

Haggerston School

Weekly Bulletin

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Highlight of the Week



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Maths Student of the Week....

Year 11: Chewar Kardo



Chewar has attended both maths and numeracy lessons and has constantly been contributing to the class and has sent in some really excellent work. Well done Chewar!

Dear Parents/Carers

There has been a great deal achieved in a short space of time this week and I am hugely grateful to staff at school who have rolled up their sleeves and focused, once again, on setting up a full remote learning provision in a short space of time. I want to share some of the progress we have made with you and to also set some priorities for parents for next week to help with establishing a really effective online school provision for every child.

1. **Student Engagement.** We had 78% engagement from students this week on the DPR. A good starting point to build on but by no means good enough. More than 200 students missed out on their learning this week and we want that number to be as close to zero as possible by next week.

What are we doing?

- Contacting home for students who are not engaging to find out the reason and try to problem solve any issues with families. Please view these calls in the spirit they are intended, which is to support our students and fulfil our duty of care around their education and welfare. If we haven't seen a student on the DPR or in the live lesson, we will treat this as we would any absence from school and contact home.
- We have sent out over 60 devices, routers and sim cards this week to families who do not have IT or internet access and we have more to process next week. These do take time to set up with all the required software but we are working diligently to get them to students as soon as they are ready. Please only request these if you really do need them, as there are a finite number and should go to the families most in need. However, please do not hesitate to ask for one if your child is struggling without adequate IT access.
- We have updated the parent and student guide to remote learning and it is available through the following link: <https://haggerston.hackney.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Booklet-of-instructions-for-students-Jan-2021-.pdf>
- This guide will help you to know what to expect from teachers, how to access lessons and work and who to contact if you or your child needs support.
- From next week, we will be refining the way assignments are set through the DPR so that students should be able to see more clearly what their lessons involve for that day when they log in each morning. Links will be included to live lessons and other learning platforms but the DPR is the single central point of access for each of these things. We know this has not been as streamlined as it could have been this week, with teachers setting lessons on several different platforms but this should improve very soon.
- More lessons will include a 'live' element from Monday onwards. We are going to monitor and refine our approach over the next two weeks and then send a survey out to all students and parents on what is working well and what needs to improve. Your feedback will be really important to us in making any further improvements.

What can parents do to support?

- Just like a normal school day, parents need to make sure their child is up, dressed and has eaten breakfast by 8.40am so that they are ready to login to the DPR and start their lessons. It has been really disappointing for staff this week to start their live lesson to find only a handful of students are in the meeting. When they chased through phone calls, the students were still in bed. School is still happening, it is just happening online. We are now able to offer teaching in real time which is different from the first lockdown and requires more discipline and routine from students but is ultimately so much more beneficial to them than just completing work in isolation at home. Another extended period out of school without direct teaching would be very detrimental to your child's education and every lesson missed will chip away at their progress and achievement. Please ensure these routines are in place at home by Monday.
- Set up an area for your child to work at which is as quiet and uninterrupted as possible. Make sure they have the key equipment they need.
- Create routines around free time too so that your child has some physical exercise, ideally in the fresh air, each day.
- Encourage reading. We will set some reading challenges and a weekly lockdown challenge through our social media platforms. If you don't already follow us on Twitter or Facebook, these are a great source of inspiration, ideas and motivation for students and parents. We will be using them to celebrate students' work and achievements during this period so it will help us all to stay connected.

2. **Free School Meals.** To reduce the number of unnecessary journeys to collect hampers and the inevitable delays that result from waiting for produce to be delivered, we are pleased that the government has extended the voucher school and we are able to continue to offer Edenred vouchers to families who are eligible for Free School Meals. These have been ordered and should be ready for use imminently.

What do parents need to do?

- Log into your Edenred account. You should be able to access your vouchers from next week.

1. **Testing.** We have made good progress with this over the past week. We now have a test centre on site and have identified staff and volunteers who will support with this operation. We are starting small, with just the students and staff who are on site, so that we gain expertise in the process before rolling it out to all students and staff ahead of a return to face to face teaching. Thank you to all of you who have already completed the consent form. This is a big help to us and will mean we are ready to go when we return.

What do parents need to do?

- If you have not already completed the consent form, please do so as soon as possible. These tests are quick, safe and will help us to keep your child and others safe from Covid 19. We need to do everything we can to reduce the transmission of the virus and this is a really important step forward to help us do this effectively. The consent form below takes just a minute to complete: <https://forms.gle/WhzxoKF2uBNE1GGZ6>.

2. **Year 11 and 13 Qualifications.** A national consultation is underway to decide how teacher assessed grades will be determined this summer and what assessments they will be based on, in the absence of public examinations. As soon as we know more, we will communicate directly with students and parents in these year groups. In the meantime, it is crucial that students stay focused on their learning. We intend to run DPR 2 assessments as planned so students should be working towards those and covering the remaining content for their qualifications. For Year 11 parents, more information about your child's progress and their transition into the sixth form will be given at parents' evening next Tuesday.

What do parents need to do?

- Sign up for online parents evening appointments on Tuesday through school cloud if you have not already done so: <https://haggerston.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.
- A helpful how to guide is provided below: <https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

Once again, many thanks for your support this week and over the coming weeks.

Ciara Emmerson (Headteacher)

Key Notices

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.

Creative Arts Student of the Week....

Year 11: Dagnawwe Addisu



Dagnawwe has been working exceptionally hard, attending all of his lessons, producing excellent high quality work and has been working hard on completing his national assessments which again has been of high quality. Well done Dagnawwe. Keep up the good work!

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

- 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.

SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



The Theft – Story by our Budding Writer
Teachers read too! Can you guess who? Take the quiz now!
Teacher Spotlight - Ms Alice Clark
Take a sneak peek of Christmas Cheer in the Library
Accelerated Reader Champions
The Christmas Challenge Winners
Top Ten Borrowers

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

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/>



Upcoming events: week beginning 11th January 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assembly theme: My Values				
	Y11 Parent Evening			

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/>

PARENTS' EVENING DATES

To be delivered online

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	01 January 2021	02 April 2021	04 April 2021
Boxing Day	New Year's Day	Good Friday	Easter Sunday

05 April 2021	03 May 2021	31 May 2021	30 August 2021
Easter Monday Bank Holiday	May Bank Holiday	Spring Bank Holiday	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

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