

The Haggerston Pledge - Welcome

Character Development

As a school we were deliberate in choosing the four areas of character development we wanted for years 7 and 8. At the forefront of our minds was preparing young people who would become confident, caring responsible citizens. With this in mind, the Pledge focuses on the character traits of resilience, ambition, curiosity and community spirit.

We felt strongly that the development of resilience was important to ensure that children were fully equipped to deal successfully with the inevitable setbacks and vicissitudes of life. Ambition and curiosity are at the heart of our school ethos, encapsulated by our motto, 'Work hard. Be nice.' The Pledge tasks have been specifically designed to stretch and encourage children to become ambitious, and develop a thirst for learning both within and beyond the classroom. Finally, the character trait of community spirit is consistent with our belief that service and care for others is just as important as academic successes.

The Pledge is unique to Haggerston and each character trait is explored in three category areas of Me, School and Community. Below is an outline of what each category focuses on:

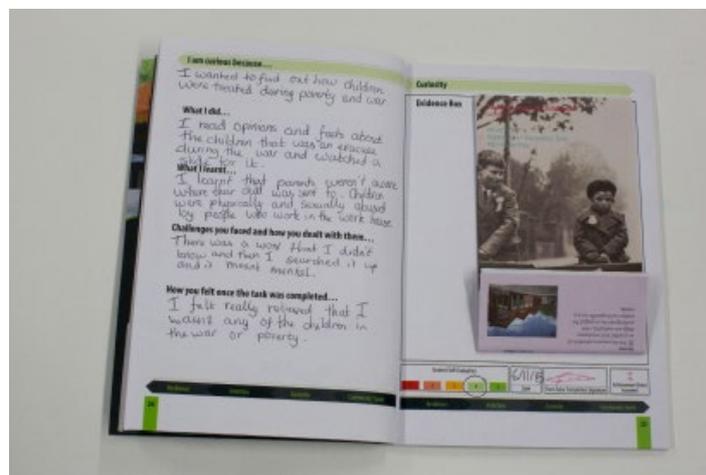
Me - this is about developing the child's own self-determination and ambition outside of school

School - focuses on opportunities for a child to get more involved in school whilst developing the four character traits

Community - encourages the child to be a better citizen of Haggerston School and the local community

There are a wide range of tasks some also linked to the curriculum that children can choose to undertake in the various categories and character traits. Here is one example of a task that was completed in the Me category for the curiosity character trait.

This Pledger chose to **“Visit a museum and write about three things that you learnt.”**



Curiosity

Ambition

Resilience

Community Spirit