

WELCOME BACK

Dates for your Diary

Start of Year

Wednesday 5 September Year 7 return

Thursday 6 September Year 11 return

Friday 7 September All other years return

Transition Evenings

This month we will be hosting transition evenings to help you and your child to prepare for the year ahead. The transition evenings will run from **5:30pm - 6:30pm**. The evening will include a detailed presentation from HNS staff about the coming year and how to help your child succeed. It will be an important chance to meet their new tutors and Head of Year.

Y7 parents: Monday 10th Sept

Y8 parents: Tuesday 11th Sept

Y9 parents:: Wednesday 12th Sept

Y10 parents: Thursday 13th Sept

Y11 parents: Friday 14th Sept

Lockers and padlocks

We have changed the locking mechanisms on our student lockers. Students wishing to use a locker will need to supply their own padlock. Here are a few of our recommended locks that are compatible with the new locking mechanisms.

[Lock 1](#)

[Lock 2](#)

[Lock 3](#)

[Lock 4](#)

[Lock 5](#)



GCSE Results

HNS is pleased to report that HNS students achieved some very impressive results this summer. 58% of students passed both Maths and English, 62% achieved 5 GCSE passes and 100% of students passed the Separate Sciences. We are particularly proud of a number of students who scored extremely high grades including Hannah, Emily, Chelsea who were the top performers in the year. More details will be released on the website later this term.

HNS Careers Fair

We are planning a Careers Fair for the Autumn Term 2018 and we are inviting students and parents to suggest ideas for careers that they want to learn about. The date has provisionally been set for Thursday 29th November. More details to follow.

End of Year Grades

End of year results from July 2018 will be posted out this week for all students. We apologise for the delay in processing this. Please email info@hackneynewschool.org if you have not received the report by Wednesday 12th September.

Equipment

HNS believes that learning in class follows from all students being fully equipped. Therefore, students' equipment is checked daily by form tutors with sanctions applied according to the HNS Behaviour Policy.

1. clear pencil case*
2. 2 black/blue pens*
3. green pen*
4. 2 pencils*
5. sharpener*
6. ruler*
7. eraser*
8. highlighter
9. protractor
10. compasses
11. calculator
12. reading book

*All students are required to place all of the above items of equipment on desks at the beginning of each lesson. Other items are expected in tutor time

Key Dates for the Academic Year

Autumn Term 2018

Year 7	Wednesday 5th September – Friday 21st December
Year 11	Thursday 6th September – Friday 21st December
Year 8 – 10	Friday 7 th September – Friday 21st December
October Half Term:	Monday 22nd October – Friday 2nd November
Christmas Holiday:	Monday 24th December – Friday 4th January

Spring Term 2019

All years	Monday 7th January – Friday 5th April
Spring Half term	Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February
Easter Holiday	Monday 8th April – Tuesday 23rd April

Summer Term 2019

All years	Wednesday 24th April – Tuesday 23rd July
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May
May Half Term	Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Uniform

Students are expected to travel **to and from** HNS every day in their **full** school uniform, which is worn smartly, in order to show that they take pride in belonging to the HNS community. The HNS uniform is comprised of:

1. HNS Grey blazer with school badge
2. HNS Navy jumper with school badge
3. White shirt
4. **Navy** trousers or skirt
5. HNS navy and pale blue striped tie
6. **Black** socks or tights
7. Flat, black, plain leather shoes

You can buy our uniform from Trutex, 31 Broadway Market, Hackney, E8 4PH
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web: trutexhackney.com

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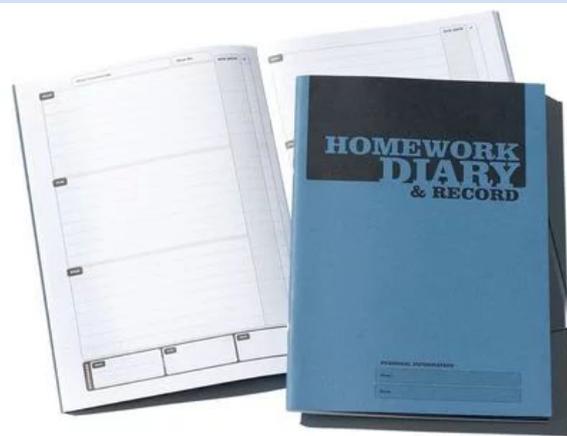
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Arbor Support

Arbor is invaluable for parents as it allows you to track the attainment, attendance, behaviour of your child as well as amend your contact details. If you are struggling to access Arbor then please email arborsupport@hackneynewschool.org and we will endeavour to ensure that you can login and use the portal. Please note that Arbor is not mobile-friendly at this time.

BOOKS, BAGS AND HOMEWORK

We expect all students to read a book (not a magazine or comic) for 30 minutes every evening and suggest that, where possible, this is an hour. From September all students will receive homework in all subjects once a week. Students will have one week to complete their homework. To support students with this, every student will receive a **homework diary** when they return. Please ensure you **sign it every week** and encourage your child to complete their homework and ask a teacher when they need help!



All exercise books are to be kept by students. Students are encouraged to take their books home every evening rather than storing them in their lockers. We recommend that all students spend time revising the content taught in lessons and test themselves on content taught in previous lessons. Where students have missed lessons, it is vital that they ask another student for the notes or work to copy up. Some students may find it hard to revise from their notes due to absence. If this is the case, we recommend that you purchase revision guides (see below).

Please ensure your child has a large backpack to carry their books and equipment.

Attendance

We encourage all our parents and carers to ensure that students attend every day and punctually. Every statistic linked to attendance and punctuality indicates the direct correlation between high attendance and high achievement. Please can parents and carers ensure that if their child is absent that they contact the School Office on the each morning that their child is absent. Students who are ill for more than two days within a half term will require medical evidence supporting their illness, in order to ensure that the absence is authorised. We will only be authorising hospital appointments from June 2018; non-emergency medical and dental appointments will no longer be authorised. It is important to clarify that Hackney New School does not authorise absence for holidays during term time. Unauthorised absence is notified to the Attendance Officer at the Hackney Learning Trust.

Revision Guides - HNS recommends

GCSE: Y10 and Y11

English Language - [Revision Guide](#)

English Literature - [Revision Guide](#) - [Animal Farm York Notes](#) - [Macbeth York Notes](#)

Maths Higher [Higher Revision Guide](#) - [Elmwood Textbook Higher](#) - [Pearson Textbook Higher](#)

Maths Foundation - [Foundation Revision Guide](#) - [Elmwood Textbook Foundation](#) - [Pearson Textbook Foundation](#)

Separate Science [Biology Revision Guide](#) - [Chemistry Revision Guide](#) - [Physics Revision Guide](#)

Combined Science Higher [Biology Revision Guide](#) - [Chemistry Revision Guide](#) - [Physics Revision Guide](#)

Combined Science Foundation [Biology Revision Guide](#) - [Chemistry Revision Guide](#) - [Physics Revision Guide](#)

Spanish - [Revision Guide](#) - [Grammar Book](#) - [Dictionary](#)

French - [Revision Guide](#) - [Grammar Book](#) - [Dictionary](#)

KS3: Year 7-9

English - [English Revision Guide](#)

Mathematics [Mathematics Revision Guide](#)

Science [Science Revision Guide](#)

Spanish [Spanish Revision Guide](#) - [Dictionary](#)

French - [French Revision Guide](#) - [Dictionary](#)

Religious Studies - [Religious Studies Revision Guide](#)

NB. Where we have not suggested a revision guide for a subject, it is because there is not a suitable revision guide available on the market. We will update this as new versions are released.

There is no Foundation Combined Physics revision guide - we recommend that for the moment students use the Higher revision guide.