



Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

I am sure many of you have seen the news this week regarding the stabbing incident in a school in Wales; it is difficult to comprehend how something like this could have happened. Our thoughts are with the families of the victims and indeed the whole school and community who too will be feeling the impact.

A recent BBC news article reported that suspensions and exclusions are at their highest ever across the country. Schools are experiencing more challenges than ever as more young people struggle to access education and we are no different. Budgets are tight and people make the difference, but without additional funds we have to think creatively about how we make the most of the resources that we have. We are doing whatever we can to make sure that we are providing the right support for all our young people. Resilience is a key focus, as we see too often young people giving up or not caring.

Taking part in school activities and events is a great starting point and it is fantastic to see some outstanding contributions and achievements this week.

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TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVERS

Monday 19th – Thursday 25th April 2024

Mason Crouch	Year 7	55
Casey Mirza	Year 7	51
Florence Norton	Year 7	48
Rachel Ricketts	Year 7	48
Skye Casey	Year 7	48
Bobby Paxton	Year 7	47
Joshua Walker	Year 7	45
Edward Borland	Year 7	44
Isabella Cox	Year 7	44
Mason Bartram	Year 7	44
Olivia Beckwith	Year 7	44
Oscar Julian	Year 7	44
Sienna Coyle	Year 7	44

Charlie Brown	Year 8	60
Ryan Youens	Year 8	49
Jan Denkwicz	Year 8	48
Ronel Sowunmi	Year 8	45
Bailey Parnham	Year 8	44
Rein Keen	Year 8	44
Katie Watters	Year 8	43
Lola Wickes	Year 8	43
Kasseem Njie	Year 8	42
Ruben Kiss	Year 8	42

Ava Dorrington	Year 9	43
Hassan Farhan	Year 9	41
Yasemin Withey-Yilmaz	Year 9	38
Gwen Kearns	Year 9	35
Jack Crutchlow	Year 9	35
Pj Sunshine	Year 9	35
Benjamin Dack	Year 9	34
Ronny Demleka	Year 9	34
Beth White	Year 9	32
Layla Curtis	Year 9	32

Luke Batt	Year 10	33
Ruby Layer	Year 10	30

Chloe Green	Year 10	27
Dylan Meredith	Year 10	27
Annabel Barker	Year 10	25
Crystal Boothby	Year 10	25
Angel Fernandes	Year 10	23
Wojciech Budzinski	Year 10	23
Katie Mahon	Year 10	22
Alfie Letts	Year 10	21
Savash Vatansever	Year 10	21
Taylor-Grace Maycock	Year 10	21

Maisie Peacock	Year 11	37
Heidi Peppard	Year 11	35
Lucy Martin	Year 11	34
Kyle Shelley	Year 11	31
James Evans	Year 11	30
Gemma McAusland	Year 11	29
Willow Hurley	Year 11	29
Joshua Oshowole	Year 11	28
Megan Ingram	Year 11	26
Daisy Burbeck	Year 11	24
Ethan Gilbert	Year 11	24
Harry New	Year 11	24

HOUSE PASSMORES POINTS

Monday 15th – Thursday 25th April 2024

Dragon	8787
Griffin	8576
Lion	8900
Unicorn	8550

YEAR GROUP ATTENDANCE

Tuesday 16th – Friday 26th April 2024

	Average Attendance
Y7	92.00%
Y8	91.00%
Y9	91.00%
Y10	90.00%
Y11	86.10%
Whole School Attendance	90.00%

PASTORAL UPDATE

Thought for the Week: Exploring Solidarity

This week's thought for the week centred on one of our cooperative school values: solidarity. Students delved into the meaning of solidarity, reflecting on why it is important and what it means and looks like for our school community. Through discussions and activities, students gained insights into the power of unity, support, and collective action in fostering a sense of belonging and inclusivity within our school.

In the News: Learning about Resilience

In the news segment, students embarked on a journey of resilience by exploring Russ Cook's inspiring story. They learned about the challenges, obstacles, and triumphs he faced throughout his quest, highlighting the importance of perseverance, determination, and resilience in overcoming adversity. Russ Cook's story served as a source of inspiration and motivation for students as they navigate their own challenges and setbacks.

Other News: Passport to Prom, GCSE Revision, and More

In other news, Year 11 students diligently completed their Passport to Prom by the Friday deadline, showcasing their involvement in school activities and events. Additionally, they dedicated time to revise for the upcoming GCSE exams with the guidance of their tutors, ensuring they are well-prepared for success.

In what was a busy week at Passmores Academy, the mental health ambassadors held their weekly drop-in clinics, providing students with a supportive space to seek assistance for mental health concerns. The Duke of Edinburgh programme was in full swing, offering students valuable opportunities for personal and leadership development. Furthermore, students learned about the Harlow Schools Careers Fair that took place at Harlow College on Wednesday, gaining insights into future career pathways and opportunities.

To top it all off, students set their goals for the new term as part of their peer dialogue sessions, fostering accountability, motivation, and growth mindset among students. It was truly a jam-packed and productive week filled with learning, growth, and community engagement.

Looking Ahead to Next Week: What's on the Horizon

As we look ahead to next week, students can anticipate further opportunities for learning, personal development, and community engagement. Stay tuned for updates on upcoming events, initiatives, and learning experiences as we continue to strive for excellence and foster a supportive and inclusive school environment.

SPORT / PE UPDATES

Athletics

Well done to the year 9 & 10 students who represented Passmores in the athletics at Mark Hall.

- Tommy Newnham - 1st place in 200m
- Harry Dorrington - 2nd in 1500m

Well done to the year 9 girls who come first overall in the field events against all of the other schools competing.

Football

Congratulations to the year 11 football team who are now West Essex Champions winning the final 4-2 against Roding Valley High School at Roding Valley. The boys ended their final game of year 11 as champions with a well fought victory coming back from 2-1 down to work together and seal the victory 4-2.



Upcoming events

Thursday 2nd May - Year 7 District Football Final @ Debden Park High

SUBJECT INFORMATION / UPDATES

On Tuesday 23rd April some of our year 9 students learnt about knife crime, county lines and offending in an immersive and engaging environment. The 'Drugs Bus' is an educational workshop which takes place on a double decker bus.

Students started their journey on the top deck of the bus in 'the crack shack'. This is an area of the bus that is made to look like a stereotypical drug users bedsit. They discussed knife crime and county lines in relation to why people get involved in this, how they can manage such situations, whilst focusing on the thinking behind the behaviour.

Students were then taken to the on-board prison cells. Here they needed to solve clues and puzzles relating to their learning to get released. Students were locked in a prison cell in small groups and had 10 minutes to use their knowledge and skills to escape the cell. They then discussed offending and what a life in prison would be like.

The programme has been designed to impart knowledge and understanding in a fun and interactive way. They also got an opportunity to experience what a prison cell is like and how it feels to be locked in one with no freedom. This allows them to make better informed choices should they be presented with these situations in the future and empower them to say 'no'.



MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Which of the numbers below are multiples of 10? 30, 37, 307, 370, 3700	Which of the numbers below are multiples of 3? 57, 409, 147, 343	What is the difference between 4734 and 2809?
<p>The sum of the 4 digit numbers ABCD and DCBB is a multiple of 10. The digits A,B,C and D are consecutive integers The number ABCD is a multiple of 3 Find the difference between the numbers ABCD and DCBB</p> $ \begin{array}{r} A \ B \ C \ D \\ D \ C \ B \ B \ + \\ \hline \end{array} $		

CAREERS NEWS

Open Events

CRE8 is a Creative Media college for students 16+. They offer BTEC courses designed to empower aspiring creative students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in today's rapidly evolving creative industry.

The creative industry covers:

- Advertising, Marketing & Publishing
- Architecture
- Designer and Designer Fashion
- Film, TV, Video Radio & Photography
- IT, Software & Computer Services
- Music, Performing & Visual Arts

They are holding an online information evening for year 10, 11 & 12 students, plus their parents, at 6pm on Wednesday 1st May. You can sign up to this by emailing apply@learntocre8.com.

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6PM 1ST MAY

ONLINE INFORMATION EVENING FOR Yr11s

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Writtle College Girls Football Academy Taster Sessions for years 10 and 11

Writtle College offers the Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport Coaching and Development with Female Football Academy course. They are holding some taster sessions led by coaches from Leyton Orient FC, over half term, on Tuesday 28th May

Agenda:

- 3:50-4:05 arrival and registration
- 4:05-4:10 intro to Writtle College
- 4:10-4:15 intro to Leyton Orient
- 4:15-5:15 training
- 5:15-5:30 debrief

Please book online: [Schedule Appointment with ARU Writtle \(acuityscheduling.com\)](https://acuityscheduling.com)

ANY OTHER INFORMATION

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 SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the users' consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outshine any suspicions they may have.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Cooking by Numbers

Family meal planning & nutrition on a budget

Money saving tips

Taste tests

Soup making

Healthy lunch boxes and much more!

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Tree House Family Hub

Parnall Road, Harlow, CM18 7NG

The full course is three sessions which will be held on:
8th, 15th and 22nd May - 3.45pm to 4.45pm

Register for your FREE place today!

[Click here](#) to book online.

More information: info@tiegr.org



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Prom Outfit Donations!



DO YOU HAVE A PROM OUTFIT YOU NO LONGER NEED? THIS IS A CALL FOR DONATIONS OF PROM OUTFITS (SUITS, DRESSES, SHOES, & ACCESSORIES).

ON 6TH MAY, RAINBOW SERVICES ARE HOSTING A PROM GIVEAWAY EVENT.

DONATION POINTS ARE:

Harlow Foodbank
Harlow Town Centre
Monday to Friday 10am-1pm

The Rainbow Centre
2 Wych Elm
CM20 1QP
Monday to Friday 10am-1pm

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WAY TO PASS ON WHAT
YOU NO LONGER WEAR!



Forthcoming Events:

Tuesday 16 th April – Friday 26 th April	Year 10 Mocks
Saturday 27 th – Sunday 28 th April	Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Training
Wednesday 1 st May	Cultural Appreciation Day
Thursday 2 nd May	Year 10 Work Shadowing Day
Monday 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 7 th May	Year 11 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 15 th – Friday 17 th May	History and Computer Science trip to Belgium
Friday 17 th May – Sunday 19 th May	Duke of Edinburgh – Silver Training
Wednesday 22 nd May	Year 10 Parents/Carers' Evening
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May	Half Term



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Interested in becoming a primary or secondary teacher?
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