

PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Weekly news from the Haggerston School Community

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A year to remember!

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Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern please call the school Reception in the first instance and ask for the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Jack Truan or a member of the safeguarding team. If it is out of school hours please contact the safeguarding email address

haggerstonsafeguarding@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk

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 verify your contact details
P: 020 7739 7324 E: haggerstonschool@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk

SPORTS FIXTURES & RESULTS

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR OUR
UP COMING GAMES AND
FIXTURE RESULTS



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

MUSIC: THE YEAR 11 BAND

FOR PERFORMING AT THE PARENTS' INFORMATION
EVENINGS.

MATHS: ALY EL-SWAIFY,
YEAR 7

FOR EXCELLENT REASONING WITH BEST BUY
QUESTIONS.



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Ms Emmerson

Dear Parents/Carers,

A few parents have asked me for an update on academisation and it occurred to me that I hadn't confirmed that this went through smoothly over the summer, meaning that we started this academic year, on 1st September, as a member of Community Schools Trust. Students won't have noticed any difference and the only way it should impact them is through incremental improvements in curriculum and teaching over time. This was always the core purpose in being part of a trust: more opportunity for professional collaboration, more central support for school functions which take leaders away from the business of education (premises, catering, finance etc) and greater agility in addressing the issues which all schools face, such as teacher recruitment.

All schools in England received a letter this week from Professor Chris Whitty (Chief Medical Officer) about school attendance. I read it with interest because last year, our attendance dropped to 88%, having been well above national average the year before. Chris Whitty is clear that children should be in school with mild respiratory illnesses; the indicator to stay home being a temperature above 38 degrees. He also emphasises how damaging it is for an anxious child to be kept at home, a decision which only exacerbates anxiety, long term. If you are unsure whether it is appropriate for your child to attend school on any given day, the following tool may be useful: [**NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance**](#).

Finally, a few parents have asked for clarification on uniform given the continuing warm weather. We have decided to extend the summer uniform until October half term (i.e. jumpers are optional). This is to avoid lots of mixed messaging, as the weather is likely to be variable from day to day. We will be reviewing the uniform policy this term, as we do each year, and will be considering carefully the impact of the changing climate on the policy. I will share more once this review is underway.

Have a lovely weekend

Ms Emmerson, Headteacher

MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

Mr McArdle

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been great welcoming back students to Haggerston over the past week. It is clear that students have come back refreshed and ready to learn. One of the most important elements of this is the schools partnership with parents. It helps to create a harmonious school community and ensures alignment to school values. When parents/ carers are working together with key staff within the school it helps support your child's education and provides secure and consistent boundaries which are necessary. It also helps provide support for their social, emotional and academic development.

During September, we are holding parent information events for each year group. We have so far had excellent attendance to these events and it has been really great to welcome so many parents over the past week in year 7, 10 and 11. These particular evenings are aimed at giving you the opportunity to hear some key information about the year ahead and to get to speak to members of staff that can support your child's progress and wellbeing during their time at Haggerston.

At the start of year 7 or when entering the school through the in-year admissions process, every parent completes the home-school agreement. This outlines the commitment that parents, students and the school agree to. It is vital that we meet these responsibilities and understand how important it is that we do so, as this helps to ensure that our school is a safe learning environment that supports all of its students.

Our first parents evening of the year will take place on the 14th of November for Year 7 which will be face to face. The dates for all other year groups will be posted on our school website. Aside from these events, we also have other opportunities for parents to come into the school. These include the school production in Autumn term, the Art exhibition and Summer Sharing in the Summer term. This year, we want to increase the opportunities that parents have to connect and communicate with us; we are going to continue offering parent workshops on topics we know are of importance to you and to ask parents to be part of some topical focus groups. These will help us to understand your experiences, views and challenges better so that we can support families more fully.

The final parent information events in September are listed below:

Monday 18th September from 5pm - 6pm - for years 8 and 9

Monday 25th September from 5pm - 6pm for years 12 and 13

Again, I encourage all parents to attend the relevant events.

Slides from the events that have already taken place are below:

- [Parent Information Event - Year 7](#)
- [Parent Information Event - Years 10 and 11](#)

We will be in regular communication with parents about up and coming events that you can attend.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr McArdle, Assistant Headteacher



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

THIS WEEK'S TOP FORM!

YEAR 7S/Y7G	100%
YEAR 8S	98.8%
YEAR 9O	96.8%
YEAR 10S	99.2%
YEAR 11R	94.1%
YEAR 12B	95.4%
YEAR 13B	81.9%

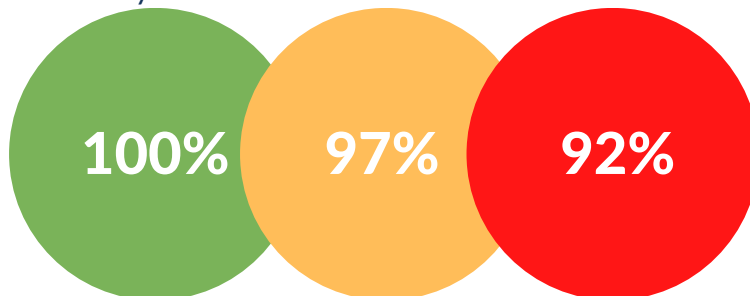


WHERE WILL YOU BE?



If last year, a child had 99-100% attendance, the average grade achieved across all GCSEs was a grade 7. This does not mean a child is guaranteed to achieve grade 7s or better with 99-100% attendance but it does mean they give themselves the best chance to do this. This child is much likely to score top grades than someone who is only in for 94 % of the school year.

Attendance %	Average Grade at GCSE
99 – 100	7
97 – 99	6
95 – 97	5
93 – 95	4
90 – 93	3
Under 90	3-



HIGH ATTENDERS, HIGH ACHIEVERS

Key Notices

HOW TO GET (AND KEEP!) YOUR CHILD MOTIVATED WEBINAR WITH ELEVATE EDUCATION
TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2023 @ 6PM

Reserve your seat by registering here

You will learn:

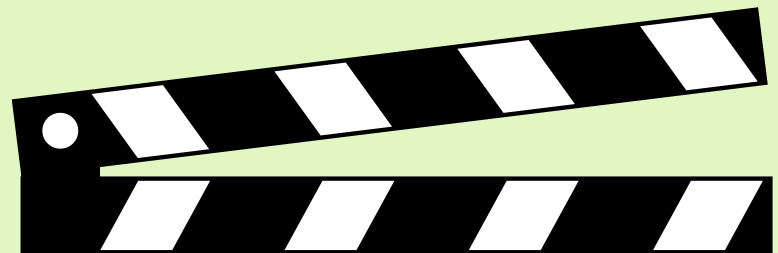
- What impact does praise and reassurance have on your child's motivation?
- What are the best types of goals to be setting with your child?
- How can you help your child create meaningful and lasting motivation?

Register for free school meals - message from Hackney Education

Families who are eligible for free school meals (FSM) need to register to ensure they receive all the benefits they are entitled to. Their schools will then receive pupil premium funding, worth £1,455 to schools for each child. This will give schools more money for activities such as educational trips, booster classes, after-school clubs and more, which is important additional funding to support your child's school.

Registering will ensure families receive other benefits they may be entitled to, like food vouchers during the holidays or access to the holiday activity fund. It's simple to register and is confidential.

Parents and carers can apply easily via the [Hackney Education website](#).



140 students have auditioned for the school production!

There will be a final audition for any students who missed the school production auditions this week.

It will be for all years at 1pm in the Drama Studio on Monday.

Please encourage your child to attend if they enjoy performing.

Drama Department

Upcoming Events: week beginning 18 September (Week 1)

Assembly Theme: Faculty of Teaching and Learning

Monday

Y8/9 Parent Information Event
5pm

Tuesday

School Photographs
Y7, Y10, Y12, and any
midterm admissions from
2022/23

Wednesday

Year 7 SEND Coffee
Morning 9am

Thursday

Friday

Lost property



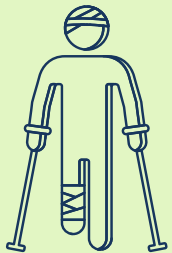
Dear Parents/Carers,

If your child has lost something during the school day, please ask them to visit student services where lost property is kept.

Please remember to label any belongings so they can quickly and easily be returned to their owner.

Students with short term mobility issues

If your child experiences a short term mobility issue, e.g. an injury such as spraining an ankle that requires crutches, could we please ask you to let their head of year know. We need this information in case we have to write an individual action plan to support a fire evacuation.



Music Lessons

Individual and paired music lessons start next week. If your child is taking these you will receive an email with a timetable of your child's lessons and further information.

If your child is interested in taking individual/ paired music lessons at school in the future, please get them to fill in the Music Survey form on the DPR. Thank you, Mr Woods, Peripatetic Lead
joseph.woods@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk

Haggerston School PTA Group

The PTA needs your old uniform!

If you have school uniform that no longer fits your child, please drop it off at reception for the PTA.

We will soon be re-starting our second hand uniform service and our stocks are low.
Thank you.

Please email PTAHaggerston@gmail.com if you would like more information

PTA
Parent Teacher Association

HEADS OF YEAR CONTACT DETAILS

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Year 10	jonathan.wadsworth@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk
Year 11	tom.ritchie@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk
Sixth Form	charlotte.clarke@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S HEAD OF YEAR IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THEIR SCHOOL WORK OR WELLBEING.



Prospectus
2023-24

Haggerston School
Aspiration Creativity Character

A Parent and
Student Guide to
DPR
Assignments



Haggerston School

School
Clubs

CLICK THE TILES TO FIND OUT MORE



LIBRARY VISITING DAYS

YEAR 7, 8 & 9
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

YEAR 10 & 11
WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

LIBRARY PASS ENTRY
MONDAYS




Library passes can be collected from Tuesday to Friday from the library reception desk on your visiting day.

AFTER SCHOOL THE LIBRARY IS OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS TO:

WORK QUIETLY
BORROW/RETURN BOOKS
USE COMPUTERS

REMEMBER

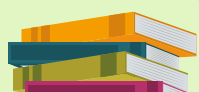
NO FOOD
NO DRINKS
NO CELL PHONE



NO FOOD, DRINKS & PHONE IN THE LIBRARY



LITERACY TIP OF THE WEEK



Encourage your child to visit the school Library and also visit the local library regularly. Spend some time together talking about your favourite books or author with your child to motivate them to read.

BOOK OF THE WEEK



The Haunting of Aveline Jones by Phil Hickes

NUMERACY TIP OF THE WEEK



To easily multiply by 4, double the number then double it again.

CAREERS BULLETIN

THE OFFICIAL HAGGERSTON CAREERS BULLETIN OFFERING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL HAGGERSTON STUDENTS



Personal Statement Review Service

All students need to do is upload a draft statement as a word document and they'll receive expert feedback from the team on structure, grammar and content, regardless of the university you are planning to attend.



The Aspire Webinar Series: Oxbridge Applications Demystified: 26th September

The Aspire Webinar Series has been created to help students make more informed decisions about university and post-18 options. All sessions are free to attend.

The National Careers Service

Provides information, advice and guidance to help make decisions on learning, training and work. The website includes over 800 different job profiles <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

UCAS

Explore your options, apply to university, and more <https://www.ucas.com/>

Find an apprenticeship

This government run service allows you to browse through and apply to available apprenticeships <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

icould

Real-life career videos, advice and information to inspire your career <https://icould.com/>

Careermap

To view the latest issues of Careermap's Careermap for school leavers, click [here](#)

To receive a copy of future Careermap for School Leavers, follow this link: <https://careermap.co.uk/subscribe-to-careermag/>



Wellbeing and SEND



SilverCloud Online Programme: Supporting An Anxious Child

Dear Parents /Carers
Support with your young persons wellbeing

The digitised SilverCloud anxiety intervention for parents of young people can now be used without a supporter/practitioner. Clients can sign up using the Self Sign Up Link Pathway link and have access to the below content: This is part of our WAMHs offer.

For more information on this programme, [please click this link here](#)

Ms Ray -Choudhuri, Senior Assistant Headteacher and Mental Health Lead

Dear parents, HiP is a voluntary group of Hackney parents with SEND children, trying to be heard & listened to, to improve services, and to develop awareness, understanding & acceptance of SEND in our communities. Please see the following fliers that you hopefully find useful.



City & Hackney Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

[The full list of dates of future workshops can be viewed on the City & Hackney MHST Eventbrite Page here.](#)

MHST provides early intervention groups for children & young people with mild to moderate needs. If in doubt, please consult with your EMHP or CWIS, or if you do not have these services in school yet, please contact: elft.wamhs@nhs.net. Here is a list below of upcoming Universal Workshops & Groups for this full term with Eventbrite links embedded.

Support for parents with children who have a diagnosis of ASC

We will be running the National Autistic Society Teen Life course 4 times this year. Dates and further information are on the leaflet attached. There are 6-8 spaces on each course, with each space consisting of 2 family members and where appropriate one school professional. Parents/Carers will explore the following topics:

- Session 1 – Understanding autism in teenagers, Hidden presentation, Autistic perspectives
- Session 2 – Self-esteem, Spending time with other people
- Session 3 – Stress and anxiety, Understanding behaviour
- Session 4 – Understanding your diagnosis, Understanding intense interests, Managing expectations
- Session 5 – Puberty
- Session 6 – Independence skills, Education, Planning for the future

The link to sign up is on the leaflet, but you can also find it here [Teen Life 23/24](#). Parents/carers can also email teenlife@hackney.gov.uk to find out more.



Other Notices

easyfundraising

The PTA are raising money for the school and have just signed up to easyfundraising.org.uk which allows us to get a FREE donation when users shop online.

Sign up, and choose '**Haggerston Parent Teachers Association**' as your cause, and you can raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself, just by shopping online at your usual stores. For example, I used it to renew my home insurance, and 'Go Compare' donated £15.50. You can also use it for your groceries, Amazon, eBay and 7000 other retailers, every time getting a donation. The only thing to remember is always start from the easyfundraising website.

To help us get up and running we have been offered an additional incentive.

So please support us if you can by registering yourself today at <http://efraising.org/oTNrvQJgN> it only takes 2 minutes and all you need is your email address.

Please also share with your friends and family if they would also like to help – the more the better to raise much needed funds and get that free bonus incentive.

Thank you for your continued support, Your PTA



If your child participates in an extra curricular activity, event, competition, music lessons etc... and you would like to share their achievements via the weekly bulletin and end of term Haggerston Recorder's, please email Ms Scalco at malissa.scalco@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk. You may include a photo if you wish. *Please note; these publications are uploaded to our website which can be viewable by any member of the public.*

Calling Parent Volunteers!



We are looking for parent volunteers to take part in our Sixth form Speakers Programme. Do you work in industry or academia and would like to deliver a mini lecture and Q&A about a topic or issue that will inspire our students. Do you know people who fit these criteria and who would be willing to speak with our students?

Please email charlotte.clarke@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk for more information.

HACKNEY SCHOOLS BULLETIN

Hackney Adult Learning Courses 23/24

Did you know we offer free English and Maths courses to adults in Hackney and its surrounding boroughs?

Whether you missed the opportunity to obtain GCSE maths and/or English, or you want to improve your grade, we're offering you the chance to do so and improve your employment prospects.

We also offer free Functional Skills English and Maths daytime classes on various days and times.

[Click here for more information](#)

UAL Insights

September 2023



National Saturday Clubs

11 November 2023 – 09 March 2024

Hello,



We hope you're doing well and settling into back to school season. The start of a new academic year also means our Saturday Clubs will soon be up and running!

As part of the **National Saturday Club** network, we are offering free workshops across London that give eligible* year 9-10 students the opportunity to develop new creative skills and take part in workshops led by industry experts. Students are sure to make new friends and grow in confidence as they work towards exhibiting their work at the National Saturday Club Summer Show.

Term Dates 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Start: Monday 04 September
End: Friday 15 December (Early Closure)
Half Term: Monday 23 - Friday 27 October
Inset Days: Monday 04 September
Monday 04 December

Spring Term 2024

Start: Monday 08 January
End: Thursday 28 March (Full School Day)
Half Term: Monday 12 - Friday 16 February
Bank Holiday: Monday 02 January
Inset Days: Friday 22 March

Summer Term 2024

Start: Monday 15 April
End: Friday 19 July (Early Closure)
Half Term: Monday 27 - Friday 31 May

Parent Evening Dates

Year 7: 14 November 2023	Year 8: 19 March 2024
Year 9 Options Remote Event : 29 January 2024	Year 10: 30 April 2024
Year 9 Parent Evening: 27 February 2024	Year 12 & 13: 23 January 2024
Year 11: 16 January 2024	

Exam Result Dates

A-Level : Thursday 15 August GCSE : Thursday 22 August

Other Key Dates

26 December Boxing Day	01 January New Years Day	29 March Good Friday	31 March Easter Sunday	01 April Easter Monday
10 April Eid al Fitr (tbc)	06 May Bank Holiday	27 May Spring Bank Holiday	17 June Eid al Adha	26 August Bank Holiday