Haggerston School

FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2023

PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Weekly news from the Haggerston School Community



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



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

DRAMA: SCHOOL PRODUCTION CAST

The cast of the school production have made a fantastic start in rehearsals this week especially Dante Philo. Year 9.



SPORTS FIXTURES

& RESULTS



MATHS: BAILEY IRON, YEAR 11

FOR A REALLY STRONG START TO YEAR 11. SHE HAS BEEN MAKING SURE EACH LESSON THAT SHE REALLY PUSHES HERSELF TO ANSWER THE PROBLEM SOLVING QUESTIONS.

MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

Mr Larini

Dear Parents/ Carers.

Our DPR1 assessment cycle will take place shortly after half term, from 6th to 17th November. Year 11 and Year 13 students will take their mock exams under strict exam conditions in order to prepare them for their end of year public examinations. They will be given their mock exam timetables before the start of the half term. Students in other year groups will take their assessments in their usual classrooms during lesson time. The information about each subject assessment will be published by classroom teachers on our DPR platform.

Exam and assessment season can prove a stressful time for students. To conquer low-level anxieties, some students invest their nervous energy into creating beautifully crafted colour-coded study plans rather than actively engaging in the hard thinking that defines successful revision. Too often we see students using strategies such as re-reading copious notes, highlighting entire pages, alongside designing with 'flashcards' overloaded with excess information.

In order for students to become successful learners, it is important to show them not just what to revise but also how and why. This is why in all year groups we have allocated some tutor time to teach students some of the most impactful study skills and revision strategies.

Retrieval (the process of recalling previously studied information from memory) is the foundation of effective revision. Not only is retrieval backed up by a strong evidence base, but it ensures learning is not lost and can be built on.

Research also shows that it is beneficial to space revision out, so it is completed little and often, rather than 'crammed'. Forgetting can actually be a good thing in terms of allowing important knowledge to enter long-term memory. Therefore, it is best to leave a gap after learning the key information and before revising it. This will inevitably make revision feel harder, but it will be more effective in the long term.

You can find more information about effective revision strategies, such as self-quizzing, flashcards and brain dump, at the bottom of this **Study Skill Resource** page (A parent's guide to effective revision).

In order to help our older students prepare for their end of year examinations, teachers will be offering extra intervention and revision classes throughout the academic year. It is important that you encourage your child to attend all these upcoming additional classes taking place at lunch time, after school, during weekends or over the holidays. Teachers work extremely hard to prepare students for their examinations. They are the experts who can best support your child to fulfil their maximum potential and obtain the grades they need to progress in their education.

In addition to these intervention and revision classes, Year 10 and Year 11 students will be offered the opportunity to sign up for some small group online tuition in subjects such as maths and science, as part of the government's National Tutoring Programme. Research conducted in education has shown that **small group tuition** is proven to be effective, delivering approximately 4 additional months' progress on average.

Other case studies and researches in education have shown that it is you the parents who have the greatest influence on your child's achievement through supporting their learning at home. Your support of learning within the home environment makes the maximum difference to achievement. The more involved and engaged parents are in their children's education, the more likely their children are to succeed.

I therefore strongly encourage every parent to sign up to our series of <u>Elevate webinars</u> to learn about all the different ways in which you can get involved to support your child to self-motivate, manage their time and prepare effectively in order to guarantee their success over the next few months. The next Live Parent Webinar on 'How To Help Your Child Manage Their Time' will take place on Tuesday 3rd October from 6 to 7pm and will cover the following points:

- Align expectations on homework with your child
- Help your child balance their schoolwork and social life
- · Set up a weekly planner tool with your child

Before Christmas, we will conduct in-depth data analysis in order for all teachers to gain a better understanding of students' strengths and areas of improvement so they can identify key priorities for next term in order to close students' potential learning gaps and provide them with bespoke support and intervention strategies to help them achieve their full potential.

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Larini, Assistant Headteacher



Every student. Every day.

THIS WEEK'S TOP FORM!

YEAR 7R

99.6%

YEAR 8S

96.7%

YEAR 9B

94.8%

YEAR 10R

97.7%

YEAR 11B

94.8%

YEAR 12G

97.1%

YEAR 13B

95.7%



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- |

100% 97% 92%

HIGH ATTENDERS, HIGH ACHIEVERS

Key Notices

HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD MANAGE THEIR TIME WEBINAR WITH ELEVATE FOUCATION

TUESDAY 03 OCTOBER 2023 @ 6PM

Reserve your seat by registering here

You will learn:

Align expectations on homework with your child Help your child balance their schoolwork and social life Set up a weekly planner tool with your child

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.





Online Safety



Wizz is a free social networking app that enables users to chat live online with strangers from around the world and exchange gifs, pictures, and videos. It is intended to be a place to make online friends however it works similarly to a dating app, where you are presented with other people's profiles and can choose to either swipe them away or swipe to start a conversation.

You must be 16 years or older to have a profile on Wizz and it includes age verification that is meant to vet your entered date of birth against a photo you supply of your face however it does allow younger users to create an account and the verification process is easy to get around.

Upcoming Events: week beginning 02 October (Week 1)

Assembly Theme: Black History Season

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Y13 Residential

Friday

Open Morning 9 - 10.30am

Character Day

Y13 Residential Geography Trip to

Southwold

Geography Trip to Southwold

Y13 Residential Geography Trip to Southwold

Y11 Theatre Trip to see Macbeth

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.

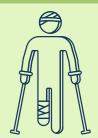
Music Lessons

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

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

Year 7 Year 8 Year 9

Year 10

Year 11 Sixth Form

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



A Parent and Student Guide to Assignments

Haggerston School

School Clubs



Autumn term clubs information will be shared shortly. Apologies for the delay! Library timings 8h30am to 4h30pm

Learning Resource Centre



READING LISTS



AFTER SCHOOL THE
LIBRARY IS OPEN TO
ALL YEAR GROUPS TO:
WORK QUIETLY
BORROW/RETURN BOOKS
USE COMPUTERS
REMEMBER
NO PRODUCTOR
OPENINS
OF PRODUCTOR
NO FOOD.
NO FOOD. DRINKS & PHONE IN THE LIBRARY



Celebrating Black History Season

For Black History Season we have put together a <u>reading list</u> of historical stories from Black History around the world. From teen novels to spanning fiction and non-fiction, these books are bound to captivate and inform.

Find out more about Black History Season in your school Library or check online here. You will find popular black history songs to quizzes and of course an awesome collection of books to educate and inspire.







Visit the local library together. Try to make it an event where you share some quality one-on-one time with your child and choose books together or simply participate in the library events.





The best way to make money out of a lottery is to run one yourself.





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 Careermag for school leavers, click <u>here</u>

To receive a copy of future Careermag 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.





Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) Survey for parents/carers of students with SEND (Year 9 and above)

The London Borough of Hackney is embarking on developing a Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) strategy. A key strand of this work is co-production and gathering feedback from children, young people and their families therefore we have created this brief survey for parents and carers of young people with SEND.

The purpose of this short survey is to collate the views of parents and carers on how well their children and young people are prepared for adulthood by the services they use. This includes their personal experience, how it works in practice, their level of knowledge, and their confidence and satisfaction in the support they have received.

To complete the survey click this link **here**.

The survey will close on Thursday 30th November 2023.

Are you aged 16-25 with Special Educational Needs?

Are you interested in finding a paid job? 19th October, 5pm

Hackney
Supported Internships
Information Event

for young people and parents

Click for more information

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. 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 <u>Teen Life 23/24</u>. Parents/carers can also email <u>teenlife@hackney.gov.uk</u> to find out more.

Other Notices

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 mailssa.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 <u>charlotte.clarke@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk</u> for more information.

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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/oTNrvQJJgN 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

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







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 9 Options Remote Event: 29 January 2024

Year 9 Parent Evening: 27 February 2024

Year 11: 16 January 2024

Year 8: 19 March 2024 Year 10: 30 April 2024

Year 12 & 13: 23 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