

## Passmores Academy... Class of 2026

### Well done Year 11... exam season is officially over... you did it!



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been!

Firstly, congratulations to our Year 11 students who have now completed their examinations. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and determination throughout the exam season and wish them every success as they look ahead to the next stage of their journeys.

On Wednesday, we celebrated Thank a Teacher Day, providing a wonderful opportunity to recognise and thank our dedicated staff for their unwavering commitment to our students and school community. Their passion, care and hard work make a difference every single day.

The celebrations continued on Wednesday evening at the Essex Teaching Awards, where I am delighted to announce that we were named winners of the '**Making a Difference – Secondary School**' award. This recognition reflects the collective efforts of our entire school community. Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate us and for your continued support. Together, we truly do make a difference. To top off an already memorable day, I then made it home just in time to see England secure a fantastic victory in the football!

Whilst on the subject of sport, our field events have continued this week, with students across years 7 and 8 producing some outstanding performances. Once again, several school records have been broken, demonstrating the talent and commitment of our young athletes. Full results can be found on page 12. Let's hope these talents are bringing home some medals from the District Athletics tournament today!

Finally, we wish our Year 7 students a fantastic time as they depart for Mersea on their residential trip this Sunday. The weather forecast is looking promising, and I hope they enjoy a memorable week filled with new experiences, challenges and fun.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to making our school such a special place. We have much to celebrate and look forward to building on these successes in the weeks ahead.

**Natalie Christie**  
Principal of Passmores Academy



# TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVERS FOR GOOD CLASSWORK/HOMEWORK/CONTRIBUTION

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026

|                  |   |    |
|------------------|---|----|
| Morrison, Evelyn | 7 | 48 |
| Dixon, Sam       | 7 | 36 |
| Akers, Lexi      | 7 | 33 |
| Clements, Fifi   | 7 | 33 |
| Luca, Daria      | 7 | 33 |
| Mulligan, Riley  | 7 | 33 |
| Goodson, Ayla    | 7 | 30 |
| Lennard, Kiera   | 7 | 30 |
| Mair, Harry      | 7 | 30 |
| Rees, Talulah    | 7 | 30 |

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|--------------------|---|----|
| Crook, Fenton      | 8 | 27 |
| Bricknell, Oscar   | 8 | 24 |
| Chui, Kingsley     | 8 | 24 |
| Jones, Lillie-Rose | 8 | 24 |
| Lawrence, Ethan    | 8 | 24 |
| Loader, Daisy      | 8 | 24 |
| Owen, Amelie       | 8 | 24 |
| Paul, Anastasia    | 8 | 24 |
| Smith, Drew        | 8 | 24 |
| Wang, Ivan         | 8 | 24 |
| Warner, Ruby       | 8 | 24 |

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|----------------------|---|----|
| McCormick, Rosie     | 9 | 36 |
| Yusuf, Zahra         | 9 | 36 |
| Lloyd, Samuel        | 9 | 33 |
| Toku Appleton, Ethan | 9 | 33 |
| Ozimek, Nela         | 9 | 30 |
| Rogers, Mason        | 9 | 30 |
| Hards, Isabella      | 9 | 27 |
| Mirza, Casey         | 9 | 27 |
| Nolan, Scarlett      | 9 | 27 |
| Crutchlow, Sam       | 9 | 24 |
| McGill, Harry        | 9 | 24 |
| Paxton, Bobby        | 9 | 24 |

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|---------------------|----|----|
| Redding, Jack       | 10 | 21 |
| Denkewicz, Jan      | 10 | 18 |
| Nicholls, Melissa   | 10 | 18 |
| Crook, Lacey        | 10 | 15 |
| Euesden, Sophia     | 10 | 15 |
| Frimpong, Abena     | 10 | 15 |
| Marks, Beau         | 10 | 15 |
| Oprea, Maya         | 10 | 15 |
| Aggouche, Yousra    | 10 | 12 |
| Aylwin, Scarlet     | 10 | 12 |
| Behan, Romey        | 10 | 12 |
| Boland, Frankie     | 10 | 12 |
| Cairns, Eryn        | 10 | 12 |
| Campbell, Maliyah   | 10 | 12 |
| Cass-Barnard, Lylah | 10 | 12 |
| Collins, Lily       | 10 | 12 |
| Ely, Thea           | 10 | 12 |
| Essafri, Nora       | 10 | 12 |
| Evans, Maci         | 10 | 12 |
| Everett, Melody     | 10 | 12 |
| Hewett, Daisy       | 10 | 12 |
| Norburn, Amber      | 10 | 12 |
| Ramalingum, Alisha  | 10 | 12 |
| Stratford, Lucy     | 10 | 12 |
| Windeler, Emylei    | 10 | 12 |
| Windeler, Rinoa     | 10 | 12 |

## Year Group Attendance w/c 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Year 7              | 91.34%       |
| Year 8              | 88.48%       |
| Year 9              | 86.05%       |
| Year 10             | 91.67%       |
| <b>All Students</b> | <b>89.4%</b> |

## PASTORAL UPDATE

### Pastoral Curriculum Time This Week

This week saw students and staff continue preparations for the new academic year in September 2026 through a whole-school breaktime trial day linked to our new day structure. Overall, the trial was a success, with many positives identified alongside a few important lessons learned that will help inform our planning moving forward.



Student feedback will play a vital role in helping us refine our plans and ensure a successful transition to the new structure in September. We recognise that any change can bring a mixture of excitement and apprehension, and that students may feel both. By running this trial well in advance and giving students the opportunity to share their experiences and views, we hope to provide reassurance, answer questions and alleviate any anxiety associated with the changes ahead.

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### In The News

In the News this week saw students learn about the Passmores Attendance World Cup. Each tutor group has been assigned a national team competing in the tournament, with tutor groups going head-to-head in an exciting attendance competition to be crowned champions.



Throughout the competition, tutor groups will battle it out by achieving the best attendance, earning valuable progress for their allocated teams. Regular updates, league standings and key fixtures will be shared during Pastoral Curriculum Time every Monday, helping to build excitement, teamwork and a collective focus on the importance of excellent attendance.

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### In Other News

Year 10 students made an excellent start to their mock examinations this week. We have been extremely impressed with the mature and determined way students have approached the challenge, demonstrating resilience, focus and positive attitudes throughout the examination period.



We were equally impressed with the enthusiasm and effort shown by Year 10 students during the latest round of the Passmores Big Quiz. Plenty of valuable House points were secured as the House competition continues to intensify heading into the final stages of the year.

Meanwhile, Year 7 and Year 8 students represented themselves, their year groups and their Houses superbly during the Sports Day field events. There were some fantastic performances, excellent teamwork and great House spirit on display throughout the events. With the field events now completed, anticipation is certainly building ahead of Sports Day itself as students wait to discover who currently sits at the top of the leaderboard.

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Looking Ahead to Next Week...

It promises to be another extremely busy and exciting week at Passmores.

Some of our Year 7 students will be heading to Mersea from Sunday through to Wednesday for their residential trip. We hope they have a fantastic experience filled with challenge, teamwork and lasting memories.

Thought for the Week will focus on the importance of working together as a team ahead of Sports Day on Friday, encouraging students to support one another and represent their Houses with pride and positivity. We are also looking forward to welcoming some members of our 2026 Year 7 cohort into school on Thursday for their Year 6 Induction Day, giving students the opportunity to experience life at Passmores and begin their transition journey.

Thursday will also see our Year 11 students celebrate together at their long-awaited Prom, while Year 9 students will take part in a Taster Day at Harlow College, exploring future opportunities and pathways. Another busy week lies ahead, and we look forward to sharing these experiences with our students and families.



Weekly Winners

- Arthur Chatters
- Ellie Cooper
- Darcey Bloor
- Zoe Richards
- Oliver Cross
- Ruby Clarke
- Charlie Griffiths
- Gabe Austin
- Jamie Donovan
- Jessie Powell

### Year 9 Visit to Harlow College – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June

We are pleased to inform parents and carers that all Year 9 students will be attending Harlow College on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June as part of their careers and future pathways programme.



During the visit, students will take part in an activity that they have already selected, giving them the opportunity to experience an area of study or vocational training available at the college. In addition, students will receive a guided tour of the campus and attend a presentation highlighting the wide range of courses, apprenticeships and opportunities available to them when considering their next steps after leaving Passmores Academy.

Students should make their own way to Harlow College and arrive by 9:45am. The day will conclude at 2:30pm, when students will be dismissed directly from the college.

Students are required to bring:

- A packed lunch
- Snacks
- Drinks for the day

Food and refreshments will also be available to purchase from the college canteen. Please note that Harlow College is a cashless site, so students will need a bank card or other cashless payment method if they wish to buy food.

We believe this visit will provide valuable insight into the exciting opportunities available after Year 11 and help students begin thinking about their future education and career choices.

**Please remember to give consent for your young person to attend, you can do this by going onto Arbor.**

If you have any questions before the visit, please contact:

T. Bassett  
T.bassett@passmoresacademy.com



Hello from the Drama department...

Apologies for our silence over recent weeks, we have been a busy bunch!

We are now just 3 weeks away from show week and the production is coming together nicely. We are all excited to share the magic of Matilda with you all.

Tickets are selling fast, Tuesday and Friday night are nearly sold out already!

[Click here for tickets to Matilda the Musical Jr.](#)

Come back again next week for some behind the scenes sneak peaks!

Performance dates are as follows:

Tuesday 7th July 2026  
Wednesday 8th July 2026  
Thursday 9th July 2026

All performances will commence at 6:30pm. Doors will open at 6pm.

Tickets are priced at £8 for adults and £6 for students/children/senior citizens (OAPs) and can be purchased using the link below.

Refreshments will be available to purchase before the performance and during the interval.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a fantastic production.

## Top Tech Tips...

EE have recently launched their 'Safer sims'. These are sim-only plans that have child protection features built into the SIM, which, unlike software-based restrictions, cannot be turned off.

They offer 3 tiers of restriction:



| Protected - £9 p/m                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Guided - £12 p/m                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Trusted - £15 p/m                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Little Data – Maps and WhatsApp</li><li>▪ Unlimited minutes and texts</li><li>▪ Network-level parental controls.</li><li>▪ Scam call identification.</li><li>▪ Blocks on premium-rate calls and charges added to the phone bill.</li><li>▪ Blocks 18-rated material any content above a PG rating prevents functioning of chat, dating, and unmoderated social networking sites e.g. Instagram, Snapchat etc.</li><li>▪ Google SafeSearch to filter out websites related to adult or unsecured content</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 3GB of Data</li><li>▪ Unlimited minutes and texts</li><li>▪ Network-level parental controls.</li><li>▪ Scam call identification.</li><li>▪ Blocks on premium-rate calls and charges added to the phone bill.</li><li>▪ Blocks 18-rated material</li></ul> <p>You can request the other filters from the “protected” sim here too.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 10GB of Data</li><li>▪ Unlimited minutes and texts</li><li>▪ Network-level parental controls.</li><li>▪ Scam call identification.</li><li>▪ Blocks on premium-rate calls and charges added to the phone bill.</li><li>▪ Blocks 18-rated material</li></ul> |

One of the key features of these plans are that, if you opt for a “guided” or “trusted” sim, when they have used the allocated data, they get given the same data as the “protected” sim where only WhatsApp and maps will work but they will always be connected.

It is important to note, this only works when they are using EE’s network and won’t work when they are on Wi-Fi so it is recommended to have parental controls set up on your Wi-Fi too.

For more information, visit: <https://ee.co.uk/mobile/safer-sims>

# Year 6, 7 & 8 SUMMER BBQ & ROUNDERS

WEDNESDAY  
15 JULY

In order to secure  
your child a place,  
please sign up via  
the QR code or  
click the link [here](#)  
no later than  
Monday 6th July  
2026.



BBQ

ALL YEAR 7 EVENTS



**Passmores Academy**

3.45PM

All of the family welcome  
Please book via the QR code or  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/passmores-academy>



# Year 6, 7 & 8 DISCO



In order to secure  
your child a place,  
please sign up via  
the QR code or  
click the link [here](#)  
no later than  
Monday 6th July  
2026.

Let's  
Celebrate!

JULY

15

6 PM - 8 PM



PASSMORES ACADEMY MAIN HALL

[WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/PASSMORESACADEMY](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/passmoresacademy)

Dear PCLC Family, Parents & Carers,

Graham & Charlie Dowers (Paringdon) are taking on two cycling challenges this year as part of their annual fundraising mission in memory of their Nephew/Cousin, Greg and to raise much needed funds for The Chocolate Run, a charity that I Chair and that hosts a Drop-In every Sunday evening (5-7pm) where Harlow's Street Homeless & Vulnerably Housed can get a hot meal/dessert and companionship. Greg was a very popular Chocolate Run guest until July 2022 when he sadly died.

The Poplar Kitten has offered their support by hosting alternating QUIZ and BINGO nights every Wednesday evening (from 7.15pm) every week throughout June, July & August.

The Chocolate Run Trustees are very grateful to all involved and are keen to invite as many staff, parents, and carers to take part, either alone or as part of a group - I promise you will have a great time whilst raising money to help others.

Jo Busson  
CHAIR  
The Chocolate Run

# POPLAR KITTEN

# CHARITY NIGHTS

## EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING

*From now until September!*

SUPPORTING CHARLIE & GRAHAM'S BIKE RIDES IN THE SUMMER

QUIZ ONE WEEK – BINGO THE NEXT – ALTERNATING EVERY WEEK!

### QUIZ NIGHT

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE  
GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

ALTERNATING  
EVERY  
WEDNESDAY!

### BINGO NIGHT

EYES DOWN FOR FUN  
GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY

### CHOCOLATE RUN HARLOW

Supporting: Chocolate Run Harlow  
helping homeless and vulnerably housed people in Harlow.

AIDING HOMELESS PEOPLE  
& THE VULNERABLY  
HOUSED IN HARLOW

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DESERVES A CHANCE

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TO  
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[www.justgiving.com/page/graham-dowers-3](http://www.justgiving.com/page/graham-dowers-3)

Every donation helps us make a real difference.

Thank  
you for  
your  
support!

# Summer Term 2026

## After School Clubs

| Department | Club                          | Day                 | Time          | Room                  | Staffing     |
|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Art        | KS4 Art and Design GCSE Club  | Thursday            | 3:15 – 4:00   | L105/104              | GHS/VFX      |
| English    | Book Club                     | Thursday            | 3:15 – 4:00   | English Dept          | NVH and team |
| English    | Creative Writing Club         | Thursday            | 3:15 – 4:00   | U107                  | EBG/EPE      |
| English    | Year 11 Homework Support      | Tuesday A           | 1:45 – 2:15   | English corridor      | LKG          |
| English    | KS4 Drop-in support           | Friday B            | 3:20 – 4:20   | U103                  | LKG          |
| French     | French Homework Club          | Wednesday           | 3:15 – 4:00   | Y101                  | CFY          |
| Geography  | Geography Film Club           | Thursday            | 3:20 – 4:15   | U004                  | VNS          |
| Music      | Steel Pans - Student Group 1  | Monday              | 3:30 – 4:30   | L19                   | DBK/JDE      |
| Music      | Steel Pans - Student Group 2  | Monday              | 4:30 – 5:30   | L19                   | DBK/JDE      |
| Music      | Soul Band                     | Thursday            | 3:20 – 4:00   | L19                   | DBR          |
| Music      | Piano Club & Music Technology | Thursday            | 3:20 – 4:00   | L110                  | DBR          |
| Music      | Glee Vocal Club               | Wednesday           | 3:20 – 4:00   | L19                   | PTG          |
| PE         | Cricket                       | Monday - Break 1    | 10:55 – 11:20 | Astro Turf            | MGD          |
| PE         | Cricket                       | Monday - Break 2    | 11:20 – 11:45 | Astro Turf            | AMN          |
| PE         | Cricket                       | Tuesday - Break 1   | 10:55 – 11:20 | Astro Turf            | GCI          |
| PE         | Cricket                       | Tuesday - Break 2   | 11:20 – 11:45 | Astro Turf            | JWR          |
| PE         | Athletics                     | Tuesday             | 3.30 – 4:15   | Sports Field          | All Staff    |
| PE         | Cricket                       | Wednesday - Break 1 | 10:55 – 11:20 | Astro Turf            | RTR          |
| PE         | Cricket                       | Wednesday - Break 2 | 11:20 – 11:45 | Astro Turf            | JKG          |
| PE         | Tennis                        | Wednesday           | 3.30 – 4:15   | Tennis Court          | JWR/AMN      |
| PE         | Rounders                      | Wednesday           | 3.30 – 4:15   | Sports Field          | GCI/ARY      |
| PE         | Softball                      | Wednesday           | 3.30 – 4:15   | Sports Field          | MGD          |
| PE         | Cricket                       | Thursday - Break 1  | 10:55 – 11:20 | Astro Turf            | OWY          |
| Science    | Gardening Club                | Wednesday           | 3:20 – 4:15   | L006 / Science garden | SWT          |
| Study Club | Study Club                    | Tues-Fri            | 3.15 – 4:15   | G105/2                | RKG          |
| Youth Club | Youth Club                    | Tuesday             | 3.30 – 5:00   | Heart Space           | AOS          |



# **ATTENDANCE DROP IN**

**WHERE? Y103 ATTENDANCE OFFICE (OPPOSITE L101)**

**WHEN? EVERY WEDNESDAY BREAK TIME**

**WHO WITH? MRS LAWSON, MRS EKE & MRS SAVIDGE**

**COME AND JOIN US TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR  
ATTENDANCE AND WHAT IT MEANS.**

**ARE YOU WONDERING HOW CLOSE YOU MIGHT BE FOR A  
REWARD TRIP?**

**DO YOU HAVE A PERSONAL GOAL?**

**DO YOU HAVE ANY WORRIES AROUND ATTENDANCE?**

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP**





**Year 7**

**Alicia Tutka** (1500m Running) 6m 52s

**Caleb Wilsher** (Discus) 15:31m

**Ola Kozikowska** (Shot Putt) 5:48m

**Year 8**

**Charlie Mahon** (1500m Running) 5m 04s

**Zachary Penhallow** (Discus) 20:17m

**Year 9**

**Bobby Paxton** (1500m Running) 5m 14s

**Harry McGill** (High Jump) 1:51m

**Rowan Rex Blackburn** (Javelin) 24.72m

**Goodluck Okeke** (Triple Jump) 10:21m

**Year 10**

**Kye Barnes** (Discus) 27.20m

**Maliyah Campbell** (Discus) 19.06m

**Nicolas Silva Magri** (High Jump) 1:57m



**SPORTS/PE PRESENTATION EVENING**

## Young Economist of the year Competition (sponsored by KPMG)

For students in Years 10–13. Students can enter individually or in groups of up to 5.

- **Task:** Submit an essay, presentation, or video/audio answering one of five economics questions (e.g. GDP vs happiness, free trade, dynamic pricing, billionaires, or AI and growth).
- **Deadline:** 29 June 2026
- **What happens next:**
  - 5 shortlisted entries announced September 2026
  - Finalists present at KPMG offices in October 2026 (10-minute presentation + Q&A)
- **Purpose:** Encourage diverse students to engage with contemporary economic issues and share original ideas.



To find out more and apply, go to [Young Economist 2026 | Discover Economics](#)

## Year 9 & 10 Work Shadowing Day, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Work shadowing is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain a real insight into the world of work and to be given the chance to observe a job role which may be of specific interest for future career choices. Letters have gone out to year 9 and 10 parents/carers about this opportunity. Students will need to work with family or a close friend of the family. The deadline to find a placement is Friday 5th June 2026.

On the letters, there is a link to a google form, to be completed once the student knows where they are going. Any questions, please contact [j.kay@passmoresacademy.com](mailto:j.kay@passmoresacademy.com) or [t.bassett@passmoresacademy.com](mailto:t.bassett@passmoresacademy.com).

## British Army Careers

### *Joining the Army Series: Officer*

Tuesday 23 June 18:00 - 19:00

[Register Now](#)

### *Joining the Army Series: Soldier*

Wednesday 1 July 18:00 - 19:00

[Register Now](#)

### *Virtual Harrogate Open Day*

Wednesday 8 July 18:00 - 19:00

[Register Now](#)



These sessions are a great opportunity to:

- Explore career pathways and apprenticeships
- Hear directly from serving soldiers
- Build confidence in making informed next steps

## **HRC are Hosting an Apprenticeship Information Evening on the 25th June 2026.**

Are you interested in Apprenticeships and want to learn more? Students and parents are invited to join us at our Broxbourne Campus.

We will explain the key principles of applying for and becoming an apprentice, Apprenticeships available at HRC, top tips for CV writing and much more!

Broxbourne Campus

Thursday 25th June

5:30pm - 7.00pm

Register at <https://hrc.ac.uk/events/>

We look forward to seeing your students with us!

## **Creative & Digitech Apprenticeships Event**

Interested in a career in the creative, digital, or tech industries? Discover how an apprenticeship can help you earn while you learn in exciting areas such as marketing, design, digital media, software development, and technology.

Join industry professionals to:

- Explore apprenticeship opportunities
- Learn about careers in creative and digital sectors
- Hear insights from industry experts and apprentices
- Get top tips on applications and recruitment processes

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 6:15pm – 7:00pm

Sign up here: [Creative & Digitech Apprenticeship Event](#)

# Find your next opportunity

If you're 16–18 and not in education, employment or training, we're here to help you figure things out — no pressure, just support.

We can help with:

- Finding courses or training
- Exploring job opportunities
- Building confidence and skills
- CV and letter writing

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# PREPARING LIFE

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# —OPEN— EVENINGS

**For September 2027 entry  
1st & 2nd July 2026, 4-9pm**



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## ANY OTHER INFORMATION

### KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

#### School Address

Passmores Academy, Tracyes Road, Harlow, Essex, CM18 6JH

#### Main Telephone

01279 770800

[passmores@passmoresacademy.com](mailto:passmores@passmoresacademy.com)

#### Student Absence

Report via the app



#### Change of Contact Details

[h.day@passmoresacademy.com](mailto:h.day@passmoresacademy.com)

#### Student Services

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#### First Aid

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#### Extra-Curricular Clubs

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#### Account / Trips

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#### Homework

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#### Free School Meals

[pastudentservices@passmoresacademy.com](mailto:pastudentservices@passmoresacademy.com)

For a full list of staff contact details, click [here](#)

### Reporting An Absence

If you need to report your child absent from school, please ensure you are following the correct procedure on Arbor.



#### *If notifying us via the app:*

- Click on the 3 lines (at the bottom left of the dashboard).
- Log Absence (green bar at the top)
- Complete the information and click 'Log Absence'

#### *If notifying us from a web browser:*

- Click on the 'Quick Actions' button
- Click 'Attendance'

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

|                                                                                     |                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>                     | <b>Year 7 Mersea Trip</b>                |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June                                                        | Sports Day                               |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June                                                      | Year 6 Induction Day                     |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June                                                      | Year 11 Prom                             |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June                                                        | Sports Day                               |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July | School Production of <i>Matilda Jr.</i>  |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July                                                        | Principal's Challenge Trip               |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July                                                        | <b>DRAGON</b> Celebration Assembly       |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July                                                       | <b>GRIFFIN</b> Celebration Assembly      |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July                                                     | <b>LION</b> Celebration Assembly         |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July                                                     | Year 6-8 Rounders, BBQ & Disco           |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July                                                      | <b>UNICORN</b> Celebration Assembly      |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July                                                        | End of Term<br>Early Finish for Students |

# Your School Nursing Service

Someone you know and can trust...

Your School Nursing Service can work both in and out of School to help provide or find you support about:

**Keeping Healthy**

**Immunisations**

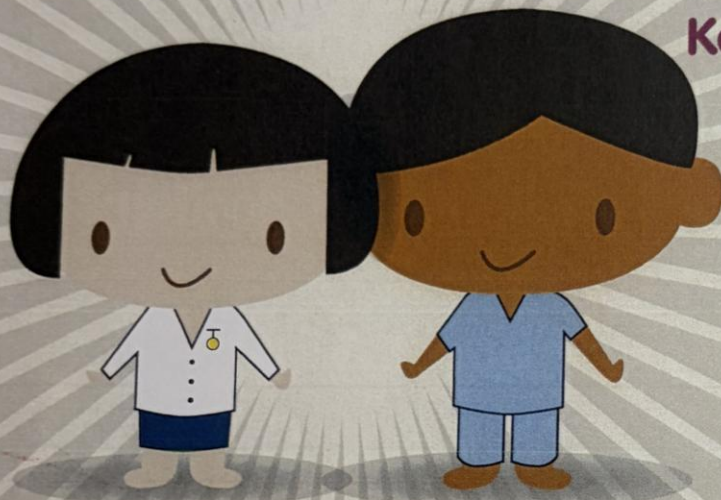
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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SPORTS BETTING ONLINE

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Sports betting online involves placing wagers on real-world sporting events through websites, apps, and linked accounts. In the UK, licensed gambling is illegal for under-18s, yet young people may still encounter betting through sports coverage, social media, gaming spaces, friends, or adult accounts. With gambling content increasingly visible online, parents and educators should help children understand the risks, financial impact, pressure, and how to make safer choices.

## EASY ONLINE ACCESS

Online sports betting sites and apps are widely available and can be accessed through phones, tablets, computers, and, indirectly, gaming or social platforms. Some young people may attempt to bypass age checks using false details or someone else's account. Digital wallets, prepaid cards, and saved payment details can also make spending harder to notice, increasing the risk of discreet or impulsive betting.

## PEER AND INFLUENCER PRESSURE

Social media influencers, online tipsters, and sports content creators can make betting appear fun, profitable, or part of being a committed fan. Young people may feel pressure to copy this behaviour, especially when friends talk about odds, accumulators, or predictions during matches. Gambling advertising rules aim to protect under-18s, but children can still see persuasive betting content in online spaces.

## FREE BET OFFERS

Online betting platforms often use free bets, bonus credits, or 'risk-free' promotions to attract users. These offers can make gambling seem safe or low commitment, but they usually include terms and conditions that young people may not understand. A free incentive can lead to real spending, repeated deposits, or the belief that gambling is easier to control than it is.

## NORMALISING GAMBLING BEHAVIOUR

Online sports betting can make gambling feel like a routine part of watching sport. Young people may begin to see odds, predictions, and wagers as harmless entertainment rather than as financial risk. This can also blur boundaries with other gambling-like activities, including loot boxes, skins betting, or casino-style games, making later gambling feel more acceptable or familiar.

## ADVERTISING AROUND SPORT

Young people can be exposed to betting brands through sports broadcasts, social media, sponsorship, pitch-side advertising, and content linked to major fixtures. Repeated exposure may make gambling seem normal, glamorous, or expected as part of the sport. Without adult guidance, children may connect betting with excitement, loyalty, and success, rather than understanding that gambling is designed to make money from customers.

## CHASING WINS AND LOSSES

A winning bet can create excitement and encourage a young person to try again, while a losing bet may lead them to place another wager to win back the money. This is known as chasing losses. Because online bets can be quick, small, and available at any time, children may not recognise how rapidly repeated decisions can become costly and emotionally harmful.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### START EARLY CONVERSATIONS

Talk openly with children about how betting works, including odds, losses, advertising, and the fact that gambling companies are commercial businesses. Use examples they may recognise, such as betting adverts during football matches, influencer predictions, or online tipsters. Keep the tone calm and curious, so that children feel able to ask questions, share concerns, and discuss pressure from friends without fearing punishment.

### EXPLORE ONLINE EXPOSURE

Ask which apps, websites, games, sports channels, and social media accounts children use around live sport. Betting content may appear through adverts, sponsorship, livestreams, tipster pages, or discussions between friends. Watching a match together can help you point out gambling messaging in real time and explain how it is designed to influence choices, normalise betting, and encourage spending.

### SET SAFER BOUNDARIES

Use device, app store, and bank settings to limit spending, block gambling transactions where possible, and require adult approval for purchases. Check payment histories for unfamiliar withdrawals, digital wallet use, or repeated small transactions. These safeguards work best alongside clear conversations, helping children understand that online payments are still real money, even when they feel quick, hidden, or invisible.

### NOTICE AND SEEK SUPPORT

Look out for secrecy around devices, sudden interest in odds, requests for money, unexplained spending, mood changes linked to sports results, or late-night phone use. Respond with support first, then gather information and seek specialist advice where needed. Organisations such as GambleAware, Ygam, GAMSTOP, and the Gambling Commission provide information about gambling harms, education, blocking tools, and support routes.

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