

Haggerston School

Weekly Bulletin

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Highlight of the Week



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Maths Student of the Week....

Year 7: Ramsy Kistrane



For working incredibly hard and is constantly pushing himself to complete all of the extra, more challenging work. Well done Ramsy!

Dear Parents/Carers

As outlined in the Head's Newsletter last week, the government has instructed schools to continue to track and trace Covid cases until the 23rd December. As a result, members of the senior team will be on duty to discharge this responsibility until that date.

Below is a reminder of the actions to follow should your child receive a positive COVID result and their symptoms developed **within the 48 hour period after we break up from school.**

1. **You should report a positive test to school if your child develops symptoms within the first 48 hours of the holidays (ie by Saturday 19th December) using the holidaycovid19information@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk email address.**

Please include the following information in your email, as this will help us expedite the track and trace process:

- 1: Name of child and date of birth
2. Year group
3. Date of onset of symptoms (and type of symptoms)
4. Date of positive test
5. When the student was last in school
6. Any other student or staff member your child feels they were in close contact with (contacts are defined as: under 2 metres for 15 minutes or more, under 1 metre but not face to face for 1 minute or more or face to face and under 2 metres for any length of time)
7. Any specific issues or concerns
8. A phone number we can contact you on to ask any follow up questions.

2. **If your child receives a positive test beyond the 48-hour timeframe of school ending after Sunday 20th December BUT they had symptoms on the last occasion when they were in school, please also let us know via the holidaycovid19information@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk**

The above email address will be monitored between 8am and 10am each day until 23rd December. After this date, we will next check this email address on Monday 4 January 2021.

3. **From Boxing Day onwards, if your child develops symptoms, receives a positive test result or comes into contact with a positive case, they will need to isolate for 10 days. Please let us know via the holidaycovid19information@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk email address – including all key information so that we can work out their return to school date.**

Taking holidays and the potential for quarantine on return for the UK

Please avoid taking a holiday outside of the UK if there is any risk of you having to quarantine upon return to the UK as this will result in days of learning lost in school unnecessarily. If your child is quarantined in such circumstances the school will not provide remote learning and this absence will not be authorised.

Please do not send children back to school in January, if any of the following apply:

- they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- any members of your household have symptoms
- Any members of your household, or any close contacts they have had over the holiday period, have tested positive for COVID-19
- they have not completed the full 10-day isolation period requested

We very much hope that we will not need to contact any families with bad news over the festive period. If we do need to contact you, we will do this primarily by text message. Thank you for your support with this.

Today, the government announced that the start of term in January will be staggered to allow for training in administering rapid testing. Our planned INSET days will go ahead as planned on Monday and Tuesday (4th and 5th January). On Wednesday 6th January, Year 11 and Sixth Form students will return to school. All other year groups will be taught remotely for the rest of that week. We will make provision for students who are vulnerable and children of keyworkers during and will write to you in January with details of how to request a place for your child. On 11th January, all students will return to school.

The government is asking schools to train and prepare for the administration of rapid testing. Rapid tests will be available for all staff and students who have been identified as contacts of a positive case. This will mean students will no longer need to isolate and miss school. It should also mean that the staff absence challenges we have faced this term should be significantly reduced. This is excellent news and a real step forward.

Best wishes for a restful Christmas and a quieter New Year!

Ciara Emmerson - Headteacher

Key Notices

[Letter from Cllr Anntoinette Bramble](#)

Literacy reminder:

The new year will see the exciting arrival of our Book Buzz delivery: a project that ensures every student in years 7 and 8 is given a book of their choice to keep. Our school library is also open for students to visit on allocated days, as well as providing deliveries to students who request a book. Please support us by ensuring your child has a reading book with them every day: it is an essential part of school equipment and vital to their learning.

Alice Clark- Literacy Lead Practitioner

Parent Governor Elections



We are delighted to announce that, following our recent parent governor election, Marisol Grandon has been voted our new Parent Governor at Haggerston School. Thank you to everyone who took part.

A message from your new parent governor:

"It's a huge privilege to be elected as parent governor. Thank you for placing your trust in me. I also want to thank the other, brilliant candidates for standing. I look forward to working with the school staff and students, the board, the parents, and the PTA on making Haggerston the best it can be, and to help unlock as many opportunities for our young people as possible. I will learn a lot over the next few months. These are challenging times, but the school's community across the borough is strong".

Coronavirus Testing

We are grateful to parents for respecting the Coronavirus symptoms guidance, testing procedures and relevant isolation times. Could we please ask that as soon as you have the test results for your child or member of the household as appropriate that you contact us before sending your child back into school. This avoids children being isolated unnecessarily and our isolation spaces are kept free.

Face Masks and Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has a reusable face mask every day. The school are very low on spares and can no longer provide these to students.

Please ensure your child has a full water bottle every day. Water is available every break and lunch for refilling.

DPR

The DPR is an online reporting app that we use to not only track student progress but to also set homework, including for when students may need to self-isolate and work from home. Whilst we have been fortunate enough not to have had any confirmed cases of Covid-19, it will only be a matter of time where students and/or groups may need to work from home.

Please can you ensure that your child is able to log into the system and work independently from home. We are currently organising session to support new students in using this system confidently. This guidance is there to support parents with this.

[Click here to view the Parent and Student Guide to DPR Assignments](#)

Procedure for students with missing DPR logins:

- 1) Student to inform form tutor or HOY/AHOY that they cannot access the DPR (due to incorrect or forgotten login details)
- 2) Form tutor or HOY/AHOY to email Student Services
- 3) Student Services to send back login(s) to form tutor and HOY/AHOY
- 4) Form tutor or HOY/AHOY to communicate new login details to student

After this process has been completed, students will log into DPR with their correct login and ensure that they have the right recovery email address so that in the future the process can be a simple click on the "forgot my password" link and then they will be able to reset it themselves.

Support for Parents

Christmas and the winter holidays can be a time of much needed relaxation and happiness, but it can also be a struggle for people for many reasons - potentially challenging family dynamics, financial pressures, high expectations that are difficult to live up to as a few examples.

This year, we are all struggling with the added complexity of coronavirus. Difficult decisions are being made across the country between balancing the need to see and connect with people, and keeping our loved ones safe.

Bearing this in mind, we have put together some useful online resources that we hope will be helpful for everyone.

However you choose to spend it, we wish you all as restful and pleasant a break as possible.

For parents/carers:

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/christmas-and-mental-health/christmas-and-coronavirus/#collapseda312>

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/christmas/blog/you-and-your-mental-health-still-matter-christmas>

<https://www.healthy-magazine.co.uk/christmas-wellbeing-tips/>

[CAHMS Brochure](#)

Support for parents around your child's wellbeing - Weekly drop in (via email) 9.30-10.30am every Thursday

I would like to introduce you to Leanne, our CAMHS Worker in Schools (CWIS) and to invite you to a weekly email drop in session.

Leann is based in the school every Thursday as part of the WAMHS (Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools) project. Her role is to support the school to develop and action strategies that will benefit the wellbeing of the whole school community - pupils, staff and parents/carers.

As part of this, she would like to invite parents/carers to contact her for an email drop in session. Leann will be available between 9.30am and 10.30am on Thursday mornings in term time, starting 19th November.

Email at leanne.kern@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk

If it is a short answer she will email you a reply, or give you a call back if it requires a longer discussion (please include your phone number if you would like a call)

If Leann does not manage to respond in the allocated hour, she will get back to you either later in the day, or the following week.

What can you ask her?

Anything regarding wellbeing. Maybe you would like some advice on you or your child's wellbeing, some tips on how to keep yourself well during lockdown, if there are any concerns you have regarding your child's wellbeing, questions about exam stress or return to school after lockdown. Leann will be able to make some suggestions, and signpost to other resources.

Ms Rachel Ray-Choudhuri, Assistant Headteacher, Mental health and wellbeing
Leanne Kern, Occupational Therapist/Specialist CAMHS Practitioner

Please click this link to view information about learning from home
<https://haggerston.hackney.sch.uk/learning-from-home/>





Merry Christmas

Message from the governing body

On behalf of the governors of Haggerston School, I want to say a big thank you to the whole school community:

Thank you to the students – you have been amazing in a strange year which you will never forget. Coping with virtual learning and social distancing is difficult but we know your teachers are working hard to help you catch up.

Thank you to parents and carers for continuing to help your child navigate through these challenging times.

Thank you to all staff - teachers, support staff and the SLT – for all your extraordinary hard work. We know that you have ensured that the impacts of the pandemic have been reduced as far as possible and continue to support our students to achieve to their very best.

Like you, I am hopeful that 2021 will, at some point, see some return to normality. In the meantime, I wish you a happy, restful and safe festive break.

Wendy Mason

Chair of governors



Haggerston School Library News



Library December Newsletter Spreading Festive Cheer...

<https://haggerston.hackney.sch.uk/our-school/school-library/library-newsletter/>

Highlights of this issue:

Teacher Spotlight – Ms Clark

Quiz - Teachers read too! Can you guess who?

Christmas Cheer in the Library

Check out our **Top Ten Borrowers** and **Accelerated Reader Champions!**



Taylor Rowhan - Year 9

Ciani Evans-Young - Year 11

Alinda Petek - Year 8





Achievement Awards Scheme

The Jack Petchey Award scheme was set up by Sir Jack Petchey to recognise young people and their efforts within London and Essex. The program has been running here at Haggerston for a number of years and continues to provide students with the opportunity to be rewarded for their determination, hard work, achievements and contribution to the school community.

Each year, during dedicated nomination windows, students are nominated by their peers, class teachers and associate staff members, for the chance to win one of the nine monthly awards. As the scheme is focused on our Young People, we use various methods to help select the winners including our 'Future Leaders' program and also our student council. This puts the responsibility firmly in our students' hands and gives them a real sense of pride and satisfaction that the correct individuals are selected.

One of the best things about the Jack Petchey Achievement Awards scheme is that those students who are selected as winners then have the opportunity to further contribute to the school and the experience of students. Each winner's name is placed on the roll of honour (displayed on the first floor of the B block at Haggerston), they receive a Jack Petchey badge and certificate, and £250 to enhance the opportunities of Haggerston students. Previous winners have spent the £250 in a variety of ways and there are lots more to choose from. Examples include event tickets, lunch for a group that they attend within school and equipment for use in school.

So far in the 2020-2021 academic year three students have been selected as winners. These students are;

- Isaac Kruisin Clay (Year 7) nominated for his determination in PE
- Jake Talbott (Year 8) nominated for his continued hard work and dedication to the Pride Youth Network group
- Leonardo Tudosie (Year 10) nominated for his achievements and assistance of other students in Business Studies

The Jack Petchey program also allows students, once a year, to nominate a staff member for their hard work and contribution to the school. This is known as the Leaders Award. This year over 20 staff members received a nomination and with the help of our Future Leaders, Mr James Johnson was selected as the winner. The winning nomination referenced Mr Johnson's continued commitment to delivering high quality Spanish lessons as well as his willingness to assist students across all aspects of school life. For this award, Mr Johnson receives a grant of £750, again to contribute to the experiences and opportunities of Haggerston students, in particular within the MFL department. Mr Johnson has expressed an interest in using the money to allow students to access a Spanish speaking streaming website, to help them immerse themselves in the process of learning.

All winners are invited, with their families, to an awards ceremony at the end of the year to celebrate their achievements.

If you would like any more information about the program, you can visit the website [www.https://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk](https://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk) or please feel free to contact me via email jonathan.wadsworth@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk

I look forward to celebrating our Young People and their achievements with some of you in the very near future

Mr Wadsworth - Head of Year 10 & Jack Petchey Co-ordinator



Upcoming events: week beginning 4th January 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assembly theme: We are articulate, strong and confident				
Inset Day – School closed to Students	Inset Day – School closed to Students	Y11, Y12 and Y13 students return All other year groups will be taught remotely through live lessons		

Term Dates for Academic Year 2020-2021

SPRING TERM

START	HALF TERM	FINISH
Tuesday 05 January 2021	Monday 15 – Friday 19 February 2021	Thursday 01 April 2021
INSET DAY: Monday 04 January 2021 Tuesday 5 th January 2021 Monday 22 March 2021		

SUMMER TERM

START	HALF TERM	FINISH
Monday 19 April 2021	Monday 31 May – Friday 04 June 2021	Friday 23 July 2021 Early Closure 12.45pm

Save the Date Events 2020-2021

INFORMATION EVENING DATES

Parent Information Evening information is available on our website: https://haggerston.hackney.sch.uk/parentscarers/parent-information-evening/
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PARENTS' EVENING DATES

To be delivered online from 4-7pm

Year 7	Year 8
23 March 2021	27 April 2021
Year 9 + Options Evening	Year 10
23 February 2021	04 May 2021
Year 11	Year 12 & Year 13
12 January 2021	26 January 2021

OTHER USEFUL DIARY DATES

(BANK HOLIDAYS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)

26 December 2020 Boxing Day	01 January 2021 New Year's Day	02 April 2021 Good Friday	04 April 2021 Easter Sunday
05 April 2021 Easter Monday Bank Holiday	03 May 2021 May Bank Holiday	31 May 2021 Spring Bank Holiday	30 August 2021 Summer Bank Holiday

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

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Attendance and Punctuality notices

1) COVID-19

If anyone in your household has ANY COVID-19 symptoms, do not send your children to school.

The symptoms are:

- a new, persistent or continuous cough and/or
- a temperature/fever (37.8 or above) and/or
- a loss of taste or smell

Please self isolate, contact the school so we are aware and book a COVID-19 test for **the symptomatic person.**

Full details with regards to self isolation and the school's COVID-19 can be

found <https://haggerston.hackney.sch.uk/2020/09/08/covid-19-attendance-policy-letter/>

It is essential that all parents adhere to this guidance. Children cannot return from self isolation early unless there is a negative COVID -19 test. Our pastoral teams are trained to talk with you about procedures for COVID-19 illness and what to do if you are unsure.

COVID-19 absences do not reduce your child's attendance percentage.

2) Punctuality

Your child should be on site by 8.30am every day. If a child is late to school, 3 corrections are awarded (this leads to a 1 hr detention). If your child wishes to discuss the reason for the detention, he/she will need to speak with their Head of Year. **For children who are persistently late, statutory action may follow.**

3) Attendance to school and GCSE outcomes

If your child attends 4 days per week on average over the year, their attendance will average 80% over the year.

A child who misses half a day per week on average will typically be around 90%.

A child who is late every day to period 1, will show as 100% attendance as they have arrived, but in reality they may lose up to 16% of their education and this has a significant impact on their attainment. (This is broadly the same as having 84% attendance over the year.)

We know from both our own and national data that our students achieve their best when they are here every day. The less a child attends, the lower their overall GCSE outcomes.

At Haggerston School, the average GCSE grade for a child with 97% attendance is grade 7. Compare this to a child with 90% attendance whose average grade is nearer a 3 and you will see why we worry about those children who do not attend school every day. Other factors of course will impact on a child's overall attainment at the end of Year 11 but the easiest way to ensure that your child has the opportunity to achieve to the best of his/her ability, is for him/her to attend school daily. Children also lose significant learning time if they are repeatedly late to period 1, as period 1 is lesson one of the day.

Parents and Carers are legally responsible for overseeing that their child attends school every day and arrives on time.

4) Medicines for minor ailments

For minor injuries or ailments, paracetamol (and or other medication) can be handed in to reception and taken on site as appropriate. Children should come in (with a note from you) and see if they can manage in all minor cases. We will send the home if not. **This section applies only to illness which does not present with COVID-19 symptoms.**

5) Unauthorised absences

Medical appointments should not be taken in school time. If this is unavoidable, the appointment card should be brought in and shown to the Head of Year **48 hours in advance of the appointment.** Requests to leave for an appointment are unlikely to be authorised if this procedure is not followed.

6) Medical evidence

Medical evidence is needed for any absence which lasts for 5 days or more (this does not apply where you are self isolating/quarantining for COVID-19). In the case of persistently low attendance, absences will not be authorised unless medical evidence is provided. In cases of persistent absence, the Educational Welfare Officer may refer to the local authority and statutory action can result. If absences are sporadic and persistent, medical evidence will be requested before absences can be authorised.

7) Holidays

Holidays are not authorised by the school at any time and should not be taken during the school term. Fines are issued in these circumstances.

8) Absence reporting

In the rare case where you need to report an absence for your child, please contact the absence line by 8.30am with a **specific** reason: **02077397324, Option 2** (Please note we cannot accept "unwell" as a reason for absence.)

