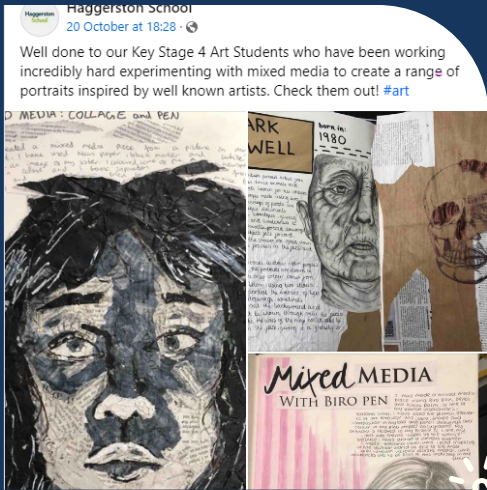


# PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Weekly news from the Haggerston School Community



For our latest news and stories, please follow us...



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:haggerstonschool@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk)

## SPORTS FIXTURES & RESULTS

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR OUR  
UP COMING GAMES AND  
FIXTURE RESULTS



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### DRAMA: SCHOOL PRODUCTION CAST

FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION IN  
REHEARSALS



### MATHS: ZOE KABAKCHIEVA

FOR EXCELLENT RESILIENCE SHOWN THIS  
WEEK

# MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

*Ms Emmerson*

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm sure you will have seen the letter from Wendy Mason this week announcing the appointment of Hannah Turbet and Donna Moran as Acting Co-headteachers from January 2024. Both will be fantastic leaders of the school, have a wealth of experience between them and a really deep knowledge of the school. Aside from providing continuity, they are also driven to keep the momentum of improvement going.

For me, it is difficult to imagine not being here every day in January. The school has been such a big part of my life for the past seven years that I have lots of mixed feelings about letting go, even for a temporary period. At the same time, I am excited to work on strategic projects which will strengthen Haggerston's position to continue growing into an outstanding school in the future.

Thank you to our Year 7 parents who attended our first parents' evening of the year this week. It was great to finally meet so many of you and we were grateful for all the positive feedback we received on the night. Year 7 have settled in so well and are doing fantastically so thank you also for supporting your children to be successful.

As we move into the final four weeks of term, there are so many events to look forward to; most importantly, the school production of 'The It'. It is always a special way to start the Christmas season - tickets went on sale this week and will no doubt sell out fast!

And lastly, a gentle reminder for parents to complete our annual parental survey by Friday 24 November. It should take no more than a couple of minutes to complete but gives us really valuable feedback which we use to inform our school improvement plan and self evaluation. The more responses we have, the more complete a picture we have about parents' views and experiences. **[Please click here to complete the survey.](#)**

I thank you, as ever, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ms Emmerson, Headteacher

# MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

*Ms Tranka*

Dear Parents/ Carers,

**Research** has shown that Clubs & extracurricular activities boost people's confidence to interact socially with others; extend their social networks; and provide them with new skills and abilities.

At Haggerston School, we are committed to providing every student with an exceptional character education in order to develop their self-determination, wellbeing, confidence and ambition. We strive to offer an enrichment programme, which will inspire students and drive their aspirations.

Our curriculum design is very innovative and as such, all children in Year 7 and Year 8 have enrichment lessons as a weekly part of their timetable for the entire academic year. We are proud of our rich enrichment offers which we hope enables all students to develop their Aspiration, Creativity and Character and broaden their horizons and knowledge of the world in which we live.

We are also really proud of the wide range of **clubs** we are able to offer to all of our students as we aim to provide them with the opportunity to develop their knowledge and support them with their education. We hope that the large variety of clubs we offer caters to the tastes and abilities of all our students, in accordance with our mission.

It has been proven that the Arts has a strong correlation with maths, science, languages and social sciences. Those who often get involved and participate in art and sports through enrichment and clubs have proven to perform better than those who do not as these activities promote critical thinking, problem solving, and encouraging students to really think outside the box and develop lateral thinking techniques. It is no coincidence that there is a strong correlation that Nobel Prize winners in science have a strong connection to the arts. Nobel Prize winning scientists are 2.85 times more likely than the average scientist to have an artistic or crafty hobby. This allows them to think differently on issues, overcome obstacles and more often than not, this is done using a typical artistic approach out of the norm of traditional scientific methods.

I would be grateful to hear from students and parents about anything we could do to improve our enrichment, club and extra-curricular activities, so please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any suggestions for improvement.

The development of cultural capital is becoming increasingly important for success at GCSE, further education and beyond. We want our enrichment programme to offer every single student with the opportunity to develop some of the wider knowledge, which will support that aim.

Kind Regards

Ms Tranka, Assistant Headteacher



# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

## THIS WEEK'S TOP FORM!

|          |       |
|----------|-------|
| YEAR 7O  | 99.3% |
| YEAR 8G  | 96.9% |
| YEAR 9S  | 94.2% |
| YEAR 10G | 96.7% |
| YEAR 11R | 93.9% |
| YEAR 12G | 99.2% |
| YEAR 13P | 93.3% |

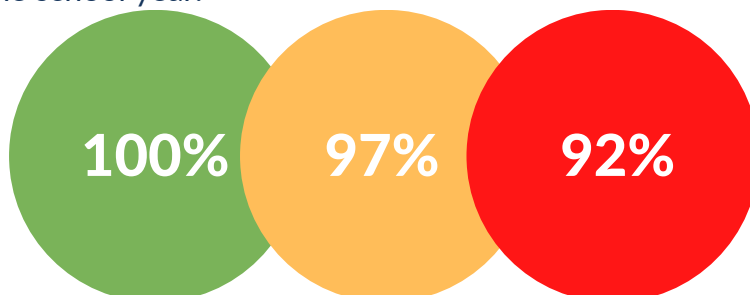


## WHERE WILL YOU BE?



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

Headteachers Coffee Morning Monday 20th November  
9am - 10am



If you wish to attend the next Headteachers Coffee Morning please contact the school office with an expression of interest. Expressions of Interest are important to ensure we provide an adequate space and refreshments for this event.



## Parent Survey: Autumn 2023



If you have not already done so, please take a moment to complete our annual parent survey. Completing the survey provides vital feedback that helps to improve our school. [Please click here to complete the survey.](#) The deadline for completing this survey is Friday 24th November. Thank you and have a lovely weekend.

YOU'RE INVITED



ACCELERATION SCHOOL PRESENTS THE IT 5TH, 6TH, 7TH DECEMBER 7PM FORD HALL

We are pleased to announce this year's school production is called The It by Vivienne Franzmann. The play explores the impact of school pressure, parental expectations and the media on teenage mental health.

Tickets are on sale every lunch time in the atrium and cost £2.

We look forward to seeing you!

**What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs**

Smart TVs connect to the Internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself. From on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connected social networks and other wireless devices, most smart televisions are Internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT:** From Netflix to Disney+, from YouTube to Amazon, there is a plethora of streaming services and other content containing for younger viewers. They can provide excellent entertainment, but also contain content that is not suitable for children. If you don't have parental controls set up, your child's device may be able to access content that is not suitable for their age group.
- INCREASED SCREEN TIME:** The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time watching TV. This can impact on their schoolwork, sleep, and overall health. It's important to set limits on screen time and encourage your child to engage in other activities.
- REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL:** The remote control is the key to your smart TV. If your child has access to the remote, they can purchase items from online retailers. This can lead to your child spending money on items they don't need or want.
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- UNCONNING SECURITY:** An Internet of Things (IoT) device, such as a smart TV, can be hacked. Parents worry that hackers could access their personal data, but smart TVs are not designed to support high-level security. They can be hacked and your child's personal data could be accessed. It's important to ensure your smart TV is secure and that your child's personal data is protected.
- A SILENT SPY?:** Some smart TVs collect data on your viewing habits and display targeted advertising based on this information. There have also been reports of smart TVs being hacked and used to spy on users. It's important to ensure your smart TV is secure and that your child's personal data is protected.
- CONTACT FROM STRANGERS:** Many smart TVs can be used to connect to social media and other online services. This can lead to your child being contacted by strangers. It's important to ensure your smart TV is secure and that your child's personal data is protected.

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

- MAKE IT A FAMILY THING:** Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology. Encourage your child to use the smart TV safely and take the opportunity to establish some healthy TV viewing rules. They're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.
- CREATE CHILD PROFILES:** Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs. There are several options such as BBC iPlayer to allow for different user profiles. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own. It's important to ensure your child's profile is secure and that their viewing is explicit content.
- SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS:** It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which can be used to restrict your child's access to certain content. However, it's important to ensure your child's device is secure and that their personal data is protected.
- CONSIDER THE LOCATION:** If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, it's important to consider where you place the smart TV. The best option would be to place the smart TV in a common family space – so that you can supervise and able to supervise while your child is watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert: #WakeUpWednesday

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**Accelerated Reader**

**Reading Champions** **YEAR - 7**

Congrats: ★ Melek Abdurahman  
★ Mattia Castelli

WELL DONE FOR TAKING AR QUIZZES!

**Accelerated Reader**

**Reading Champions** **YEAR - 8**

Congrats: ★ Edoardo Passerotti  
★ Alfred Geoffroy

WELL DONE FOR TAKING AR QUIZZES!



# Upcoming Events: week beginning 20 November (Week 1)

Assembly Theme: Habits of attention

Monday

Headteachers Coffee  
Morning, 9-10am

Tuesday

Character Day  
Career Interviews  
Y7-11 Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday

Thursday

Scholastic Book Fair  
begins, 23 - 29 Nov

Friday

## Lost property



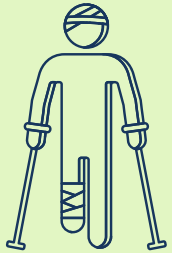
Dear Parents/Carers,

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](mailto: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](mailto:PTAHaggerston@gmail.com) if you would like more information



## HEADS OF YEAR CONTACT DETAILS

Year 7  
Year 8  
Year 9  
Year 10  
Year 11  
Sixth Form

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[charlotte.clarke@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk](mailto: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

NEW!

CLICK THE TILES TO FIND OUT MORE



# Learning Resource Centre

Library timings  
8h30am to 4h30pm

**LIBRARY**  
 VISITING DAYS  
**YEAR 7, 8 & 9**  
 TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS  
**YEAR 10 & 11**  
 WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS  
 LIBRARY PASS ENTRY  
**MONDAYS**

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

**DO THE DEWEY CHALLENGE**  
**CELEBRATING NON-FICTION NOVEMBER**

|                       |                             |                      |                     |                          |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 100 GENERAL KNOWLEDGE | 200 PHILOSOPHY & PSYCHOLOGY | 300 RELIGION         | 400 SOCIAL SCIENCES | 500 LANGUAGES            |
| 600 SCIENCE           | 700 TECHNOLOGY              | 800 ART & RECREATION | 900 LITERATURE      | 1000 HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY |

**COLLECT THE ENTRY CARD FROM THE LIBRARY TODAY**

**Non-Fiction November**  
 A celebration of all things **FACTUAL**



**Win a £10 Amazon Voucher!**

**RECOMMENDED READING LISTS**  
 Recommended Reading Lists



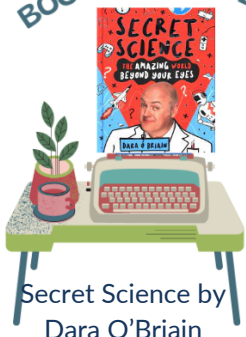
Celebrating Non-Fiction Knowvember  
 Non-fiction needs love too! Do the dewey challenge to win a £10 amazon voucher.

**LITERACY TIP OF THE WEEK**



Talk about books! Yes, it is a simple and effective way to promote reading. Share what you are reading with your kids and have discussions around the books. Talking about books is an interesting way to encourage kids to pick up books for pleasure reading.

**BOOK OF THE WEEK**



Secret Science by Dara O'Briain

**NUMERACY TIP OF THE WEEK**



10 is a factor of every whole number (integer) that ends in a zero.

**CAREERS BULLETIN**

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

**for year 12's : Closing 14th January 2024**

The programme is centred on exploring US study, with the main focus of a one week trip to the US in summer 2024 to visit college campuses. Prior to the trip there is a UK-based residential where students will learn about studying at a US university, get in depth advice about applying for funding and scholarships and meet like-minded students. All costs are covered including travel, accommodation and food.  
 For full details and to apply, [click here](#).



**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.



**Haggerston School**  
**STARTING AFTER HALF TERM**  
THE FAMILY COACH SERVICE'S - PARENT EMPOWERMENT GROUP  
FINDING TOOLS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR  
MONDAYS 9:30 - 10:30 AM @ HAGGERSTON SCHOOL

Would you like to feel more confident managing your child's behaviour?  
If you've answered yes, our group could be for you!

For families with children that have special educational needs. No formal diagnosis or EHCP required.



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|--|---|--|
| <b>7TH OF NOVEMBER</b><br>What are your best hopes for the year? | <b>14TH OF NOVEMBER</b><br>Managing your anxieties            | <b>21ST OF NOVEMBER</b><br>Managing stressful situations |
| <b>28TH OF NOVEMBER</b><br>Checking in with your best hopes      | <b>5TH OF NOVEMBER</b><br>How to have difficult conversations | <b>12TH OF DECEMBER</b><br>Group problem solving         |

10 spaces available. Please send us an email to book your place today [familycoach@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:familycoach@hackney.gov.uk)



### AN INCLUSIVE FILM GROUP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES

EVERY TUESDAY  
5-8PM

AT MOUTH THAT ROARS STUDIO

Free film-making and media skills workshops.  
Make films - animation, documentaries, music videos and more.  
Free trips to the cinema, exhibitions & free food!



MTR Studio, 29 Waterson Street, London E2 8HT  
[www.mouththatroars.com](http://www.mouththatroars.com)  
For more info call us on 020 7729 2323  
or email us at [mouththatroars@btconnect.com](mailto:mouththatroars@btconnect.com)



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**21st November** **next week**  
**Creative Schools Symposium**  
**Inclusion, Creativity and Wellbeing**  
**16:45 - 18:30**  
<https://www.creativeschools.london/symposium-2023/>

This year the Creative Schools Symposium has the theme of "Wellbeing". There are a handful of events taking place over the month. However, the one that I'd really appreciate your support with/advertising of, is on the 21st November where Hackney will be delivering a session on Inclusion, Creativity and Wellbeing. We'll be exploring how Creative and Performing arts can promote inclusion through a series of practical workshops where people will (hopefully) go away with tools they can easily use to engage children in the classroom and beyond.

You can book on here:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creativity-well-being-through-inclusive-practice-tickets-735447682817?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>

### WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS (WAMHS) Service

What is WAMHS?



The Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools (WAMHS) Service is an initiative led by the CAMHS Alliance with the support of the Children and Young People's Integrated Commissioning work stream in City & Hackney. This innovative service aims to improve mental health and wellbeing support for children and young people in schools, colleges, specialist and alternative provision education settings in City & Hackney. The WAMHS Service started with a one year pilot in September 2018. We are now in 69 Schools in City & Hackney. WAMHS was joined by The Mental Health and Support Team (MHST) in 2019 and has been rolling out to 55 schools.

Click to find out more from the WAMHS service





# Other Notices



**COMING SOON**

**SCHOLASTIC**

**BOOK FAIR**

**When? 23 Nov - 29 Nov**

**Where? Library - B102**

**COME TO the BOOK FAIR!**

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL

**Help Us Reach Our Goal Of Selling 100 Books!**

Are you ready? The Scholastic Book fair will be at Haggerston next week.

An excellent opportunity to do books shopping and help your school library to earn free books.

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](mailto: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.*



## Payment Options!

**PAY ONLINE**



Buy Scholastic pre- paid gift vouchers in advance [here](#)

To pay online - [click here](#)

### 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](mailto:charlotte.clarke@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk) for more information.

# Other Notices

## HACKNEY SCHOOLS BULLETIN



Check out our exciting lineup below with more to be announced throughout the season!

### Black History Season events

Diary of events for Hackney's Black History Season. Join us for a celebration of Black history between October - November 2023

### 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](#)

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