

Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026 Issue 06



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we continue to settle into the autumn term, it has been wonderful to see our students embracing every opportunity available to them, both inside and outside the classroom. This week's newsletter reflects the rich variety of experiences that make Passmores Academy such a vibrant and ambitious community.

Our pastoral curriculum has been particularly busy, with students engaging thoughtfully in activities linked to Black History Month and World Mental Health Day. These important discussions have encouraged reflection, understanding and empathy, helping to strengthen our inclusive school culture. Alongside this, students have been looking ahead to their futures through assemblies and careers-focused activities, including a highly successful joint careers fair with Stewards Academy.

As always, it is pleasing to see so many students being recognised for their effort, commitment and positive contribution to school life. A special congratulations goes to our Year 7 students, who continue to make a very strong start to secondary school, both in achievement points and attendance.

Our careers section is particularly packed this week, with information about post-16 open events, work experience opportunities for Year 10 students and a range of specialist pathways and enrichment programmes. We are especially keen to hear from any parents, carers or employers who may be able to support our work experience programme next February.

I would also encourage parents and carers to consider the opportunity to join our governing body. Governors play a vital role in supporting and challenging the school, and we are always keen to welcome new members from our community.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

For our year 11s, whilst they are thinking about post 16 choices, they are now beginning their November mock series with two English paper 1 exams next week. We wish them all best.

Finally, a reminder that bookings remain open for our forthcoming Chit, Chat, Coffee & Croissant morning on Monday 19th October. These events provide a valuable opportunity for us to hear your views and continue strengthening the partnership between home and school. We would be delighted to see as many parents and carers there as possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Natalie Christie
Principal of Passmores Academy

TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVERS

Friday 2nd to Thursday 9th October 2026

King, Maddox	Year 7	121
Augustine, David	Year 7	120
McAulay, Leo	Year 7	119
Watts, Emily	Year 7	119
Fleming, George	Year 7	117
Pitchford, Rylee	Year 7	117
Badham, Ted	Year 7	116
Bhatiwal, Jayhan	Year 7	114
Spiers, Leonardo	Year 7	114
Adejare, Tiwalola	Year 7	113

Norris, Mason	Year 8	136
Woodington, Isla	Year 8	124
Morrison, Evelyn	Year 8	117
Green, Cassius	Year 8	116
Williams, Amber	Year 8	114
Santon, Alfie	Year 8	112
Vanderhyde, Charlee	Year 8	112
Spence, Lyla	Year 8	111
Futers, Aoife	Year 8	109
Gligor, Damian	Year 8	109
Koom-Dadzie, Kayla	Year 8	109
Smith, Vinnie	Year 8	109

Hartgrove, Connie	Year 9	139
Cooper, Elsiemay	Year 9	129
Reynolds, Adam	Year 9	128
Salt, Macie	Year 9	121
Jakielska, Lena	Year 9	119
Charles, Kai	Year 9	117
Loader, Daisy	Year 9	117
Jablonski, Lucas	Year 9	116
Scott-Vodnar, Arthur	Year 9	114
Unwin, Reece	Year 9	114

Maylen, David	Year 10	146
Mfon, Makiah	Year 10	141
Watson, Jaydon	Year 10	131
Kundrotaitė, Evita	Year 10	130
Cox, Isabella	Year 10	129
Rowlett, Jasmine	Year 10	128
Yusuf, Zahra	Year 10	128
Ozimek, Filip	Year 10	125
Costantinou, Daniella	Year 10	123
Nyarko Moore, Nevaeh	Year 10	123
Toku Appleton, Ethan	Year 10	123

Norburn, Amber	Year 11	153
Uddin, Ayaan	Year 11	136
Euesden, Sophia	Year 11	133
Frimpong, Abena	Year 11	129
Owen, Esme	Year 11	124
Parnham, Bailey	Year 11	123
Webb, Jacob	Year 11	122
Denkewicz, Jan	Year 11	121
Gough, Max	Year 11	121
Cudmore, Samuel	Year 11	119

Year Group Attendance w/c 5th October 2026

Year 7	95.28%
Year 8	91.72%
Year 9	91.89%
Year 10	87.73%
Year 11	86.6%
All Students	90.77%

A Busy Week in Pastoral Curriculum!

It's been another fantastic week of learning, reflection and looking to the future during our pastoral curriculum time!



Our students embraced Black History Month, celebrating the achievements, contributions and stories of Black individuals and communities, while exploring the importance of diversity, equality and inclusion.

We also marked World Mental Health Day, reminding students of the importance of looking after their wellbeing, supporting one another and speaking up when they need help. These important conversations help us continue to build a caring, supportive school community where everyone can thrive.



Our Year 11 and Sixth Form assemblies provided valuable opportunities for students to reflect on their next steps, think positively about the future and make the most of the opportunities ahead.

Meanwhile, our Year 10 and Year 11 students headed to a careers fair at Stewards Academy, where they explored different career paths, discovered new possibilities and gained inspiration for life beyond school. It was a great opportunity to start thinking about future ambitions and the many exciting routes available to them!



From celebrating culture and promoting positive mental health to exploring future careers, it's been a week full of opportunities to learn, grow and look ahead with confidence.

Well done to all our students for getting involved!



Weekly Winners

Week Commencing: 5th October 2026

Zain Abbas

Lois Fisher

Mason Webb

Harriet Beecham

Harry Singh

Catalina James

Lily Babb

Jamie Donovan

Lily Arber

Sweetly Kwofie

Year 7 Trips

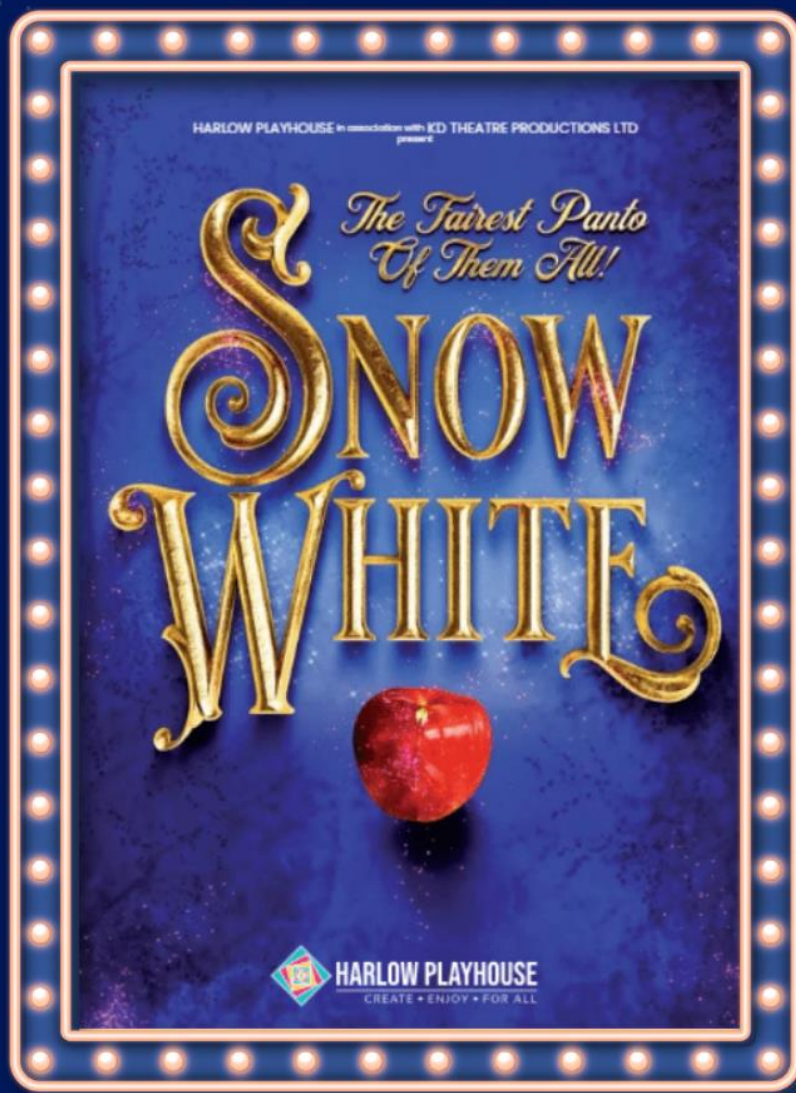
We have 2 fantastic trip opportunities for our Year 7s...

Trip Name	Date	Closing Date	Amount
Panto at the Harlow Playhouse	Wednesday 2nd December 2026	Friday 13 th November 2026	£13
Essex Outdoors Mersea	Sunday 20th June to Wednesday 23rd June 2027	Deposit of £55 by Monday 3 rd November 2026 (final deadline of Monday 1 st June 2027)	£305



YEAR 7 TRIP TO MERSEA 20-23 JUNE 2027
SIGN UP VIA ARBOR UNDER TRIPS

PASSMORES ACADEMY (YEAR 7&8)
PANTO VISIT TO THE HARLOW PLAYHOUSE



WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2026

Purchase Tickets Via Arbor
under Trips



Our School Needs You!

VACANCY PARENT OR COMMUNITY GOVERNOR

Who we are:

The Governing Body currently consists of the principal, staff members, parent governors and community governors. We are a friendly team that work with each other and the staff to ensure the students can reach their full potential whilst at Passmores Academy.

What we do:

The governors are interested in ensuring the students at the school get the best possible education, and we work towards this by volunteering in a variety of ways. One of our main duties is to meet as a team to discuss and review school policies and other school business. These meetings take place during the evening several times a term and are face to face at the school.

Each of us are linked with specific areas and subjects within the school and we monitor these throughout the academic year by communicating with the staff responsible for these areas, and by spending time in school.

We also support the school and students in other ways, for example being present at school events such as school events, sports days, and the recruitment of new staff.

What makes a good Governor:

School governors can be employed part time or full time, self-employed, a stay-at-home parent or retired. Formal qualifications are not necessary, just the ability to work as part of a team, have an interest in how the school runs, and be able to ask questions. Training is provided, and the team are friendly and supportive to new members.

Interested in joining the team:

If you would like more information about being a governor at Passmores Academy or are interested in joining the team, please contact k.townsend@pclc.co.uk

French**Phonics Learning Through Songs and Rhymes**

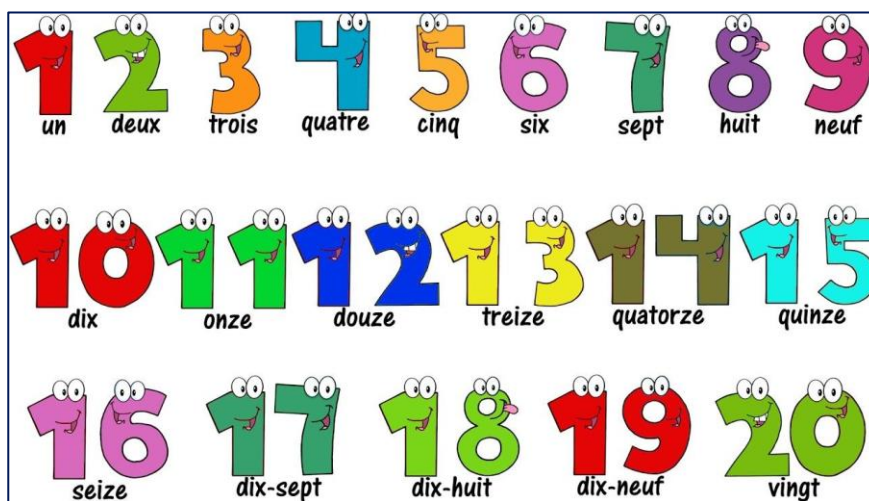
Our pupils are continuing to develop their French phonics skills at Key Stage 3, building confidence in recognising and producing the sounds of the French language.



Songs and rhymes are a fun and memorable way for pupils to practise pronunciation, helping them make connections between sounds, spelling and meaning. Regular repetition also helps new sounds become more familiar and easier to use when speaking, reading and spelling French.

Each week, we'll be sharing one of our French Phonics Songs of the Week – giving you a little insight into the songs and rhymes pupils are using in their French lessons.

Why not have a listen and see if you can join in at home...



Les chiffres et les nombres de 1 a 20 - alain le lait (French numbers from 1 to 20)

BOTTLE LIDS

WE NEED YOU!

Small
lids make a
BIG
difference! ♥

RECYCLE
RE-USE
CREATE
A BRIGHTER
FUTURE! ♥



Our Design and Technology students are collecting plastic bottle lids (HDPE) which we melt down and turn into recycled plastic sheets for projects.

It's a brilliant way to show real life recycling and re-purposing!



HDPE

COLLECT THEM!

CLEAN THEM!

BRING THEM IN!

NO GREEN LIDS PLEASE!

We have tons of those already!



WE CAN TAKE:

- Milk bottle lids
- Drink bottle lids
- Sauce bottle lids
- Shampoo lids
- Any HDPE plastic lids in any colour (except green!)

PLEASE DROP THEM TO:



The lid drop box in downstairs Dragon, D002, D003 or the Technicians Office.

THANK YOU! ♥

Together we can make a difference!

REDUCE



REUSE



RECYCLE



CREATE

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

SEPT-OCT 2026

Dept.	Club	Day	Time	Room	Staff	Duration
Music	Steel Pans Student Group 1	Monday	3.30-4.30	L19	DBK/JDE	Termly
Music	Steel Pans Student Group 2	Monday	4.30-5.30	L19	DBK/JDE	Termly
Music	Steel Pans Adult Group	Monday	5.30-6.30	L19	DBK/JDE	N/A
Music	Passmores Music School Tuition	Tuesday	3.30-9.00	Music Dept	LHD	N/A
Science	Youth Club	Tuesday	3.30-5.00	Heartspace	AOS/AMT	Termly
Computer Science	Computing Club	Tuesday	3.25-4.15	tbc	AHN	Termly
Music	Year 11 Band	Wednesday	3.20-4.00	L19	DBR	Termly
Music	Piano Keyboard Club	Wednesday	3.20-3.50	L110	DBR	Termly
Drama	Year 9 - 11 Excellence Club	Wednesday	3.30-4.30	L107/L106	JGR	Termly
Music	Soul Band	Thursday	3.20-4.00	L19	DBR	Termly
Music	GCSE Booster Session	Thursday	3.20-4.00	L110	DBR	Termly
Geography	Geography Film Club	Thursday	3.20-4.20	U005	VNS	Weekly
Drama	KS3 Drama Club	Thursday	3.30-4.30	L107/L107/H all	JGR/PTG	Termly
Art	GCSE Art Club	Thursday	3.15-4.15	L106	GHS	Termly
Science	STEM CLUB	Thursday	3:20-4.20	L02	AOS	Termly
Music	Samba Band	Thursday & Friday	Break	L106	GAN	Termly

PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE SEPT-OCT 2026				
DAY	BREAK 10:55 – 11:15	STAFF	AFTERSCHOOL 3:30 – 4:15	STAFF
MONDAY	BASKETBALL SPORTS HALL	EAD		
	FOOTBALL ASTRO TURF	JKG		
TUESDAY	BASKETBALL SPORTS HALL	ADN	NETBALL - COURTS	OWY GCI ADN
	FOOTBALL ASTRO TURF	JWR	GYM	AMN JKG
WEDNESDAY	BASKETBALL SPORTS HALL	OWY	FOOTBALL – ASTRO TURF	AMN JKG JWR
	FOOTBALL ASTRO TURF	BBS	GYM	GCI AND
THURSDAY	BASKETBALL SPORTS HALL	GCI	BASKETBALL – SPORTS HALL	EAD
	FOOTBALL ASTRO TURF	BMY	GYM	OWY JWR
FRIDAY	BASKETBALL - SPORTS HALL	DLN	BTEC COURSEWORK CATCH UP PE DETENTIONS	
	FOOTBALL ASTRO TURF	AMN		

Year 10 & 11 Careers Fair

Passmores Academy and Stewards Academy were absolutely delighted to welcome our year 10 and 11 students to our joint Careers Fair on Thursday 8th October 2026, held at Stewards Academy.

It was a highly successful event and was buzzing with lots of students, parents and carers. Various providers attended, including Sixth Forms, Universities, and all our local Colleges as well as employers and training providers representing a wide range of career paths.

Visitors had the opportunity to speak with the providers about post-16 options and to get a better understanding of what is available to them once they leave secondary school education. We were so pleased to see how happy the students seemed as they left the premises with a much clearer understanding of not only what they want to do after school, but also, the grade boundaries/criteria for their chosen path as well as brochures and freebies to take away.



Students and parents who attended the event said:

- *"The evening gave me an opportunity to discuss all options available"*
- *"It was helpful and informative"*
- *"It helped me to think about what I want to do in the future"*

Providers who attended the event said:

- *"Always a great event". (St Marks 6th Form)*
- *"I really enjoyed supporting the event, the students were really engaging with lots of prepared questions." (Princess Alexandra Hospital)*
- *"We had a high volume of students interested in what our academy offers". (Central Training Academy)*

We hope that all the students who attended are now even more excited for their post-16 journeys, and if you have any questions at all about careers, please contact our school careers team.

Work Experience – WE NEED YOU!

At Passmores Academy, we want every student to leave school with a better understanding of the opportunities available to them and the confidence to pursue them. We are therefore now offering work experience to our year 10 students during the week of the 8th-12th February 2027.



Ideally, we would love students to complete a 5-day placement, and we are reaching out to you as parents/carers/employers to ask if you can help us by offering placements.

This is such a great opportunity for our students to develop confidence and workplace awareness, understand the skills needed for future success to help them to make more informed decisions about future study and careers. Every workplace has something valuable to offer, and every experience can help shape a student's future.

Parents and carers are often a young person's biggest source of career inspiration, and we'd love to hear from you, do you work for an organisation that could support our students. If you, your employer, or someone in your network could support this initiative, we'd love to hear from you.

Please get in touch with Sara Simpson, Work Experience Co-ordinator,
s.simpson@passmoresacademy.com.

Year 11 College & Sixth Form Open Dates...

Stansted Airport College, Sat 10th October, 10am-2.00pm

Writtle College, Sat 10th October, 10.00am

Harlow College, Thurs 15th October, 5.00pm-8.00pm

Braintree College, Mon 19th October, 5.00pm-7.00pm

Cambridge Regional College, Weds 21st October, 4.30pm-7.00pm

Leventhorpe Sixth Form, Tues 3rd November

Epping St Johns Sixth Form, Weds 4th November

The Bishops Stortford High School, Thurs 5th November, 5.45pm-8.30pm

Presdales Sixth Form, Thurs 12th November, 6.00pm-8.00pm

Stansted Airport College Open Evening – Saturday 10 October, 10am-2pm

Witness the sights and sounds of a new campus located in the hustle and bustle of a busy airport whilst meeting our tutors and trainees.

Tickets for STAC event are available on Ticket Source:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/harlow-college/e-bpkgmv>



Harlow College Open Evening – Thursday 15 October, 5-8pm

Showcasing their vocational courses, A Levels, T Levels and Apprenticeships offer, including their SEND provision, as well as higher level and adult & part-time courses.

Tickets for Harlow College event are available on Ticket Source:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/harlow-college/e-xmgpey>



Live online Career Experience Days for students aged 13–18

Experience days in a range of sectors during Oct, Nov and Dec. The cost of these is £79. Sectors represented include Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Computer Science, Performing Arts, Midwifery, Psychology, Architecture, Engineering, Law and Business.

They are all online and include a certificate of completion. To find out more and book, click on this link: [CareerDays.co.uk](https://www.careerdays.co.uk)

CRE8 – Creative Industry Academy - Campuses in Bishop's Stortford & Broxbourne

Students can explore areas including:

- Graphic, digital, fashion and product design
- Photography
- Film, TV & video production
- Social media & content creation
- Branding, advertising & marketing
- Animation, motion graphics & VFX
- Journalism & digital media
- Audio, podcasting & music production

The main post-16 pathway is a **Level 3 qualification equivalent to three A-Levels**. Explore their 2027 prospectus: [CRE8 Prospectus AY27](#)

ONLINE INTRODUCTION EVENING, Monday 19 October. Register for the online event [here](#)

ON-CAMPUS TASTER EVENTS:

Monday 26 October, Bishops Stortford & Wednesday 28th October, Broxbourne.

Book [here](#)

Future Doctors Month



Four free, live online medical work experience sessions for students aged 14–18. Students can join doctors each Sunday and work through a different interactive medical scenario:

11 October — A&E: Can You Save the Patient?

Students assess an emergency patient and decide what should happen next.

18 October — Inside the Operating Theatre: Anaesthetics

Explore anaesthesia, airway management, monitoring and how patients are kept safe during surgery.

25 October — The Diagnosis Challenge: Medical Detective

Students investigate a mystery patient, interpret the evidence and work towards a diagnosis.

1 November — Outbreak: Can You Stop the Spread?

Investigate an infectious disease outbreak and make clinical and public-health decisions.

All sessions are **live online at 2pm UK time** and recordings will be available afterwards, so students don't need to attend live. At the end of the programme, students can take their **Future Doctors Knowledge Test**, with those achieving 80% or above receiving a personalised certificate.

It's completely free and students only need to register once for all four sessions.

Register free for Future Doctors Month - www.premedprojects.co.uk/free

Harlow College Supported Studies Open Event - Wednesday 21st October – 6pm to 7.30pm

The Supported Studies team at Harlow College are running a bespoke Open Event aimed at learners in Year 10 or 11 who have an EHCP.

Parents and learners will be able to meet the Supported Studies team and find out all about their programmes. They will be able to:

- Attend a presentation that demonstrates the wide variety of activities they do.
- Meet current students and hear about their experiences at college.
- View the classrooms, Sensory Room and their new kitchen
- Say 'hello' to Lula, their therapy dog

Meet in main Reception at 6pm for a 6.30pm. No need to book. Free parking is available on the campus, on a first come basis.

BSFC Academy Year 11 Introduction & Taster Event

Monday 26th October, 10:00am to 1:30pm

Bishop's Stortford FC, Dunmow Road, CM23 5RG

BSFC Academy is a full-time post-16 football and education programme.

Alongside their playing pathway, they offer a range of **non-playing opportunities:**

- Sports Coaching
- Photography
- Journalism
- Graphic Design
- Commentary
- Sports Media
- Creative Media

Whether a student sees their future on the pitch, behind the camera, on the touchline or in the media team, BSFC Academy gives them the opportunity to develop within a real football club environment. Places must be booked in advance. Sign up [here](#)

Open Events 2026-2027

Colleges & Sixth Forms	Contact No.	Open Date
Birchwood High School www.birchwoodhighschool.co.uk	01279 655936	Thurs 22 nd Oct 5-7.30pm
The Bishop's Stortford High School www.tbshs.org	01279 868686	Thurs 5 th Nov, 5.45-8.30pm
Bishops Stortford Football Academy academy@bsfc.co.uk		Awaiting date
BMAT STEM Academy www.bmatstemacademy.org	01279 621570	Thurs 15 th Oct 5pm-8pm
The College at Braintree (Now part of Colchester Institute) www.colchester.ac.uk	01206 814000	Mon 19 th Oct, 5pm-7pm Sat 14 th Nov, 10am-12pm
Cambridge Regional College www.camre.ac.uk	01223 418200	Weds 21 st Oct, 4.30-7pm Sat 14 th Nov, 9.30-12.30pm Sat 23 rd Jan, 10-12.30pm
Capel Manor College, Enfield www.capel.ac.uk	08456 122122	Weds 16 th Sept, 5.30pm-7pm Sat 10 th Oct, 10am-3pm
Chelmsford College www.chelmsford-college.ac.uk	01245 265611	Weds 7 th Oct, 6pm-8.30pm Weds 4 th Nov, 6pm-8.30pm Weds 3 rd Feb, 6pm-8.30pm
CRE8 apply@learntocre8.com		Awaiting date
Epping St Johns 6 th Form www.eppingstjohnsschool.org/	01992 573028	Weds 4 th Nov
Fashion Retail Academy www.fashionretailacademy.ac.uk	0207 3072345	Sat 17 th October Sat 28 th November Sat 16 th January
Harlow College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01279 868000	Thurs 15 th Oct, 5pm-8pm Tues 2 nd March, 5pm-8pm
Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge www.hrsfc.ac.uk	01223 247251	Open date in the summer term for year 10 students
Hertford Regional College www.hertreg.ac.uk	01992 411400	Thurs 24 th Sept, 5.30pm-8pm Tues 24 th Nov, 5.30pm-8pm Thursday 4 th February Tuesday 27 th April
Herts & Essex High School, Bishop's Stortford www.hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk	01279 654127	Tues 10 th Nov

Open Events 2026-2027

Colleges & Sixth Forms	Contact No.	Open Date
Hockerill Anglo-European School, Bishop's Stortford www.hockerill.herts.sch.uk	01279 658451	Sat 21 st Nov, 8.30am-12.30pm
Long Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge www.longroad.ac.uk	01223 631100	Open date in the summer term for year 10 students
Leventhorpe School, Sawbridgeworth www.leventhorpe.net	01279 836633	Tues 3 rd November
New City College (Epping Forest), www.ncclondon.ac.uk	0208 508 8311	Sat 21 st Nov, 10am-2pm Sat 30 th Jan, 10am-2pm
Presdales Sixth Form www.presdales.herts.sch.uk	01920 462210	Thurs 12 th Nov, 6-8pm
Sir Frederick Gibberd www.sirfrederickgibberdcollege.org	01279 307235	Weds 7 th Oct, 5pm-8pm
St Marks School, Harlow www.st-marks.essex.sch.uk	01279 421267	Thurs 12 th Nov
St Mary's Catholic School, Bishop's Stortford www.stmarys.net	01279 654901	Awaiting date
Stansted Airport College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01799 513030	Sat 10 th Oct, 10am-2pm Thurs 11 th March
Writtle College www.writtle.ac.uk	01245 424200	Sat 10 th Oct, 10am Sat 21 st Nov, 10am

Please contact the institutions to check details and times before attending.
Also, be advised that most ask for you to book a place for these events online.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 9 th October	Friends of Passmores Quiz Night
Thursday 22 nd October	INSET Day
Friday 23 rd October to Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November to Friday 18 th December	Autumn Term 2
Monday 30 th November	INSET Day
Monday 21 st December to Friday 1 st January	Christmas Holiday
Monday 4 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th January to Friday 12 th February	Spring Term 1
Friday 29 th January	INSET Day
Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February	Half Term
Monday 22 nd February to Thursday 25 th March	Spring Term 2
Friday 26 th March to Friday 9 th April	Easter Holiday

ANY OTHER INFORMATION

KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

School Address

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Main Telephone

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Student Absence

Report via the  Arbor app

Change of Contact Details

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pastudentservices@passmoresacademy.com

First Aid

pafirstaid@passmoresacademy.com

Extra-Curricular Clubs

h.day@passmoresacademy.com

Account / Trips

s.hodges@passmoresacademy.com

Homework

datateam@passmoresacademy.com

Free School Meals

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'

FRIENDS OF PASSMORES PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

**FRI
OCT
9**

**6.30
PM**

£5 PER PERSON

8 TO A TEAM

ALL AGES WELCOME

TICKETS VIA TICKETSOURCE

Bring your own food & drink!

**Some refreshments will be
available.**

Extra games throughout the night





Raising money to enhance your young person's education

OUR EVENTS

CHRISTMAS AND SUMMER FETES

Our Christmas Market Night brings in an array of outside stall holders selling lots of gifts and Christmas treats.

PASSMORES' GOT TALENT

We have now held two Talent shows. We doubled the amount of acts this year and introduced staff judges. The students involved can not wait to enter again in 2027

CAKE SALES/BINGO/QUIZ

These events get the brain working and the belly full! Packed with fun and laughter, there's something for everyone.

REFRESHMENTS AT SCHOOL EVENTS

During the year we support different events at the school to sell refreshments. These include: Parents/Carers and Information evenings, music and drama concerts and discos.

ABOUT US

Friends of Passmores is made up of staff and parents/carers of Passmores Academy, we work together to raise money to put back into the school, purchasing products to enhance the education of our students.

We try to hold an event each half term, from fetes, to cake sales, and talent shows.



WHY CHOOSE US?

- **Parents/Carers and Staff**

A great chance to work with your wider school community and to make a difference in your school.

- **A small time commitment – a big impact**

You can choose how much time you put into the team, but any time spent will make a big impact to your young persons education.

- **Educational Opportunities**

The money raised helps your child to enhance their education with new equipment or knowledge.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact us for more information or to join our team.

Email:

fop@passmoresacademy.com

Facebook: passmoresseasonalevents

Instagram: passmores_community

FRIENDS OF PASSMORES

CHRISTMAS MARKET

4TH
DECEMBER
2026
6PM - 8PM

THE GRINCH IS
BACK



£1 ADULT

50P U16 & OVER 60

FREE UNDER 5



FRIENDS OF PASSMORES

CHRISTMAS MARKET

4TH
DECEMBER
2026
6PM - 8PM

We are looking for stallholders.

Please email

fop@passmoresacademy.com

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CHARACTER.AI

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

AI replies are generated in real time rather than chosen from a fully checked script. Even with safety filters on, conversations can still move into sexual, violent, discriminatory, or self-harm material. These AI characters are often made by users, so a familiar name or child-friendly description does not guarantee that every response from the character will be suitable for a young person.

BLURRED BOUNDARIES

Characters on Character.AI can use the language of friendship, love, and empathy without ever feeling anything. Vulnerable young people may struggle to separate this simulation from genuine understanding. Romantic role-play or a character that demands attention, loyalty, or secrecy could also risk distorting young people's expectations around consent, disagreement, and the give-and-take involved in healthy human relationships.

UNRELIABLE ADVICE

Characters, like other chatbot platforms, are at risk of inventing facts or giving inappropriate advice while sounding completely confident. Characters may also echo a young person's assumptions instead of questioning them. This can become particularly risky when users rely on a character for guidance about health, mental wellbeing, relationships, money, or personal safety instead of checking with a credible source or trusted adult.

EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCY

Character.AI chatbots can appear endlessly attentive, supportive, and affectionate, which is one of the hallmarks of the generative AI models that such companions are built on. A young person may start turning to a character chatbot whenever they feel lonely or upset and believe that it understands them better than the humans in their life. This can become more concerning when chatting starts to replace sleep, schoolwork, hobbies and friendships.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Character.AI chats may feel private, especially when a bot sounds personal and caring, but they take place on a company's online systems. Users could intentionally or unintentionally reveal their name, school, location, routines, images, or intimate concerns. Character.AI says some data may be retained to improve its services and AI models, so young people should never treat a chatbot like a confidential diary.

UNHEALTHY ENGAGEMENT

Be aware of warning signs such as secret accounts, bypassing age restrictions, hiding phone use from adults, chatting late at night, distress when access to the platform or character stops, withdrawal from other people, falling interest in school, or believing the character is conscious. Increased use may also signal that the young person is already lonely, anxious, or seeking help.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN

Ask what the young person enjoys about Character.AI and invite them to show you how the platform and their favourite characters work. Useful questions include, "Has it ever said something that felt wrong?" and "How can you tell it doesn't have feelings?" Avoid shaming them for using platforms like Character.AI or making them feel there is something wrong with them for doing so.

CHECK AGE, SETTINGS & LIMITS

Character.AI's minimum age is 16 in the UK, but open-ended companion chat is restricted to adults aged 18 or over. Users aged 16 to 17 receive a different experience built around guided 'Stories' and other creative or social features. Check their current settings, never help or encourage a young person to give a false age, and apply the same safety rules to other chatbot apps.

PAUSE, CHECK AND ASK

Teach young people to pause before accepting an answer from characters on Character.AI. Encourage them to check important claims against a trustworthy source and ask a safe adult when the issue matters. Never use a character as the sole source of medical, mental health, legal, financial, or safeguarding advice. Remind them not to share passwords, contact details, school information, live locations, or private images.

NOTICE AND RESPOND

Take action if chats involve sexual content, threats, coercion, abuse, self-harm or danger. Save relevant evidence, report the character and follow the setting's safeguarding process; educators should involve the designated safeguarding lead. If anyone is in immediate danger, contact emergency services. Childline is available on 0800 1111 and the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000.

Meet Our Expert

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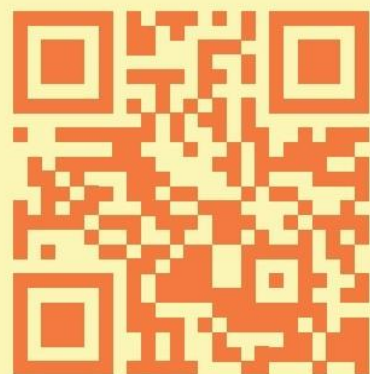
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