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Headteacher's Newsletter - 17th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to outline plans for the start of term in September and to welcome you, once again, to Haggerston School. Included in this email is information which I hope will help you to prepare your child for starting secondary school.

The schedule for the start of term is outlined below:

Monday 4 September	Staff INSET Day - School is closed to students
Tuesday 5 September	Year 7 Induction Day - 8.30am-1.40pm - enter via Queensbridge Road Gate Year 7 Parents are invited to a presentation of key information from 12.40pm Year 12 Induction Day - 8.40am-12.45pm
Wednesday 6 September	Year 7 Normal Day - 8.30am-3.30pm - enter via Queensbridge Rd Gate/Dismissal from Kent St Gate All other year groups return for a normal day

We have planned a comprehensive induction programme for new Year 7 students so that they are well supported throughout the first term at Haggerston and beyond. Information about how to set up your Scopay account for school dinners will be shared in the first week of September. Students will be provided with school meals for the first week while these are being set up.

Chromebook Loan Scheme:

All homework is set through our online DPR application so students will need access to a suitable device in September. To support with this, Year 7 students can take advantage of our Chromebook offer. We know that some children already have a device for this purpose but if that is not the case, or if your child shares a device with a sibling, we can provide a chromebook. The device will be school property but loaned to your child to complete school work while they are a student at Haggerson. We will require a deposit of £40 which will be paid back to parents/carers once the device is returned to the school in good condition. Students who are eligible for free school meals will not be required to pay a deposit. If you would like to avail of this offer please complete this [google form](#).

The last few years have underlined the importance of equality of access to technology to enhance every child's learning and we hope this offer will help to support families.

Preparing for Secondary School:

Moving to secondary school is an exciting but often nerve-wracking time for children (and parents!). Below we have provided a link to our [Parent Handbook](#) (hard copies will be available at the Information Event in September) and some useful information from 'Doddle Learn' for Year 6 children and their parents. There are useful hints and tips, as well as videos, to support your child's transition to secondary: please click here to access the [guide](#)

Other ways you can support their readiness for secondary school:

- Ensure your child is ready to start back at the beginning of term and that family holidays do not prevent them attending the important induction sessions in the first week.
- Ensure your child has a full school uniform, ready for September. School uniform expectations are included below and will apply from the start of term.
- Ensure your child has all the equipment they need so they are ready to learn. A full equipment list is included below as an appendix.

- Encourage your child to read widely over the summer. The book 'Go Big' by Matthew Burton is a good non fiction guide to preparing for secondary school..

Apart from the above, the best thing your child can do this summer is get plenty of rest, spend time with family and friends, stay active and get outside into nature. We know that all of these things promote health, happiness and wellbeing. Finally, I wish you all a happy, restful summer holiday and look forward to welcoming students back to school in September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ciara', followed by a long, wavy horizontal line.

Ciara Emmerson - Headteacher

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. Skirts must be 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 are acceptable. No T-shirts to be visible under shirts. Tie should be worn to the waistband, in line with smart, formal dress.
Haggerston Jumper or Haggerston Tank Top	To be worn in the building at all times unless permission given by a member of staff. Not required as part of 'summer uniform' from Easter onwards
Headscarf (If worn)	Plain, navy or Haggerston branded headscarf
Plain, flat, polished black shoes	No canvas or suede Strong and weatherproof No trainers or boots
Black socks or black tights	Ankle or knee high socks only Tights should be opaque
Rucksack or Haggerston branded school bag	Suitable for carrying A4 books/folders
Piercings – small, plain studs only	One pair of earrings only. One nose stud is allowed. Maximum 5mm diameter No other jewellery permitted
No make-up or nail varnish	No false nails or eyelashes
Natural hair colours only	No lines/patterns cut into hair or eyebrows
Warm, weatherproof outdoor coat Hat and gloves	No hoodies/sports tops. No offensive logos. Beanie style hats only or Haggerston branded hat
PE Uniform: Haggerston tracksuit Haggerston polo shirt and shorts 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

Student Equipment List

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

- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ Pencil case
- ☐ 2 Black pens
- ☐ 1 Green pen
- ☐ 2 Pencils
- ☐ 1 Pencil sharpener
- ☐ 1 Rubber
- ☐ 1 30cm ruler
- ☐ 1 Protractor
- ☐ 1 Scientific calculator (Casio fx-85gtx or fx-991ex)
- ☐ Glue Stick
- ☐ Reading book
- ☐ Planner
- ☐ Haggerston School PE kit on PE days

The school will provide the equipment listed below, as required in lessons:

1. Coloured pencils
2. Scissors
3. Compass
4. Dictionary/Thesaurus
5. Bilingual dictionary (if required)

Suggested equipment which will be useful to have available at home but should not be brought into school:

- ☐ Coloured pencils
- ☐ 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.