

19th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to outline plans for the start of term in September and to welcome you, once again, to Haggerston School. Included in this email is information which I hope will help you to prepare your child for starting secondary school.

The schedule for the start of term is outlined below:

Monday 02 September	Staff INSET Day - School is closed to students
Tuesday 03 September	Year 7 Induction Day - 8.30am-1.40pm - enter via Queensbridge Road Gate Year 7 Parents are invited to a presentation of key information from 12.40pm Year 12 Induction Day - 8.40am-12.45pm
Wednesday 04 September	Year 7 Normal Day - 8.30am-3.30pm - enter via Queensbridge Rd Gate/Dismissal from Kent St Gate All other year groups return for a normal day

We have planned a comprehensive induction programme for new Year 7 students so that they are well supported throughout the first term at Haggerston and beyond. Information about how to set up your Scopay account for school dinners will be shared in the first week of September. Students will be provided with school meals for the first week while these are being set up.

Chromebook Loan Scheme:

All homework is set through our online DPR application so students will need access to a suitable device in September. To support with this, Year 7 students can take advantage of our Chromebook offer. We know that some children already have a device for this purpose but if that is not the case, or if your child shares a device with a sibling, we can provide a chromebook. The device will be school property but loaned to your child to complete school work while they are a student at Haggerston. We will require a deposit of £40 which will be paid back to parents/carers once the device is returned to the school in good condition. Students who are eligible for free school meals will not be required to pay a deposit. We will provide more details in September. Students will not be set online work for the first two weeks as they will be set up on all of our systems in that time.

Preparing for Secondary School:

Moving to secondary school is an exciting but often nerve-wracking time for children (and parents!). Below we have provided a link to our [Parent Handbook](#) (hard copies will be available at the Information Event in September if you didn't get one on the Transition Day).

Other ways you can support their readiness for secondary school:

- Ensure your child is ready to start back at the beginning of term and that family holidays do not prevent them attending the important induction sessions in the first week.
- Ensure your child has a full school uniform, ready for September. School uniform expectations are included below and will apply from the start of term.
- Ensure your child has all the equipment they need so they are ready to learn. A full equipment list is included below as an appendix.
- Encourage your child to read widely over the summer. The book 'Go Big' by Matthew Burton is a good non fiction guide to preparing for secondary school..

Apart from the above, the best thing your child can do this summer is get plenty of rest, spend time with family and friends, stay active and get outside into nature. We know that all of these things promote health, happiness and wellbeing.

Finally, I wish you all a happy, restful summer holiday and look forward to welcoming students back to school in September.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Ms Moran and Ms Turbet in cursive script.

Ms Moran and Ms Turbet
Co-Headteachers

Uniform Expectations

Uniform items must be plain, without accessories, logos, decorations or any other colours

Year 7 - 11 Uniform Expectations	
Uniform items are expected to be worn with no personalisation or alterations.	
Haggerston Blazer	To be worn at all times unless permission given by a member of staff. School issued badges only.
Haggerston Skirt/ Haggerston Trousers or Haggerston Salwar Kameez	Skirts must be worn to at least the knee. Belts: Plain black belt. Belt buckles should not be oversized or emblazoned with logos. Belts are to be worn to ensure trousers are worn correctly - no underwear should be shown in any circumstance.
Plain white school shirt with reverse collar or plain white school shirt with collar and Haggerston Tie	Short or long sleeves are acceptable. No T-shirts to be visible under shirts. Tie should be worn to the waistband, in line with smart, formal dress.
Haggerston Jumper or Haggerston Tank Top	To be worn in the building at all times unless permission given by a member of staff. Not required as part of 'summer uniform' from Easter onwards
Headscarf (If worn)	Plain, dark colours or Haggerston branded headscarf
Plain, flat, polishable black shoes	Plain black leather school shoes, providing adequate protection and support (no casuals, fabric, canvas, trainers, sandals, pumps, 'work' type shoes e.g. Doctor Martens, high heels, boots, coloured laces, coloured stitching)
Grey/Black socks or black tights	Plain ankle or knee high socks only Tights should be opaque
Rucksack or Haggerston branded school bag	Suitable for carrying A4 books/folders
Jewellery	One pair of earrings only. One nose stud is allowed. Maximum 5mm diameter A single necklace or bracelet for religious reasons
Make-up and nail varnish	Make-up: To be modest and discreet (no lipstick, false eyelashes, acrylic or painted nails)
No extreme hair colours	Haggerston School adopts the Halo code. Hair Fasteners: Plain black. No large headwear items, unless for religious reasons
Warm, weatherproof outdoor coat Hat and gloves	No hoodies/sports tops. No offensive logos. Beanie style hats only or Haggerston branded hat
PE Kit: required items	Haggerston tracksuit Haggerston polo shirt and shorts Haggerston PE socks Trainers/Astroturf shoes: Any colour. No plimsolls.

Items in bold should be purchased from our uniform supplier: Crossbow Schoolwear, 31 Broadway Market, London E8 4PH Telephone: 020 7923 9313

Student Equipment List

The following equipment must be carried by Haggerston students at all times:

- School bag large enough to carry A4 folders
- **Clear** Pencil case
- 2 Black pens
- 1 Green pen
- 2 Pencils
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 Rubber
- 1 30cm ruler
- 1 Protractor
- 1 Whiteboard pen
- 1 Scientific calculator (e.g. Casio FX83GT Plus or similar)
- Glue stick
- Reading book
- Haggerston School PE kit on PE days

The school will provide the equipment listed below, as required in lessons:

1. Coloured pencils
2. Scissors
3. Compass
4. Dictionary/Thesaurus
5. Bilingual dictionary (if required)

Suggested equipment which will be useful to have available at home but should not be brought into school:

- Coloured pencils
- Scissors
- English Dictionary/Thesaurus
- Spanish Dictionary
- Bilingual Dictionary (if required)
- Compass

Please note: If students do not have the correct equipment, they will receive a 'correction' which will be recorded on our behaviour system. Three corrections result in a one hour detention. We ensure that there is a school shop which sells school equipment at a subsidised price to students and is open before school, at break-time and lunchtime. It is important that students develop organisational habits of checking and re-checking their bags before they leave the house. These organisational routines are vital life skills which will help them to become independent and self-reliant learners. Equipment should be clearly named.