

Principal Letter

Summer Term 2024

Week Ending Friday 5 July 2024

Issue 36



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Today we welcome a new government and a new era of politics. Whatever our political views, I know that for many in education, this change brings optimism for the road ahead. We know that there are going to be many challenges and no quick fixes, but we are genuinely hopeful that education will become a key focus and that as a profession we are listened to.

Our education system is a good one, but we have endured years of trying to deliver the best outcomes with ever-fewer resources. The reasons are many: child poverty, the crisis with SEN provision, rising mental health and the erosion of family support services. Our hope is that these things will be turned around and fixed and that education receives the funding it needs as our young people deserve better.

Interestingly, as a school we held our own election with our young people yesterday. The result, based on each tutor group being a constituency, was Labour 32, Reform UK 3 and Green 2. We have had lots of fantastic conversations with our young people, and we have even seen students outside polling stations sharing their political views.

Next week is our production week, so, if you haven't done so already, please get your tickets. The cast and crew have put in hours of hard work, the show is going to be amazing. You will be blown away by the professionalism and talent of all involved. We look forward to seeing you there!

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TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVERS

Friday 28th June – Thursday 4th July 2024

Penny Howard	Year 7	46
Kayleigh Jones	Year 7	45
Fin Hodson	Year 7	42
Benedetta Laurino	Year 7	37
Ruby Clarke	Year 7	36
Sienna Coyle	Year 7	36
Casey Mirza	Year 7	35
Florence Norton	Year 7	35
Megan Wright	Year 7	35
Bobby Paxton	Year 7	33
Devon Wilson	Year 7	33
Makiah Mfon	Year 7	33
Rosie Stacey-Bocking	Year 7	33
Zacharie Turner	Year 7	33

Maddie Benge	Year 8	43
Melody Everett	Year 8	40
Melissa Nicholls	Year 8	39
William Ward	Year 8	38
John Adesina	Year 8	36
Poppy Houghton	Year 8	36
Olivia Lamplough	Year 8	35
Ella - Rose Judge	Year 8	34
Freddie Quigley	Year 8	34
Lacey Webb	Year 8	32
Lilly Matlock-Jeffery	Year 8	32

Ava Dorrington	Year 9	35
Lewis Martin	Year 9	33
Yasemin Withey-Yilmaz	Year 9	33
Lana Stevic	Year 9	32
Lilly Guiver	Year 9	32
Charlie Hodgson	Year 9	31
Daisy Vobe	Year 9	31
Evie Vobe	Year 9	31
Lily Cracknell	Year 9	30
Mia Padley	Year 9	30
Rosie Foster	Year 9	30

Chloe Green	Year 10	33
Quincy Dixon	Year 10	33
Sam Wix	Year 10	33
Bobby McDonald	Year 10	32
Izzy Cobie	Year 10	32
Keira Webb	Year 10	32
Jaidan Downes	Year 10	30
Jaymz Nicholls	Year 10	29
Emily Beckett	Year 10	28
Jack Rhodes	Year 10	28

HOUSE PASSMORES POINTS

Monday 3rd June – Thursday 4th July 2024

Dragon	20577
Griffin	20194
Lion	19619
Unicorn	20615

YEAR GROUP ATTENDANCE

Friday 21st – Thursday 27th June 2024

	Average Attendance
Y7	88.96%
Y8	84.65%
Y9	86.66%
Y10	85.65%
Whole School Attendance	86.12%

PASTORAL UPDATE

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Frankie Cairns	David Erikume	Savanna Gayle	Leah Harrison
Bradley Harrison	Jack Redding	Jersey Harvey	Olivia Donoghue
Rosie Cracknell	Layton Parlour	Daisy Vobe	Louie Matthews
Samuel Lloyd	Lily White	Joanne Edigin	
Isabella Cox	Oliver Ranson	Harry Stevenson	

Thought for the Week

This week, students took some time to review their Passmores Passport, reflecting on how well they have embraced our co-operative values and the extent to which they have participated in the Passmores experience. It was a valuable opportunity for students to evaluate their personal growth and set new goals for the future. The students who have completed the most challenges in their Passport will be entered into a prize draw with the winners announced in the end of term assembly.

In the News

This week 'In the News' segment involved students delving into the manifestos of the political parties contesting the general election. On Thursday, they participated in a mock election, providing a hands-on experience with the democratic process and helping them appreciate the importance of voting and civic engagement.

Other News

- **Year 5 Visits:** On Monday and Tuesday, we welcomed Year 5 students from some of the primary schools in the PCLC trust. It was wonderful to see the excitement and curiosity of our future students.
- **Freud Museum Trip:** Year 10 psychology students had an enriching trip to the Freud Museum on Tuesday, deepening their understanding of psychological theories and history.
- **Mental Health Ambassadors:** Our dedicated ambassadors held their weekly drop-in clinic, continuing to provide vital support and a listening ear to their peers.
- **Year 7 Induction Evening:** On Wednesday, our incoming Year 7 cohort attended their induction evening, meeting their tutors and fellow students. It was a great start to their journey at Passmores.
- **Inflatables Day:** Thursday was a day of fun and recognition as the top 100 students in each year group enjoyed an exciting inflatables day, 'It's A Knockout,' celebrating their hard work and achievements.
- **School Production Rehearsal:** Friday saw an all-day rehearsal for our upcoming school production of The Addams Family. The enthusiasm and talent on display promise an excellent performance next week.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

- **Thought for the Week:** We will announce the new school values as voted on by the school community. This will mark an important step in our ongoing efforts to align our daily actions with our shared principles.
- **In the News:** Our focus will shift to exploring individual liberty, one of the British values. Students will learn about its significance and implications both within school and in the wider society.
- **Year 10 Transitions:** It's a significant week for our Year 10 students as they move to their new tutor groups in preparation for Year 11, marking another step towards their final year at Passmores.
- **School Production:** Excitement is building for the opening of our school production of The Addams Family. The dedication and hard work of all involved are sure to result in a spectacular show.

Thank you to everyone for their continued effort and enthusiasm. Let's look forward to another productive and enjoyable week ahead!

SPORT / PE UPDATES

Sports day results

Year 7

1st Dragon
2nd Unicorn
3rd Lion
4th Griffin

Year 8

1st Unicorn
2nd Dragon
3rd Griffin
4th Lion

Year 9

1st Dragon
2nd Griffin
3rd Lion
4th Unicorn

Year 10

1st Dragon
2nd Griffin
3rd Unicorn
4th Lion

OVERALL WINNERS



SUBJECT INFORMATION/UPDATES

Computer Science – iBelong

From Ada Lovelace, Kathleen Booth and Margaret Hamilton to Lisa Su, Jennifer Hale and Indrakshi Dey; women have long held an invaluable place in STEM subjects, helping to bring into existence the computers we know today, developing automated systems for the future, and playing a critical role in putting humanity on the moon.

The Computer Science department at Passmore Academy has been working hard to promote diversity and inclusion in the subject over the course of the last few academic years.

Female representation is important in all subjects, but Computer Science is one which has a particularly public stereotype of being male-dominated, and it is this that the Computer Science department have been working tirelessly to combat.

Over the last two academic years the percentage of young women taking Computer Science at GCSE has increased from 20% to 33% while the cohort total grew from 29 to 83 opting to take the subject.

The departments' efforts in showing the young women of Passmore that they are the people STEM jobs need, has been recognised by the National Centre for Computing Education who have awarded the department with the iBelong Certification for improving gender balance. The department are incredibly proud of this success and the certificate is on display in the reception area.



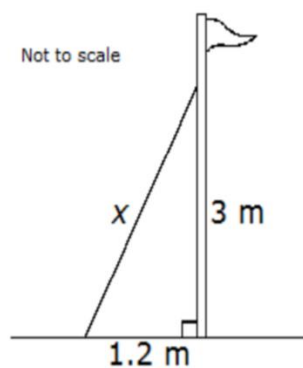
MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

The table shows the TV programmes watched by 800 students. What percentage of the students are in Year 8 or 9 and chose Sport?

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	
Soaps		48	80	96	
Sport	120		84		
Films		38	46	20	176
	220			180	

ANSWER TO LAST WEEKS MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Q5. A support for a flagpole is attached at a height of 3m and is fixed to the ground at a distance of 1.2 m from the base.



Calculate the length of the support (marked x on the diagram).

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 x^2 &= 3^2 + 1.2^2 \\
 &= 10.44 \\
 x &= \sqrt{10.44} \\
 &= 3.231098884 \\
 &= 3.23 \text{ m (to 2 decimal places)}
 \end{aligned}$$

CAREERS NEWS

Mock Interview Day

The time had arrived for our year 10 students to take part in a mock interview with one of 30 employers who gave up their time from a variety of organisations including:

Harlow Leisurezone, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Ashton Roofing, Harlow District Council, Potter Street Academy, DHL, Octavius, Harlow College, Hertford Regional College, Bidfood, Make Happen, Bearingnet and Outer-Circle.

The students were prepared having completed a CV and talked through interview techniques within their i-Future lessons. The usual nerves were on display, however, our students turned up looking the part, dressed in suits and formal attire ready for the challenge ahead. Once again, they wowed our employers with their openness, positivity and enthusiasm! Our employers commented:

“All the students I interviewed have been very good”. (Make Happen)

“I am always amazed at the diversity, standard and responses from the students”. (HDC)

“Thoroughly enjoyed meeting delightful students and staff”. (HRC)

“The students were wonderful, and I hope I see them again at Harlow College”. (HC)

“Students were all well prepared for the process and engaged really well”.

“Students were a real credit to themselves and the school”. (Community Governor)

“Great, polite students, who all did very well”.

This is an important day in our calendar, as it helps to prepare our young people for looking for an apprenticeship, college course or sixth form when they leave school next year. They were all given verbal feedback and will all be getting a feedback form with comments made by their employer, which hopefully they will reflect on to help them improve on how they sell themselves in the future to get the job they want and achieve their goals. They certainly made us proud!

Employers were asked to nominate one student who they would employ based on their performance at interview. These will be announced in the end of year assembly.

Local Plumbing Apprenticeship Opportunity

Malyon Plumbing & Heating are looking to recruit an apprentice.

To start in September, the successful candidate will work mostly with the company owner and/or subcontractors, and should have a basic understanding of tools plus the ability to think on their feet whilst working towards an **NVQ Level 3 Plumbing & Heating Qualification**.



Malyon offers a competitive salary, 28 days of holiday that increase with tenure and a tool allowance. The position would ideally start in September. Work Experience days are offered to those who have a serious interest in applying. Please get in touch with Oliver Malyon direct oli@malyonph.com

ANY OTHER INFORMATION

▶ If you don't want to talk to police – contact Fearless online, without giving your name, at:

www.fearless.org

▶ Memorise or keep a note of a parent/carer's phone number in a separate place in case of emergency.

YOU CAN HELP US PROTECT AND TRACK YOUR PHONE IF IT'S STOLEN.


HERE'S THREE THINGS YOU CAN DO:

▶ Your phone will have security features such as a passcode or fingerprint/face ID. Make sure you use it to protect access to your phone.


▶ Tracker apps can help locate your phone if it's lost or stolen. Ask a parent to show you how to set one up.

▶ Record the phone's IMEI number in a separate place at home. Find this by typing in: ***#06#**

You'll need to give this number to police if it's stolen.



A SMALL GUIDE ON HOW TO KEEP YOUR PHONE SAFE



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DISCOUNT WEEK RETURNS



**MONDAY 15TH OF JULY TO
SUNDAY 21ST JULY**

USE CODE: SCHOOLS1024

ALL ORDERS PLACED IN THE DISCOUNT WEEK ARE NON RETURNABLE

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ONLINE TROLLING

The term "Trolling" refers to sending hurtful or provocative comments – often done anonymously online – to provoke a reaction or cause emotional distress. Anonymity can embolden people into saying things they wouldn't dare say in person. Euro 2024 and other tournaments tend to put an emphasis on this, with the abuse of both players and fans often increasing during such events.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ESCALATION

Many trolls begin with silly, banal comments before moving on to a broader pattern of offensive messages and posts. They can also turn their attention very quickly to a new target if they grow bored with an existing one, which makes engaging with one fruitless at best – and potentially dangerous at worst.

HIDING BEHIND A SCREEN

Because trolls tend to use anonymous profiles, they enjoy a lack of accountability. This also means they'll often have multiple profiles, potentially switching between them regularly or posting across several of them at the same time, making a target feel as though there's no escape. After all, once you block one account, what's to stop them reappearing elsewhere?

24/7 CONTACT

The internet has given us the ability to remain in contact at any time, from almost anywhere in the world. A troll having the ability to reach you whenever they want can leave you feeling like their abuse is unavoidable. While they don't see you in real life, they can message you at any time, reach out to your peers online and even try to discover your personal information to scare you.

HATE SPEECH

Sadly, many trolls resort to spewing racial slurs, homophobic attacks and awful stereotypes, as these often stand the best chance of causing emotional harm. This can add a hefty degree of weight to their attacks, moving from what might charitably be described as "teasing" into a genuine hate crime. After Euro 2020, three England footballers were racially abused, resulting in several prison sentences.

IMPACT ON VICTIMS

It's not uncommon for the victims of trolls to shut down their accounts, disappear from public life, and try to stay out of the crosshairs for a time – with some even leaving social media forever. This can have a severe impact on children and young people's connections to friends and the world at large, and may not even actually stop the troll. The victims' families, for example, may have online profiles that trolls can still access.

NORMALISATION OF TROLLING

It is, regrettably, inevitable that some people will go too far in their criticisms or comments, both online and in the real world. This can lead to many people seeing trolls and their abuse as part and parcel of social media – an inherent risk of interacting with others online. This doesn't mean, however, that it should be considered "normal" or even tolerated.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

While social media platforms (where most trolling tends to happen) aren't always helpful when responding to abusive behaviour, parents can set up screen time limits, so children only get to use certain apps at certain times. There's always the potential for trolling to occur anyway – such as friends showing screenshots to one another – but this would minimise the likelihood of children seeing it.

DON'T ENGAGE WITH ABUSE

A well-known adage on social media is "don't feed the trolls". Fundamentally, if a child identifies a potential troll online, it's best not to engage with that individual directly. Instead, consider setting up a log to gather evidence for reporting them later on, including screenshots and quotes where possible.

ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

While every professional athlete aspires to maintain high standards, it's important to separate the player from the person. A player's performance doesn't make them worthy of abuse, and that can often be forgotten by younger children who simply see the colour of the shirt without considering the person wearing it. For all the rivalries between teams, it's essential children understand that players are still human beings, with families and lives outside of sport.

BLOCK AND REPORT

While anonymous accounts make it difficult to block trolls permanently – or even for very long – it's still good practice to help children learn to control who can engage with them online. It's not worth "feeding the trolls", and it's more helpful to block them, report them, and try to move on. Blocking and reporting is an anonymous process, too, so there'll be no indication of who specifically blew the whistle.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRcon, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A long-time fan of Arsenal, he's a parent who understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer whose work has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and many more.



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TABLE TENNIS
COOKING
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ARTS AND CRAFTS
QUIZZES
BAKING
AIR HOCKEY



Ages 11-16 (secondary school only)
Wednesdays from 6-7.30pm
The Xperience Centre, Broadley Road, CM19 5RD

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Ages 11-16 (secondary school only)
Monday from 5-7pm
Hare Street Youth Centre, Harberts Road,
CM19 4AY

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Family Fun Day

and fun dog show

Sunday 14th July 2024

11.30am – 4.30pm

Entry £1 per Adult. Children under 16 FREE - One Free
Programme per family.



DOG SHOW

Entries open at 11.30- classes start at 12pm

- * Prettiest female
 - * Most handsome male
 - * Best pup
 - * Best veteran
 - * Best pedigree
 - * Best mixed breed
- Best in show

£2 per entry
Best in show is free

Judge on day Louise Oxford.

Only dogs entered in the show are permitted to be at the fun day. All dogs must be kept on leads, owners are to pick up mess and dispose accordingly.
No banned or aggressive dogs as young families present.

Upwards with Downs is a charity which
provides regular activities and social events

for Adults & children with Down Syndrome, to promote
development and encourage positive self esteem and inclusion.

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Syndrome whether they are children or adults, are well
supported to reach their full potential in life.

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We would like to thank

Upwards with Downs would like to say an extra special thank you to the following parties who have given generous donations and helped make our fun day extra special:

360	Robert Halfon and the House of Commons
AA	RollaCity Ltd
Barleylands	Romford Greyhound Stadium
Barrett & Coe Photography	Safety Industrial & Maintenance
Bike Club	Signing Hands
Blueprint Collections	SP Locations Rental
Canalability	ST John's Ambulance
Cammis Hall	Teamsport Karting
Cannon Brooks Golf Club	Tesco Harlow
City Cruises	Treehouse Children Hub
Colchester Zoo	The Garden Beauty Room
Crayford Greyhound Track	The Raptor Foundation
Delta Force Paintball	The Entertainer
Essex Outdoors	The Link
GPCA	The Works Harlow
Greggs	UK Garrison
Halifax Harlow	Wild N Wacky
Maths For Life	Wicked Uncle UK
Matthew Plants	WHSmiths
McDonalds Harlow	
Nandos Harlow	
Novo Lounge Harlow	
Old McDonalds Farm	

And all of today's amazing acts & stall holders

A big thank you to everyone who made this event happen, everyone who shared their time, experience, smiles and prizes!



Upwards with Downs registered charity Supporting Children & adults with Down Syndrome in Harlow and Surrounding areas

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Family Fun Day Programme 2024



The Link Harlow CM19 4RT
Sunday 14th July 11.30am - 4.30pm

Entry - Adults £1 each. Children under 16 Free -
One Free Programme per family.
All proceeds go to Upwards with Downs

DJ Darren – Throughout the Day

11.45 – The Buskerteers Choir

12.30 - Dance Fusion

1.30 - Vegas and Slim

2.30 - Kahoom

3 - Vegas and Slim

4 - Raffle

About us

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1st PRIZE



LG 50" UHD AI ThinQ

2nd PRIZE



24" wheels Cube Bike

3rd PRIZE



Canal Boat Trip

4th PRIZE



Small Kettle BBQ and Bistro Table

RAFFLE PRIZES

- AA MOT
- Barleylands Family of 4 Day Voucher
- Barrett and Coe Family Photo Shoot
- BBQ with Small table
- Bike
- Cammas Hall Cream Tea For Two
- Canalability - Day Trip
- Cannon Brooks Golf Club Sunday Carvery for 2
- City Cruises Day Family Pass
- Crayford Greyhound Track Meal For Two
- Colchester Zoo Tickets
- Doll House and Accessories
- Delta Force Paintballing Voucher
- Entertainer - Gift Voucher £15
- Essex Outdoors Paddle Session
- Greggs- £20 Voucher
- Jelly Bean UK Gift
- Massage The Garden Beauty Room
- Nando Vouchers
- Novo Lounge 2 Mains & a Bottle of House Wine
- Old MacDonald's Farm Tickets x4
- Plane – Night Bomber Short Sterling Mark 3 172
- Scale Model
- PM Signed Wine
- Romford Stadium Entry for 4
- RollaCity Family Ticket
- Teamsport Go-Karting Session
- The Raptor Foundation Family Entry
- TV
- Wild N Wacky Entry plus 1 child meal
- 360 Family Entry

Prizes may vary slightly to pictures attached.

Upwards with Downs staff may be taking photos throughout the day. If you do not want your photos to be used for Upwards with Downs advertising, please let a member of the Upwards with Downs team know before leaving the event

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SUMMER

Emergency Services

FUN DAY

Sunday 4th August 2024

Time 11-5

Raising money for MIND

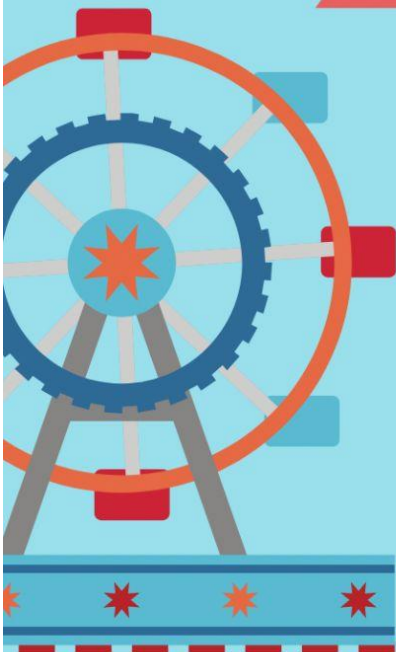
THE LINK, HARLOW, CM19 4RT

£5 PER PERSON
FOR ENTRY

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Police Vehicles
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Tombola
and much more!

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For Our

**Emergency Services
Fun Day**

**Local business who
can set up a stall?**

Please contact
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We Need Your Help!

**Can you donate for the
Tombola?**

Bottles
Jars
Tins / Cans
Sweets
Biscuits
Toys
Books

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FOR AGES 13-18
*UP TO 25 WITH SEND

MONDAY 12TH-WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST

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JOIN US FOR AN ACTION PACKED THREE DAYS OF FUN,
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Forthcoming Events:

Sunday 7 th July	School Production – Tech rehearsal
Tuesday 9 th July	School Production – Matinee performance and evening performance
Wednesday 10 th July	School Production –Evening performance
Thursday 11 th July	School Production –Evening performance
Week commencing 15 th July	Golden ticket week
Tuesday 16 th July	Challenge Trip
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6-8 Rounders & BBQ 3.45-5pm Year 6-8 Disco 6-8pm
Friday 19 th – Monday 22 nd July	DofE Silver Assessment – Year 10
Monday 22 nd July	Non-uniform day – winning house in each year group
Tuesday 23 rd July	End of Year assemblies Early closure for students 12.30pm



Natalie Christie

Principal of Passmores Academy

TEACHarlow

Interested in becoming a primary or secondary teacher?
Contact Gareth Walsh on g.walsh@passmoresacademy.com