

# 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](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)



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

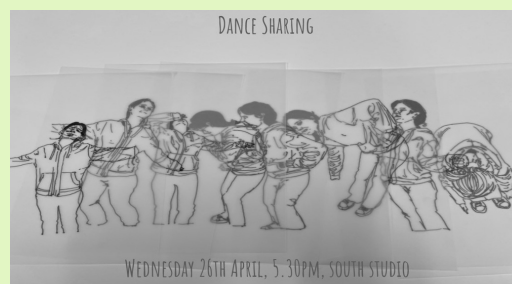
### TEXTILES: GCSE TEXTILES DESIGN STUDENTS

HAD THEIR FINAL EXAM. ALL STUDENTS WORKED WELL AND THE OUTCOMES WERE CREATIVE AND HIGH QUALITY.

### DANCE: OVER 100 STUDENTS FROM YEARS 7, 8 AND 10 TOOK PART IN OUR FIRST DANCE PERFORMANCE THIS WEEK.

THEY PERFORMED

BEAUTIFUL, SKILLFUL AND CONFIDENT PIECES OF DANCE CHOREOGRAPHED BY SHAKEIL JONES FROM SKADEUCES SCHOOL FOR ARTS. WELL DONE!



## SPORTS FIXTURES & RESULTS

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR OUR UP COMING GAMES AND FIXTURE RESULTS

### MATHS: OLIVIA GAVRILOAE YEAR 7

FOR AN EXCELLENT START AT HAGGERSTON, SHE IS SHOWING A LOT OF DETERMINATION AND RESILIENCE.

GREAT WORK OLIVIA!



# MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

*Ms Emmerson*

Dear Parents/Carers,

I will keep my message very brief this week as there is an important letter below from Wendy Mason, Chair of Governors, about the decision regarding academisation and joining Community Schools Trust.

I do, however, need to outline arrangements for Tuesday 4th May, which is a further strike day. The school will be open to Year 11 and 13 students only on this day, with the following arrangements:

- Year 11 students should attend school at the normal time (by 8.40am) and will be dismissed at 12.45. They will have bespoke revision sessions. Packed lunches will be provided for students eligible for free school meals.
- Year 11 student who are involved in exam moderation for PE/Sport must be in school for the full day and should attend wearing PE kit. Lunch will be provided for these students.
- Year 13 will also have a bespoke programme of revision and will be sent a schedule by the 6th form team. They should attend for each of the sessions they are invited to. A quiet, supervised study space will be available all day for 6th form students.

I understand this disruption to students' learning is far from ideal and I sincerely hope that the dispute will be resolved soon. I appreciate your support during this period.

Have a lovely weekend  
Ms Emmerson, Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

The governing body met yesterday to make a decision whether to proceed to academisation or not, joining Community Schools Trust. We decided unanimously that academisation was in the best interests of Haggerston School, its students, staff and wider stakeholders and that the future of the school and the quality of education we provide to the community would be more secure with the support of Community Schools Trust.

## **Key considerations which influenced our decision are:**

- Falling rolls in Hackney and the need to secure our future, within an increasingly competitive local landscape. In particular, to mitigate the risk of mandatory roll reduction or closure, opportunities to develop our specialism in performing arts, access to support/expertise for marketing and the ability to have more control over in-year admissions.
- The opportunity for close collaboration with a school within the top 50 nationally (Forest Gate Community School), to help us to continue to improve outcomes and progress for students, particularly in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science.
- The ability to work strategically with the trust to support staff recruitment and retention in the context of national teacher shortage.
- To be able to offer outstanding professional development opportunities to staff through a model of school to school improvement and peer support.
- To be able to further develop our sixth form, working with other providers to develop expertise in the new T-Levels, as well as lending our support to other centres to help them to improve their provision, as we have over the past 6 years.

As shared previously, the Department for Education has approved an academy order permitting the school to proceed to academisation. School leaders will now work with the Department for Education, the local authority and CST to make progress towards academisation with the intention that conversion will take place before the new academic year.

Governors feel it is important to reiterate that we remain committed to being a fully inclusive, comprehensive school, who would continue to work constructively with the local authority and other Hackney schools in service of the local community. Our core values and unique identity will remain firmly in place and the opportunities presented by this collaboration will help us to ensure the school continues to grow from strength to strength in the coming years.

Kind regards,



Wendy Mason  
Chair of Governors



# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

## THIS WEEK'S TOP FORM!

YEAR 7G	97%
YEAR 8O	89.2%
YEAR 9O	91.3%
YEAR 10G	88%
YEAR 11S	87.7%
YEAR 12P	83.6%
YEAR 13B	69.6%

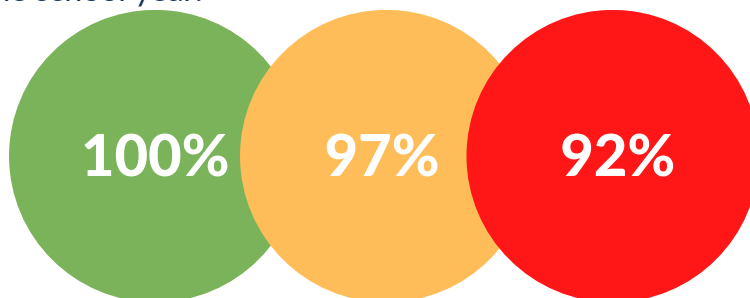


## WHERE WILL YOU BE?



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

## Message to parents from the Head of SEND @ Hackney Education

Dear Parents and Carers

We are committed to improving services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We will be submitting an application for a grant to improve the SEND service in late June. We want to put children and young people at the heart of this plan, and your views are really important to make sure we're focusing on the right areas.

Please fill out the [survey linked here](#), to help us understand your views and experiences. This survey closes on the 30th of April, and should only take 5 minutes to complete.

Best wishes

Joe Wilson, Head of SEND @ Hackney Education

## HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S MEMORY WEBINAR WITH ELEVATE EDUCATION

TUESDAY 2ND MAY 2023 @ 6PM

[Reserve your seat by registering here](#)

You will learn:

How memory actually works (and how it has nothing to do with brain capacity)  
The most effective environments to assist in memorisation  
3 techniques you can implement overnight to improve revision

### 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.

## Student Wellbeing Week

9-12th of May

We are pleased to announce the second wellbeing week for students at Haggerston. The aim of the week is to inform, educate and celebrate wellbeing and a positive approach to mental health.

All year groups will have an assembly from Temi, our wellbeing mental health professional, that reminds students of what we can offer at school and how to access support if needed.

Both the library and foyer will have displays which will include students' own reflections and advice on how to keep a positive outlook.

During the week we are going to offer a range of wellbeing /fun activities that students can sign up for. These will be run at lunch or after school. KS3 students will not be expected to do any homework that week but instead use the time to do something that supports their wellbeing.

Signing up for a session is not compulsory. Students may just want to go home and spend time with family /friends /pets. It would be great if we could have a photo of the type of activity they have decided to do so we can celebrate.

Please encourage your child to sign up for one or more activities. Places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

A reminder of a picture celebrating time away from screens doing something to support wellbeing would be appreciated. Send to [michelle.williams@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:michelle.williams@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk)

- **Yoga**
- **Mindfulness colouring with your choice of music**
- **Cooking**
- **Step challenge**
- **Chess and mindfulness**
- **General knowledge quiz with prizes**
- **Movies with munchies (popcorn)**
- **Ambient electronic music appreciation**
- **Painting**
- **Meditation techniques**
- **Vocal warmups and singing**
- **Poetry workshop**

# Upcoming Events: week beginning 01 May (Week 1)

Assembly Theme: Free press and freedom of speech

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Bank Holiday</b> School closed	Industrial Strike Action  PE Practical Moderation  KS3 Sparx Maths Club in B217 3.30pm - 4.30pm.	GCSE Art Exam  Y12 University Trip	GCSE Art Exam  KS3 Sparx Maths Club in B217 3.30pm - 4.30pm.	Y12 Geography Fieldtrip

## 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

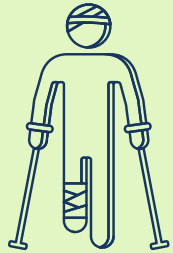
Individual and paired music lessons start next week. If your child is taking these you should have received an email with a timetable of your child's lessons and further information.

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

## HEADS OF YEAR CONTACT DETAILS

Year 7	<a href="mailto:rokayah.abdulmajed@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk">rokayah.abdulmajed@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk</a>
Year 8	<a href="mailto:rachael.capper@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk">rachael.capper@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk</a>
Year 9	<a href="mailto:jonathan.wadsworth@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk">jonathan.wadsworth@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk</a>
Year 10	<a href="mailto:tom.ritchie@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk">tom.ritchie@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk</a>
Year 11	<a href="mailto:cherrelle.yiminyi@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk">cherrelle.yiminyi@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk</a>
Sixth Form	<a href="mailto:charlotte.clarke@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk">charlotte.clarke@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk</a>

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

**Lunchtime Clubs**

**LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS**  
A cozy book club for all!  
**Friday**  
**B102**

Come to learn touch typing!  
**TYPING CLUB**  
**Tuesday**  
**B102**



Author of the Month  
Terry Pratchett

**RECOMMENDED READING LISTS**  
Recommended Reading Lists



*Set in a West African-inspired Ancient Kingdom under oppressive patriarchal rule, Forna's breathtaking novel follows sixteen-year-old Deka and her quest to discover her destiny as a near-immortal with magical powers.*

## BOOK OF THE WEEK by Hackney Ambassadors



The Gilded Ones by  
Namina Forna

## NUMERACY TIP OF THE WEEK

Exam tip: when revising, alternate between subjects rather than spending hours and hours on the same thing.

## CAREERS BULLETIN

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

**Morgan Stanley**  
Studying STEM Program  
For year 11's  
**15th August : Closing 9th July**  
The Studying STEM Program is designed for Year 11 Computer Science & STEM Students with an interest in pursuing a career within Technology. This introductory programme will give an oversight into the exciting areas of Technology within Morgan Stanley, as well as giving participants the opportunity to partake in interactive activities, simulated shadowing, panel sessions and career workshops. [To apply, click here](#)

Explore Insight Programme  
For years 11-13  
**1 - 3rd August**  
**BDO**  
The BDO Insight programme is an opportunity to learn more about the world of accounting. In this three day-long virtual insight experience participants learn more about BDO, accounting and why what they do is nothing like number crunching! Participants will develop professional skills and meet inspiring people who work across a vast range of jobs available at BDO. [For more information 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.



## INFORMATION STATION

### SEND Opportunities, Advice & Support Event

**DATE:** THURSDAY 25 MAY 2023  
**TIME:** 4 - 6.30PM  
**VENUE:** STORMONT HOUSE SCHOOL  
DOWNS PARK RD  
E5 8NP

**INFORMATION STATION is a 'One Stop Shop' of Information and Support for Parents & Carers of Young People with SEND. The event includes:**

- In-person access to Information, Advice & Support from a variety of SEND services and Inclusive Organisations.
- A range of FREE useful SEND resources linked to the 4 Preparing for Adulthood Outcomes to take home.
- Practical Workshops - Applying for DLA, PIP, Zip Cards, Blue Badges etc.
- Tours of Stormont House School & Student Work Exhibits
- FREE Refreshments and lots more!

**For more information contact Stormont House on:**  
• Phone - 0208 985 4245  
• Email - info@stormonthouse.hackney.sch.uk



# Other Notices

## HACKNEY SCHOOLS BULLETIN

### King Charles III Coronation Weekend Celebration

**Saturday 6 May, 11am–2pm**

- Free activities at **Hoxton Street Market**
- Watch the coronation on a big screen at **Howl at the Moon pub**



**Monday 8 May, 3–4.30pm**

- **Hackney and East London School of Music** present 'Let's Celebrate' classical music concert at Hackney Town Hall

Hackney residents can book free tickets by emailing:

[speaker@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:speaker@hackney.gov.uk)

Maximum 2 tickets per booking, first come, first served



For more information scan the QR code or visit:  
[lovehackney.uk/coronation](https://lovehackney.uk/coronation)



### HACKNEY SPEAKER'S KING'S CORONATION 2023

## ART COMPETITION

PRIZES: AMAZON VOUCHERS & VIP TICKETS TO  
HACKNEY'S CORONATION CONCERT ON 8 MAY

DEADLINE: 4 MAY 2023

Please email entries to  
[speaker@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:speaker@hackney.gov.uk)

### POST 16 TRANSITION BOOKLET

A guide to support your decision and transition after school

Working for every child

Hackney is developing new Children and Family Hubs, to better meet families' social care, education, mental and physical health needs. Specialists will be able to better help families by working together in a coordinated way, sharing information and providing tailored support.



The hubs will offer support to families from conception up until age 19 (or 25 for young people with SEND). The hubs will include a Start for Life programme, funded by the Department for Education and Department for Health and Social Care, focused on providing support for the critical 1001 days from conception to age two.

[Click here to find out more](#)



### Term Dates 2022/23

#### 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: Thursday 16 March

#### Summer Term 2023

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

#### Proposed provisional term dates for 2023/2024

Following the consultation of Hackney Educations term dates for academic year 2023/2024, we are proposing the following provisional dates:

##### Autumn Term

Year 7 and Year 12 Induction Day: Tuesday 05 September 2023  
First date of term for all year groups: Wednesday 06 September 2023  
Last day of term: Thursday 21 December 2023  
Half term holiday: Monday 23 - Friday 27 October 2023  
(INSET DAYS: Monday 04 September 2023  
Monday 04 December 2023)

##### Spring Term

First date of term: Monday 08 January 2024  
Last day of term: Thursday 28 March 2024  
Half term holiday: Monday 12 - Friday 16 February 2024  
(INSET DAYS: Monday 18 March 2024)

##### Summer Term

First date of term: Monday 15 April 2024  
Last day of term: Friday 19 July 2024  
Half term holiday: Monday 27 - Friday 31 May 2024  
(Disaggregated INSET Days: 22 - 24 July 2024)

### Parent Evening Dates

Year 7: 07 February 2023  
Year 8: 21 March 2023  
Year 9 Options Evening: 06 February 2023  
Year 10: 25 April 2023  
Year 9 Parent Evening: 21 February 2023  
Year 12 & 13: 24 January 2023  
Year 11: 10 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