

# Haggerston School

## Weekly Bulletin

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### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

I will keep things brief this week because we are anticipating announcements over this weekend regarding the timescales for re-opening schools and I will hopefully be able to update you in more detail next week on any plans in this regard.

This week we sent a letter to parents of Year 11 and 13 students with more details about estimated grades. I include the link below in case of interest. A great deal of work is going on behind the scenes to ensure students are not disadvantaged by the current circumstances and to plan for 6th form/University progression so that as many students as possible are accepted into suitably ambitious courses. I know there must be real anxiety about this but I can only reassure parents that we are doing all we can to make sure students are supported and have a range of options when they do receive their grades on results days.

[Year 11 and 13 Letter re: estimated grades](#)

We are also putting plans together for Year 7 transition and will do all we can to make sure parents are informed and students are prepared. It is a hard time for families in this position but we have some creative ideas about how to reach out and help students get ready for this change.

Finally, I hope you are able to enjoy some sunshine and family time this weekend, without the pressure of home schooling for a few days. There are many challenges to this current lockdown but one undoubted opportunity is the chance to spend more time with our children; to read, watch films, cook, play games, listen to music, walk, or just to be together. We know these things have positive impact on our mental health and of our children. They will remember this time forever and these shared experiences will hopefully overshadow the negative aspects. Important as it is to have a structured study routine in place, it is equally important to make the time away from schoolwork count as well. Now more than ever, our children are learning from us about how to manage stress, uncertainty and a host of other challenges and we have an opportunity to hardwire their responses to the difficulties they will inevitably encounter in their adult lives.

Have a lovely long weekend.

Ciara Emmerson  
Headteacher

### Coronavirus – Advice for Schools and Parents/Guardians

Please follow this link to our website page to view advice and updates:

<https://haggerston.hackney.sch.uk/parents/carers/coronavirus-advice-and-guidance/>

# Haggerston Recorder

Easter 2020 newsletter

[Click here to view the new Spring Haggerston Recorder](#)

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## Haggerston School Library

### QUARANTINE CHALLENGE

To make these next few weeks interesting and fun, here is an invitation for ALL (including staff and students) to take part in the Library's Quarantine Challenge. Try and participate in as many challenges as you can.

Dress up as a character from a book or comic

Write a review of a book you have recently read

Set up a book display of your favourite books at home

Join your School on Facebook and Like or Comment on a post

Make an Origami Bookmark

Share your funniest classroom story

Draw a character from your favourite book

Make a Quarantine Comic Strip

Follow Your School on Twitter

Make a Quarantine themed Bookmark

Read a book upside down and send your photo

Share Your Best Memories at school

Write a Poem on your Favourite Teacher

Read with a Hat on and send your photo

Share a Library Joke

Design a Book Cover for your favorite Book

We have put together interesting challenges to help ease some of the stay-at-home jitters, while still staying safe. So fight the boredom at home and join in to have some fun. There is no obligation to participate in all the challenges. Simply choose what fancies you the most and send us your entries at [library@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:library@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk) by 25 May 2020.

**HURRY UP!**

**Send Your Quarantine Challenge Entries to [library@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:library@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk) by 25 May 2020**  
**Winners will be announced on 1 June 2020**

**BEST ENTRIES WILL WIN GIFT VOUCHERS**

## EEF resources to support home learning

In response to the unprecedented closure of schools to most pupils, the EEF has produced a [set of resources](#) designed to be used by schools and parents/carers to support home learning. Free to read and download, these are all based on the evidence-based recommendations and also include practical tips, including suggested text messages and emails schools can send to promote shared reading, home learning routines, and maths at home.

There also some interesting and insightful blogs and articles related to home learning including '[Distance Learning](#)'.

## New virtual cyber initiative for teenagers

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has announced an online initiative that aims to inspire school pupils to work in the cyber security sector through a range of extracurricular activities including online classes. This provides the opportunity to learn and develop the important skills required for future jobs in areas like cyber security from home.

Full details of this announcement and the resources available can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-virtual-cyber-school-gives-teens-chance-to-try-out-as-cyber-security-agents-from-home>

### Key Notices

#### Message from Ms Honorio (SENDCO) regarding Access arrangements

Dear parents/carers of Year 10 students,

I am writing to you today to update you on access arrangements. In February 2020 I sent a letter to eligible families informing you about our specialist assessor coming to school assessing your child/ young person and their eligibility for access arrangements. Due to the current situation with Covid-19 and school closures, these assessments are postponed. As soon as we have more information on schools reopening and safety of continued education, we will re-arrange for the specialist assessor to come back to school. I would like to reassure you that if your child is on the list for access arrangements, they will continue to receive this provision in their assessments and exams moving forward. We continue to work with exam boards and any information for the Year 10 cohort going to the Y11 will be communicated to you in an efficient and timely manner. If you have any further questions, please get in touch via email.

Kind regards,

Ms Honorio

#### Message from the Local Authority: increased fraud risk during coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

Periods of instability, such as during the coronavirus pandemic, bring an increased risk of fraud. Fraudsters will actively exploit these difficult times and will target vulnerable areas for financial gain.

We have been informed some learners and parents have received a letter from ESFA asking for personal learner bank details in relation to the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund. We never ask for personal bank account details. This is a fraudulent letter – please do not respond.

Regular communication with parents/carers is important to us at Haggerston School. It is vital that the school office holds updated and current contact information in order that you can receive important messages from school or in case of a medical and/or emergency situation.

*Please contact the school office to update or confirm that your contact information is correct.*

P: 020 7739 7324

E: [haggerstonschool@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:haggerstonschool@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk)

**SUMMER TERM**

<b>START</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>FINISH</b>
Monday 20 April 2020	Monday 25 – Friday 29 May 2020	Friday 17 July 2020 Early Closure 12.45pm