

Haggerston School

Aspiration, Creativity, Character

Headteacher's Newsletter - 18th July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of the year, I am writing to wish you a happy and restful summer holiday and to thank you for all your support this year. I started the year with a letter saying how privileged I felt to be the next headteacher of Haggerston and I feel that even more now. We are proud of all our students' achievements this year and excited about the changes to come in September and the impact they will have on raising standards of learning and behaviour further. Students have adapted exceptionally well to the new behaviour systems during the past two 'amnesty weeks'; there has already been a tangible and encouraging improvement in how students conduct themselves around school and in lessons.

I hope this term's Haggerston Recorder will give you a flavour of the incredible achievements, projects and experiences students have had. We have decided to send a printed copy of this home to make it easier for parents to access and to keep as a memento if your child is included in one of the articles.

I include our uniform and equipment pages with this letter so that you have time over the summer to buy any key items. Student services will be selling a wider range of equipment from September but it is advisable that students arrive for the new term prepared. I will be writing to you in late August with some information about the new term, including our new rewards system and how to access the new apps we have purchased to help you stay more connected and informed about how your child is doing. I will also send our new Parent Handbook with the start of term letter, which we hope will give valuable information to parents in one booklet that can be kept throughout the year.

We are encouraging students to read as much as possible over the holidays so that they are using this time to expand their horizons, whether they are travelling or staying in London to enjoy the heatwave. There are some links on our parent bulletins (website) of events that are happening in the local area over the holidays which may be of interest to you.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you at the start of next term. Parent information evenings will be held in the first few weeks (dates below).

Yours sincerely,



Ciara Emmerson - Headteacher

Key Dates for Academic Year 2018 - 2019

September 2018 - Autumn Term

START: Tues 04 September 2018 - (Years 7, 11 & 12 only)

Weds 05 September 2018 - (All students)

HALF TERM: Monday 22 – Friday 26 October 2018

FINISH: Friday 21 December 2018 - Early Closure 1.20pm

INSET DAYS: Monday 03 September 2018

Monday 10 December 2018

Information Evenings

Year 7 and 8 - 11 September 2018

Year 9 and 10 - 18 September 2018

Year 11 - 25 September 2018

Year 12 & 13 - N/A

Parent Evenings

Year 7 - 13 December 2018

Year 8 - 28 February 2019

Year 9 - 28 March 2019 (Parents and Options Evening)

Year 10 - 02 May 2019

Year 11 - 17 January 2019

Year 12 & Year 13 - 31 January 2019

Student Equipment List

The following equipment must be carried by Haggerston students at all times:

- Haggerston School Backpack (Lower school only)
- Clear plastic pencil case
- 2 Black pens
- 1 Green pen
- 2 Pencils
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 Rubber
- 1 30cm ruler
- 1 Protractor
- 1 Scientific calculator (eg. Casio FX83GT Plus or similar)
- Reading book
- Planner
- Knowledge Folder/ Self Quizzing book (school provides in September)
- Haggerston School PE kit on PE days

The school will provide the equipment listed below, as required in lessons:

1. Coloured pencils
2. Glue sticks
3. Scissors
4. Compass
5. Dictionary/Thesaurus
6. Bilingual dictionary (if required)

Suggested equipment which will be useful to have available at home but should not be brought into school:

- Coloured pencils
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- English Dictionary/Thesaurus
- Spanish Dictionary
- Bilingual Dictionary (if required)
- Compass

Please note: If students do not have the correct equipment, they will receive a 'correction' which will be recorded on our behaviour system. Three corrections result in a one hour detention. We ensure that there is a school shop which sells school equipment at a subsidised price to students and is open before school, at break-time and lunchtime. It is important that students develop organisational habits of checking and re-checking their bags before they leave the house. These organisational routines are vital life skills which will help them to become independent and self-reliant learners. Equipment should be clearly named.