Halfon: Carmen in 8G1 GHN has been nominated for an award at the 2021 Montessori Awards by Robert Halfon. The award is the Commitment to Sustainability Award and it is to be presented to a child who has shown dedication and passion for protecting the environment. Mr Halfon said that he was "very impressed by Carmen's ideas for improving the

environment in schools and generating energy". Well done Carmen for this wonderful nomination. We are happy your efforts have been recognised in this way.



Tassomai Champions for the week ending 28/6/21:

Year 10

Ryan Horn	1h 25mins
Chase Langley	1 h 18 mins
Rhianna Andrews	1h 10mins

Year 9

Libby Yeoman	1h 29mins
Sophia Atkinson	1h 8mins
Josh Youens	52 mins

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

Spring Clean: On Wednesday evening students and staff volunteered in the Harlow Council 'Spring Clean'. This was such a worthwhile and important job that we have decided to make this a termly activity to clean up our environment both in school and the surrounding community. We also received £100 donation from Harlow Council which has been donated to No Child Without. Thank you to those who gave up their time.

Year 11 Leavers Opportunity

Medical projects are running a FREE online event for year 11s who are embarking on A levels and have a keen interest in medicine. There will be doctors and current medical students covering the application timeline, work experience, entrance exams and everything they need to know about applying for medical school. Students will need to click on the link below to register and it will be on a first come first serve basis:

Event name: Medicine Application Timeline - Getting Ready

Location: Online

Date: 21st August 2021

Ages: Current year 11 (going into year 12 in September)

Google registration link: <https://forms.gle/Dud254nM1dozd3uF7>

Online Bullying

Cyberbullying can happen anywhere, anytime by people you know and sometimes people you don't know



For help and advice call:

ChildLine - NSPCC
0800 1111

Bullying UK
0808 800 2222

Cyberbullying can be done publicly online or private messaging – talk to someone you trust and report it

For help and advice visit:

Kooth.com
Thinkuknow.co.uk
Internetmatters.org

Don't be mean behind the screen



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Online Gaming

Most online games feature some method of reporting people who you feel threatened by. You will usually find this feature in a 'recent players' menu within your game

DO

download an authorised firewall and antivirus to keep your computer safe

DO

report other players on gaming websites if you feel threatened by them

DO NOT

- Set your username using personal information such as your name, birthday or address
- Give out personal information or meet people you do not know even if you think they are your friends
- Make your character on online games look like you as this could help people find out your identity

Stay safe online!



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Online Grooming

Online grooming is when someone uses the internet to trick, force or pressure a young person into doing something sexual or to get them to engage in criminal activity

For help and advice call:

NSPCC
ChildLine
0800 1111



Report to:
CEOP
ceop.police.uk

A 'groomer' can:

- Ask you to send naked pictures or sexual videos
- Isolate you from your friends and family through bribes or threats
- Use social media apps and online games to identify young people to groom
- Use compliments and flattery to get you to do what they want

Possible signs that a young person is being groomed are:

- They have an older boyfriend or girlfriend
- They have new expensive items such as trainers, jewellery or mobile phone
- They have a new friendship group and spend less time with their usual friends
- Being upset, withdrawn or distressed

Anyone can groom another person old, young, male or female



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Indecent Images

It is against the law to take, make, share, own, open, download or store sexualised images and videos of children and young people under 18

Talk to someone you trust or call

NSPCC
ChildLine
0800 1111



If you are feeling pressurised report it:

CEOP
ceop.police.uk

Risks of sharing nudes and sexting

- You lose control of the image or video
- Content can be saved and shared by others
- Can be difficult to remove online but should still be reported
- Risk of humiliation after relationship breaks down
- Can lead to being blackmailed using your images or videos

STOP! Think about it!
Sending nudes is not a risk worth taking!



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Natalie Christie *V. Goddard*

Natalie Christie & Vic Goddard
Co-Principals of Passmores Academy

Forthcoming Events:

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
Thursday 15 th July	Non Uniform Day for the Winning House
Thursday 15 th July	Drama Summer Showcase (6pm)
Friday 16 th July	Early Closure for Students (1pm) 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