

## Aspiration, Creativity, Character

### Headteacher's Newsletter - 28th August 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the holidays are coming to an end, I am writing to welcome you all back and to share some key information about the start of term. I hope you have had a restful and happy holiday.

The school has been a hive of activity with a number of building projects and students collecting examination results. We are delighted that so many students achieved the top grades in their A levels; an increase of 16% to 53% A\*-B grades. This sees our ALPS score (a measure of how much progress students are making) shift from 5 up to 2, placing us in the top 20% of sixth forms nationally. Last year, Ofsted made a number of recommendations about areas of the sixth form which could be improved. I am so proud of the way the school has responded to bring about a significant impact on achievement so quickly. At GCSE, we saw a 2% increase in the percentage of pupils achieving English and Maths to 55%. We don't yet know our progress score as this is calculated nationally and will be released in October but we hope to see an improved score. This year, students took examinations in the new reformed GCSE qualifications which have greater volume and depth of content. They make much greater demands on students' ability to commit knowledge to memory and to master difficult concepts. In view of this, students did very well; the percentage of pupils achieving the top grades exceeds national averages. More information is provided on our website. These results confirm for us that the changes we have planned for next year are vital for students if they are all going to reach their potential in the new examinations framework. These changes include disruption-free learning in lessons, regular homework routines to reinforce core knowledge, study skills interwoven into the school day and more challenging content covered in lessons from Year 7 onwards. It is not enough for students to begin revising in Year 11, they need to embark on GCSEs with an already solid body of knowledge and expertise in the subjects they have chosen.

#### **Key Information for the start of term:**

Please see below for key information to ensure your child starts school prepared for academic study and achieving their best in all lessons:

- 1) Dates for the start of term and the first few weeks of the new academic year are provided below. We look forward to welcoming Years 7, 11 and 12 back on Tuesday 4th September at 8.40am and all year groups on Wednesday 5th September at 8.40am.
- 2) Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform and equipment when they return to school. Please use the Uniform and Equipment Guides enclosed below to check that they have all the required items. Please note that one change this year is that students need a clear plastic pencil case containing only the items listed on the equipment guide. This is to make sure they are fully equipped for learning but to avoid students carrying around unnecessary equipment. Student services will be selling a wider range of equipment from September but it is advisable that students arrive fully prepared for the new term.
- 3) Please ensure your child's school dinner account is topped up for the new term. The cost of the meal deal will rise to £2.20 this year from £2.10. This rise is a reflection of inflation and the need to ensure that students continue to have access to healthy meals made from quality

ingredients. The price is competitive with other local schools and offers good value for money. We encourage all parents to use the online system for topping up their child's account as this helps the lunch process to run smoothly.

- 4) Our new Twitter and Facebook accounts are now up and running. We hope that these will make it easier for us to communicate key messages, news and information to parents in a form which is easy to access. We will continue to post our weekly bulletins and termly newsletters on the website and to send/email important documents home but hope that day to day communication with parents will be enhanced by the addition of social media channels. If you would like to follow us, please click on the links below:

<https://twitter.com/HaggerstonSch>

<https://www.facebook.com/HaggerstonSchoolHackney>

- 5) Also attached below is our new rewards system which is an integral part of the behaviour changes we are making this year. We plan to use intrinsic and extrinsic rewards to encourage and recognise students' efforts and to make this process more consistent and systematic.
- 6) Please do put the date for this term's information evening in your diary. These are particularly important events as we will be launching our new parent apps for behaviour and achievement. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Finally, I hope you enjoy the Parent/Carer Handbook which will be sent home with your child on their first day back in September. It contains a wealth of information about the school, including some key changes to curriculum and homework expectations. This is designed to be a document you can keep and refer to throughout the year. I look forward to seeing you and your children in September and hope you enjoy the last few days of the holidays.

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.

## School Uniform List

### School Bag

- Year 7/8/9 – Haggerston school bag

### Headscarf

- Haggerston Salwar Kameez is permitted

### Outerwear (to be removed before entering the school building)

- Dark plain outdoor coat
- Hats – only dark blue or black beanie styles permitted (no logos)
- No hoodies or similar items
- Gloves/Scarves – dark blue or black only (no logos)

### Jewellery, Make-up and Hair (Girls/Boys as appropriate)

- Piercings – no piercings are allowed in school, except for up to one earring in each ear, and that is to be a small, plain gold or silver stud no more than 5mm in diameter
- No other jewellery
- No make-up
- No nail varnish / no nail extensions / no acrylic nails
- Hair accessories – green or black only
- No extreme hair colour or cuts
- No lines to be cut into hair or eyebrows

### PE Kits (Girls/Boys)

- Haggerston PE tracksuit
- Haggerston polo shirt
- Haggerston PE socks or white sports socks
- Haggerston shorts – optional
- Trainers/Astro turf shoes – any colour, no plimsolls

### Additional items

- Mobile phones / personal stereos – not to be seen and turned off

## Girls Uniform



Plain white school blouse with reverse collar. (Short or long sleeves.) No t-shirts under shirts to be seen.

Haggerston jumper or tank top. (Must be worn at all times unless announced in briefing/assembly.)

Haggerston blazer. (Must be worn in the building at all times unless permission given by a member of staff.)

Haggerston skirt or Haggerston trousers

Plain flat black leather shoes that can be polished and are not canvas or suede. (Shoes should end below the ankle bone and have no adornments.)



Earrings – one pair of silver or gold studs only. (Max 5mm in diameter.)



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Haggerston Tie – worn neither too long nor too short.

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**Appendix 3:**

**The Haggerston Way - Rewards System**

<b>Demonstrating the Haggerston Way - 3 credits</b>	
<b>Aspiration</b>	<b>Striving for excellence</b>
	<b>Hard work</b>
	<b>Mastery of knowledge</b>
<b>Creativity</b>	<b>Creating beautiful work</b>
	<b>Inspiring others</b>
	<b>Completion of extension work</b>
	<b>Independence in your work</b>
	<b>Demonstrating creativity and problem solving</b>
<b>Character</b>	<b>Being articulate and confident</b>
	<b>Demonstrating resilience, curiosity or ambition</b>
	<b>Demonstrating community spirit</b>

**Citations**

A citation is a written commendation from a member of staff and these are read out in assembly.

Citations will be awarded for outstanding demonstration of the Haggerston Way.

**These will be worth 6 credits.**

**If a student maintains zero corrections in a week they will be awarded 9 credits**

**Rewards**

<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Reward</b>
In a half term	300	Certificate and £10 Amazon voucher
	Top 10 students in each year group	HOY reward lunch
In a term	500	Certificate and £20 Amazon voucher
	600	Certificate and ticket for Ipad/tablet prize draw

	Top 5 students in each year group	Certificate and lunch offsite
In an academic year	Top 10 students in each year group	Certificate, end of year reward trip - to include attendance and behaviour targets

### **Points for Prizes**

Students will also have the opportunity to use their credits to buy further prizes and privileges.

<b>Credits</b>	<b>Prize</b>
50	Early lunch pass for 1 week
100	Stationery items
150	Basketball privilege for 1 week
250	Lunch at the Grumpy Mule (school cafe)
300	A reading book/revision guide

### **Achievement Awards**

Students will also receive Achievement Awards. These will be awarded 3 times a year after key assessment points. They will be for individual subjects where a student has demonstrated that they are secure in that subject. This works alongside the new Dynamic Progress Reporting that will begin in September.

Students with the highest progress and attainment from each year group will also be awarded a gold star.

These awards are to celebrate the academic success of our students and the badges provide the opportunity for our students to be recognised by staff and their peers on a daily basis.