

Aspiration, Creativity, Character

Headteacher's Newsletter - 19th July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

The holidays are fast approaching so I write to thank you for all your support this year and to wish you a happy and restful summer holiday. The reward trips yesterday were a great success; a lovely way to end the year. This was planned as part of our revised rewards system and it feels like a new tradition has begun.

Although students and staff will soon be on holidays, the school will be a hive of activity over the summer with redecoration, site repairs and a complete ICT upgrade planned for the next six weeks. This will mean that students and staff will return in September to state of the art ICT facilities which will greatly enhance teaching and learning and students' independent study skills.

Enclosed with this letter is your child's report and a copy of the Haggerston Recorder, showcasing some of the fantastic achievements of our students and the variety of projects they have been involved in this term. As well as their academic progress, students have grown in so many other ways this year and I think the Haggerston Recorder captures some of those wider skills and experiences which are such an important part of a broad and rounded education. There is also a page of information about the DPR below which should help you to understand the content of your child's report.

I hope the information below is helpful in planning ahead for next term. I look forward to seeing you all at the Parent Information Evenings in September.

Yours sincerely,



Ciara Emmerson - Headteacher

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 and 12 back on Tuesday 3rd September at 8.30am until 12.45pm and all year groups on Wednesday 4th September at 8.30am.
- 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 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 is £2.20. 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 Twitter and Facebook accounts are gathering more and more support. Parents find that following one or both of these pages makes it easier to access messages, news and information. If you would like to follow us, please click on the links below:

<https://twitter.com/HaggerstonSch>

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

- 5) The new timings of the school day are included below. Please ensure that your child is punctual to school as any lateness will impact directly on lesson time. We will continue to provide a free breakfast for students from 7.45am to ensure that students start the day well and are ready to learn.
- 6) Please do put the date for the Parent Information Evening(s) in your diary. These are particularly important events to communicate key information about how you can support your child's learning. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Dynamic Progress Reports (DPR)

The DPR you have received for your child is based on their recent assessments and provides information about how your child is progressing at school. We use this reporting system to:

- provide students and parents/carers with subject specific information about the key objectives students will be assessed against and which they will need to achieve to make progress;
- ensure that the data recorded about student progress is robust and measured against student performance in relation to the key objectives in examinations;
- provide students and parents/carers with the ability to track progress online at any point and to check what key objectives should be focused on in subjects to make greater progress;
- establish clear aspirational and achievable targets for students based on their pathway which are defined by Key Stage 2 data.

Some key points which we would like to share to help you use the DPR to review your child's progress is provided below:

1. **'Predicted grades' for students in Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 and Year 13** - The 'predicted grade' for students in these year groups represent the relevant teacher's prediction of what they believe a student will achieve in their GCSE or A-Level in Year 11 or Year 13, respectively. Students in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 12 are assessed as being on-track or off-track in relation to the pathway which they are on in each subject.
2. **Pathways** – Students are set pathways based on their Key Stage 2 data. These pathways have been reviewed based on emerging national data about expected progress. We are now setting a standard pass at GCSE as the minimum target for all students on entry to the school, irrespective of prior attainment. We believe that all students should aspire to this as a minimum and that we can support students to achieve this. The refinement of the pathways allows us to be more targeted in our ability groupings and in the way we assign support and intervention for students. All pathways are based on the intention that students will exceed the national expectations for progress.

Target Setting: DPR

Flightpath	A	B	C	D
KS2 Level/ Average Scaled Score: Old National Curriculum SATs Level:	110-120 6	109-106 5	100-105 4	<99 3-
Year 7 Target	On Track	On Track	On Track	On Track
Year 8 Target	On Track	On Track	On Track	On Track
Year 9 Target	6	5	3	2
Year 10 Target	7	6	4	3
Year 11 Target	8/9	7	5	4

3. **Emerging/Developing/Consolidating/Secured** – Teachers make a judgement about the current progress of students in subject areas in relation to the key objectives which have been taught and assessed. The judgements are based primarily on formal assessments which are completed in examination conditions but teachers will also refer to other layers of assessment, such as work in books over time, to help ensure that their judgement is accurate and robust. Our aspiration is for all students to be 'secure' for all knowledge objectives on their pathway. Please note that your child's report is also available online and in future we will inform parents/carers after assessment periods so that you can access information immediately.

Key Dates for Academic Year 2019 - 2020

September 2019 - Autumn Term

START:	Tuesday 03 September 2019 - (Years 7 & 12 only) Wednesday 04 September 2019 - (All students)
HALF TERM:	Monday 21 – Friday 25 October 2019
FINISH:	Thursday 19 December 2019 - Early Closure 12.45pm
INSET DAYS:	Monday 02 September 2019 Monday 09 December 2019

Information Evenings

Year 10 and 11 - 10 September 2019

Year 8 and 9 - 17 September 2019

Year 7 - 24 September 2019

Year 12 & 13 - N/A

Parent Evenings

Year 7 - 25 February 2020

Year 8 - 28 April 2020

Year 9 - 24 March 2020 (Parents and Options Evening)

Year 10 - 19 May 2020

Year 11 - 14 January 2020

Year 12 & Year 13 - 28 January 2020

Student Equipment List

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

- Haggerston School Backpack (Lower school only)
- Clear pencil case
- 2 Black pens
- 1 Green pen
- 2 Pencils
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 Rubber
- 1 30cm ruler
- 1 Protractor
- 1 Scientific calculator (e.g. Casio FX83GT Plus or similar)
- Reading book
- Planner
- Knowledge Folder & Self Quizzing Book (Provided in Sept)
- 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.

Uniform Expectations

Haggerston Blazer	To be worn in the building at all times unless permission given by a member of staff. School issued badges only.
Haggerston Skirt/ Haggerston Trousers or Haggerston Salwar Kameez	School design only. Skirt worn to the knee.
Plain white school shirt with reverse collar or plain white school shirt with collar and Haggerston Tie	Short or long sleeves acceptable. No T-shirts to be visible under shirts. Tie should be worn to the waistband, in line with smart, professional dress.
Haggerston Jumper or Haggerston Tank Top	To be worn in the building at all times unless permission given by a member of staff.
Plain, flat, polished black shoes	No canvas or suede. No trainers, boots or logos.
Grey or black socks or black tights	Ankle or knee high socks only. Tights should be opaque.
Haggerston School bag - Year 7, 8 and 9 Rucksack - Year 10 upwards	Suitable for carrying A4 books/folders
Piercings – small gold or silver studs only	One pair of earrings. Maximum 5mm diameter. No jewelled piercings to be worn. No other jewellery permitted.
No make-up or nail varnish	No false nails or eyelashes
Black or navy hairband Haggerston School headscarf (if worn)	No extreme hair-cuts or hair colour. No lines/patterns cut into hair or eyebrows.
Black or navy plain outdoor coat, hat and gloves (suitable for cold or wet weather)	No logos or patterns. No hoodies/sports tops. Beanie style hats only.
PE Uniform: Haggerston tracksuit Haggerston polo shirt Haggerston PE Socks Trainers/Astroturf shoes	Any colour. No plimsolls.

Items in bold should be purchased from our uniform supplier: Crossbow Schoolwear, 31 Broadway Market, London E8 4PH Telephone: 020 7923 9313