

PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Weekly news from the Haggerston School Community



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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

DUE TO THE EXTREME WEATHER, FIXTURES
THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN CANCELLED



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



DRAMA: FIONE ZIESCHE
PACARADA, YEAR 10

EXCELLENT COMMITMENT TO JAZZ BAND AND
VOLUNTEERING TO STAND IN FOR THOSE WHO
WERE ABSENT FOR PERFORMANCES OF
'JOURNEYS'.

MATHS: PRISCILLA MOTA
YEAR 10



PRISCILLA HAS CONSISTENTLY HAD A RESILIENT
AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE TO MATHS AND MAKES
HELPFUL CONTRIBUTIONS.
KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK PRISCILLA!

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Ms Emmerson

Dear Parents/Carers

The Haggerston Recorder has now been published showcasing some of the fantastic achievements of our students this term, so I will keep my message brief and let that publication tell the story of the term better than I can. Click on the bulletin which is linked further below

However, I do have some specific highlights from this week that need recognition. Our 6th form students, supported by Mr McArdle and Mr John, delivered many shoe boxes of Christmas gifts to a local foster care centre. The manager of the centre was amazed at how many donations the students had managed to achieve and really impressed upon them the impact their charitable actions will have on some very vulnerable young people. We are so proud of them and of all our students who have been involved in charity and volunteering work this term; a true example of the Haggerston Way in action. Secondly, I met with our Headteacher's Ambassadors this week for a pizza lunch. They were a shining example of budding student leaders and gave me lots of ideas to take forward in the new year.

Despite challenging weather conditions and train strikes this week, students have been amazingly adaptable, compliant and sensible. Thank you also for your patience with the changes to our normal timings and arrangements. It has been a balancing act between managing staffing, safety and keeping the week as normal as possible. Students have made it so much easier for us and we are, as ever, very proud of them.

I would also like to acknowledge some staff members who are leaving us today for pastures new. Sad as it is to say goodbye to valued staff, we are also grateful for their contribution to the school and proud when staff progress onto leadership roles.

Staff Leavers	New staff starters	Current staff moving into new roles
Andrew John - Assistant Headteacher Sheila Tagoe - Assistant Head of 6th Form Fahima Khanom - Head of Computing Ayo Porter - Deputy Head of Science Melia Mafolo - Receptionist	Kiran Vyas - Science Teacher Nozrul Ahmed - Receptionist Nadene Grimes - PE Teacher Fahad Bahir - Computing Teacher Aysha Begum - Receptionist	Cetisha Forbes - Assistant Head of 6th Form Bryan Seisay - Acting Head of Computing Charlotte Clarke - Assistant Headteacher (6th form)

Finally, a plea to make sure your child has a full Haggerston Uniform and equipped pencil case for their return in January. This week has necessitated some relaxing of standards because of the weather but we expect to be back to normal expectations in January. This means no hoodies, trainers or, interestingly, leg warmers, which seem to have made a comeback from the 1980s this week! We look forward to welcoming students back at 8.40am on Tuesday 3rd January.

A huge thank you for your support throughout this term and I wish you a wonderful Christmas holiday and a happy new year.

Ms Emmerson, Headteacher



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

THIS WEEK'S TOP FORM!

YEAR 7G	93.5%
YEAR 8S	84.7%
YEAR 9B	89%
YEAR 10W	82.4%
YEAR 11R	85.5%
YEAR 12P	85.5%
YEAR 13B	83.3%

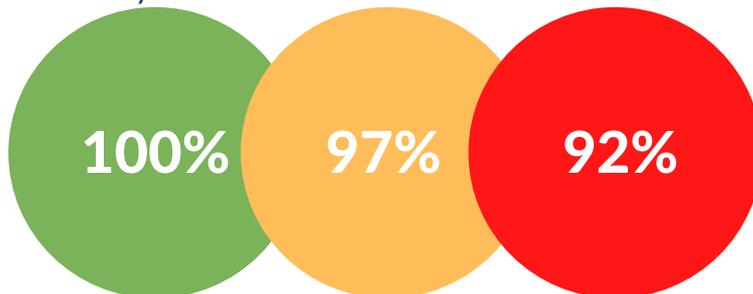


WHERE WILL YOU BE?



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



Strep-A

You may be aware of the current rising cases of Strep-A around the UK. All staff have been briefed on the symptoms and what to look out for.

Please take a moment to read this important message from the Hackney Public Health Team:

Be extra vigilant of the signs and symptoms of scarlet fever which include sore throat, headache and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel.

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever, because early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection. If your child has scarlet fever, keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

There is no vaccine against group A strep, the main preventive measures are good hand and respiratory hygiene. By teaching your child how to wash their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up, or spreading, infections.

As a parent, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement. Contact NHS 111 if or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other **signs of dehydration**
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, **tongue or lips are blue**
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

Please follow the five steps in this **blog** to best protect your under 5s this winter.

Save the Dates: Parent Evenings



Our parent evenings begin in the Spring Term and continue throughout the spring and summer terms. Parent evenings are an opportunity for parents/carers to meet with subject teachers and discuss their child's progress, raise any concerns as well as speak to form tutors and heads of year. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the date of your child's year group parent evening. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Year 7 – Tuesday 07 February 2023

Year 8 – Tuesday 21 March 2023

Year 9 – Tuesday 21 February 2023

Year 10 – Tuesday 25 April 2023

Year 11 – Tuesday 10 January 2023

6th Form – Tuesday 24 January 2023

Safeguarding Message

Dear all, I hope you and your families have a lovely Christmas break. Information has been shared with students via email and the student bulletin in regards to how to keep themselves safe over the festive period.

For parents and carers, please refer to this **online safety letter** that was shared last half term as this contains lots of key information and links which will support you through this time.

Thank you, Mr Truan

Upcoming Events: week beginning 02 January (Week 1)

Assembly Theme: We are articulate, strong and confident

Monday

Bank Holiday
School is closed

Tuesday

Start of Spring Term

KS3 Sparx Maths Club in
B217 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

Wednesday

Thursday

KS3 Sparx Maths Club in
B217 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

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. Student services have a large number of misplaced school coats and PE kits. Please remember to label any belongings so they can quickly and easily be returned to their owner.

Music Lessons

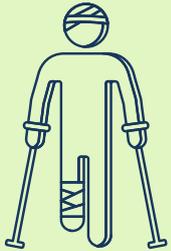
Individual and paired music lessons start next week. If your child is taking these you should have received an email with a timetable of your child's lessons and further information.

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 Gregory, Head of Music

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.



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

HEADS OF YEAR CONTACT DETAILS

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Year 9
Year 10
Year 11
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PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S HEAD OF YEAR IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THEIR SCHOOL WORK OR WELLBEING.



Prospectus
2022 - 23

Haggerston School
Aspiration Creativity Character

A Parent and
Student Guide to
DPR
Assignments



Haggerston School

School
Clubs

CLICK THE TILES TO FIND OUT MORE



Learning Resource Centre

LRC
TIMETABLE
YEAR 7, 8 & 9
 Mondays and Wednesdays
YEAR 10 & 11
 Tuesdays and Thursdays
Library Pass Entry
 Fridays
 Year 12 and Year 13 Are
 Welcome To come All Days

RECOMMENDED READING LISTS
 Recommended Reading Lists

Are Your Holidays Booked?
 'Tis The Season To
 Stock Up On Holiday Books
 From Your School Library



BOOK OF THE WEEK



Grandpa Christmas by Michael Morpurgo

Every Christmas Mia and her family read a letter which her Grandpa wrote to her. He remembers fondly the times they spent in his garden finding frogs and planting seeds, but Grandpa worries that all the things they love so much are in danger and he needs Mia to help protect them.

NUMERACY TIP OF THE WEEK

Pythagoras probably didn't exist, but his theorem is still very useful in many engineering and design scenarios.

CAREERS BULLETIN

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

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR CAREERS OFFER AND TO REVIEW OUR CAREERS BULLETINS.

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/>

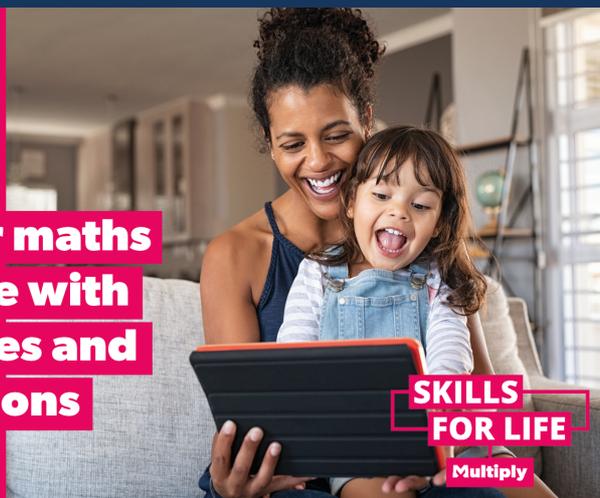
Careermap

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/>



Build your maths confidence with free courses and qualifications



SKILLS FOR LIFE

Multiply

Skills for Life

New City College have launched a range of FREE maths courses. These courses are designed to help adults improve their confidence with numbers and brush up their maths skills for work and everyday life.

Choose from three main pathways:

- Supporting Home-learning
- Upskilling for Promotion
- Managing Money

Course length:

- Each course is 15 hours in total
- Study for three hours each week, over five weeks
- Options for intensive courses are also available.

Who is it suitable for?

- These courses are suitable for both beginners and those who want to build on the foundations of their maths knowledge.

Eligibility:

- Adults aged 19+
- Do not already have a GCSE at grade C (or equivalent) in maths
- Must have a London postcode

MORE INFO



Upskilling for promotion



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Managing money



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Supporting home-learning



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Other Notices

What's on over the holiday period

Holiday activities and food programme
Schools holidays December 2022

During the school holidays in December 2022, the London Borough of Hackney will be teaming up with a number of schools, sports activity providers and community services to offer a wide range of exciting activities and a daily healthy free meal as part of the government funded Holiday Activities and Food programme.

There will be sports activities, arts and drama, mentoring, healthy eating and nutrition sessions, food provision and much more set out across various locations across the borough. Watch this video that shows what happened last year in some Hackney schools and includes Marcus Rashford's support.

These activities should be inclusive for all eligible children and young people (aged 5-18), including those with special educational needs or disabilities. However, some activities may not be suitable for all children. Please discuss any needs with the provider before booking a place, so providers can ensure these are understood and supported or that reasonable adjustments are put in place.

The scheme is free for those in receipt of free school meals.

[For a list of participating schools, click here](#)



Cold and Flu Season

Here are some suggestions for how to ease the symptoms:

- Make sure you drink plenty of fluids.
- Saline nose drops can help loosen dried snot and relieve a stuffy nose. Ask a pharmacist, GP or health visitor about them.
- If you have a high temperature, pain or discomfort, ask your parent/carer for paracetamol or ibuprofen which can help. If you have asthma you may not be able to take ibuprofen, so check with a pharmacist or GP. Always follow the instructions on the packet.
- Wash your hands regularly to stop the cold spreading.

Sore throats

- Sore throats are often caused by viral illnesses such as colds or flu.
- Your throat may be dry and sore for a day or 2 before a cold starts. You can ask your parent/carer for some paracetamol or ibuprofen to reduce the pain.
- Most sore throats get better on their own after a few days.
- If you have a sore throat for more than 4 days, developed a temperature and are generally unwell, ask your parent/carer to book you a GP appointment.

Coughs

You often cough when you have a cold because of mucus trickling down the back of the throat. Try to make hot lemon with honey at home.



Virus

If you have a virus that is caused by bacteria, the GP will prescribe you antibiotics to treat the infection. Antibiotics will not soothe or stop the cough straight away.



You will need to:

- Squeeze half a lemon into a mug of boiled water
- Add 1 to 2 teaspoons of honey
- Drink while still warm

We have re-started our second hand uniform service, please email PTAHaggerston@gmail.com if you would like to request items.

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

UNIFORM RECYCLING



The PTA have a good range of hand-me-down uniforms, including blazers, trousers, skirts, jumpers, shirts and PE kits.

If you need any items please email ptahaggerston@gmail.com and make sure you include: item, size, child's name and year group. Available items will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis and you will receive an email when your order is ready to collect from reception.

The uniforms are offered free of charge, but any donations to the PTA you wish to make, will be used to provide extra activities for the children.

PTA
Parent Teacher Association

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.

Term Dates 2022/23

Autumn Term 2022

Start: Thursday 01 September
End: Friday 16 December (Early Closure)
Half Term: Monday 24 - Friday 28 October
Inset Days: Thursday 01 September
Friday 02 September
Monday 05 September
Monday 05 December

Start of Term Arrangements

Thursday 01 Sept: (Closed to Students) - Inset Day
Friday 02 Sept: (Closed to Students) - Inset Day
Monday 05 Sept: (Closed to Students) - Inset Day
Tuesday 06 Sept: Years 7 and 12 ONLY Induction Day
and Year 7 Parent Information Meeting @ 12.40pm
Wednesday 07 Sept : All Students Return
(8.30am arrival ready for line-up)

Spring Term 2023

Start: Tuesday 03 January
End: Friday 31 March (Full Day)
Half Term: Monday 13 - Friday 17 February
Bank Holiday: Monday 02 January
Inset Days: Friday 17 March

Summer Term 2023

Start: Monday 17 April
End: Friday 21 July (Early Closure)
Half Term: Monday 29 May - Friday 02 June



Parent Evening Dates

Year 7: 07 February 2023
Year 9 Options Evening: 06 February 2023
Year 9 Parent Evening: 21 February 2023
Year 11: 10 January 2023

Year 8: 21 March 2023
Year 10: 25 April 2023
Year 12 & 13: 24 January 2023

Exam Result Dates

A-Level : Thursday 17th August

GCSE : Thursday 24th August

Other Key Dates

26 December Boxing Day	01 January New Years Day	07 April Good Friday	09 April Easter Sunday
10 April Easter Monday	01 May: Bank Holiday 08 May: Coronation Bank Holiday	29 May Spring Bank Holiday	28 August Bank Holiday