



November 2018

Dear Parent/ Carer,

In September 2014 the government scrapped National Curriculum Levels, leaving the responsibility of grading students with individual schools. Assessment grades are vital as they let everyone know how much progress a student is making in each subject. We have developed an assessment process at HNS which informs you about how well your child is progressing compared to how well we think they can do.

We formally assess students three times a year which we refer to as Assessment Points. Students receive a grade (ranging from A to G) in the subjects they study after each Assessment Point. A grade A indicates that a student has reached a high standard and that we expect that they will, at GCSE, perform in line with the top 15% in the country in that particular subject. We do not have a formal “pass” mark but grades below a D are indicative of serious underperformance in that subject. We advise students to seek advice from their teacher or attend an intervention where their grades are below a D.

We expect students to master the content that is taught during the year. By the Summer term students should be able to answer questions using knowledge or skills taught in September. As such, maintaining a grade A throughout the year is a challenging task. A student who maintains a grade C throughout the year is considered to be making good progress.

Please note that we expect students to have at least 98% attendance. Similarly, we expect every student to complete homework in all subjects when homework is assigned. Non-completion of homework is one of the key indicators of underachievement and underperformance.

Should you have any queries or concerns with your child’s performance in a particular subject, in the first instance contact the specific subject teacher or the Head of Department.

#### Heads of Department

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### Heads of Year

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### Accessing Arbor

Arbor is invaluable for parents as it allows you to track the attainment, attendance, behaviour of your child. 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. Note that Arbor is not mobile-friendly at this time.

### School Money

School Money is the portal through which you can pay for school dinners as well as purchase revision books and equipment. Below is a list of items in the school "shop". If you are unable to login to School Money then please email **info@hackneynewschool.org**

Item	Price
A Christmas Carol	£2.95
Animal Farm	£5.00
Calculator - Casio FX85GT	£8.50
GCSE Art Packs	£14.00
GCSE Biology Revision Book	£2.50
GCSE Chemistry Revision Book	£2.50
GCSE Physics Revision Book	£2.50
GCSE RE Revision Book	£2.75
Macbeth	£5.00
Maths Higher Guide and Workbook	£5.00
Maths GCSE Higher Textbook - Elmwood	£13.50
Maths KS3 Foundation Guide and Workbook	£5.00
Maths KS3 Higher Guide and Workbook	£5.00
Maths Year 7 Homework Textbook	£18.00
Maths-Mapped Compasses	£1.00
Yr 11 English Grade Booster	£2.00

We very much look forward to helping your daughter/son through Key Stage 3 and to achieve academic success.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Li

Headmistress

## Assessment Point 1

All students in Year 7-9 will be completing Assessment Point 1 (AP1) examinations across all subjects from 3rd to the 7th December 2018. Following this, students will receive feedback on their performance and work will begin on the next topic. The exams will take place as follows:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
<b>Mon 3rd Dec</b>	7P Music Practical 7B & 7P Geography	8B & 8W Music Practical 8S & 8W Art Practical 8P Geography 8P & 8B History	9B Music Practical 9S & 9B RS Exam (MS) 9W & 9P History
<b>Tues 4th Dec</b>	7W & 7S Geography 7P Spanish Reading 7S Spanish Reading 7P, 7B & 7W History	8S & 8P Music Practical 8W Music Appraising 8P Art Practical 8B & 8W & 8S Geography 8S History 8B Spanish Reading	9W & 9S Music Practical 9S Art Practical Science 9B History
<b>Weds 5th Dec</b>	7P Music Appraising 7W & 7S Art Practical Maths (Non-Calculator) Science 7B Spanish Reading 7S Spanish Writing 7S History 7W Spanish Reading	8B & 8S Music Appraising Maths (Non-Calculator) 8W History 8P Spanish Reading 8S Spanish Reading 8W Spanish Reading	9P Music Practical 9W & 9B Music Appraising 9B & 9W Art Practical 9P RS Exam (KB) Maths (Non-Calculator) 9P & 9W Geography 9S History 9B and 9S Spanish Listening
<b>Thur 6th Dec</b>	English reading assessment (Poetry) 7B, 7W & 7S Music Practical Maths (Calculator) 7B Spanish writing 7P Spanish writing	English writing assessment (London's Calling) 8B Art Practical Maths (Calculator) 8B Spanish Writing 8S Spanish Writing	English reading assessment (Of Mice and Men) 9W RS exam 9S Music Appraising 9p Art Practical Maths (Calculator) 9S & 9B Geography 9P and 9W Spanish Listening 9B and 9S Spanish Reading
<b>Fri 7th Dec</b>	English reading assessment (Stone Cold) 7B, 7W & 7S Music Appraising 7B & 7P Art Practical 7W Spanish Writing	English reading assessment (19th Century Texts) 8P Music Appraising Science 8P Spanish Writing 8W Spanish Writing	English reading assessment (Poetry: Love and relationships) 9P Music Appraising 9P and 9W Spanish Reading

We expect students to bring all necessary examination equipment with them in a **clear pencil case**. **Essential equipment includes black pens, pencils, a ruler, a protractor, compasses and an eraser**. Students should also ensure that they have a **scientific calculator as the use of a calculator is allowed some Mathematics and Science exams**. Furthermore, we see AP1 Examinations week as an opportunity to train students in proper examination procedures and etiquette. All AP1 results will be sent by post to parents/carers before the end of the calendar year.

We want the examinations to be challenging to students and the rigour that they entail will hopefully provide a solid foundation for the demands of GCSE study. It is vital that students prepare for these important examinations in order to gain confidence and knowledge as they move towards the extremely important and choice-enhancing years of Key Stage 4 study (GCSE) and ultimately provide them with the results and achievements which can enable them to make the right and informed choices about their future. The exams will also give us a detailed picture of each student's current level of attainment in each subject and the subsequent steps that they need to take in order to make further progress.

During examinations, students will register at the normal time of 8 am in their form bases. During lessons each day, students will sit tests in examination conditions and teachers will inform each class when the examination will take place during that week. All students will have opportunities to revise for the tests and ask their subject teachers for advice and guidance in the weeks leading up to and including the examinations.

We continue to value your strong support for our school and we would ask you to take some time to go over this information with your child to ensure that they are fully prepared for the forthcoming examinations.

### Key Dates for your Diary

#### Autumn Term 2018

Saturday 1st December	British Museum Trip
Monday 17th December	Trip to Bletchley Park
Tuesday 18th December	Christmas Concert

#### Spring Term 2019

Wednesday 23rd January	Bank of England Trip
Wednesday 23rd January	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 5th February	Y9 Options Evening
Thursday 7th February	UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge
Thursday 14th February	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13th March	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Monday 18th March to Friday 22nd March	Assessment Point 2
Wednesday 20th March	UKMT Team Maths Challenge
Friday 29th March	Y8 HPV Vaccinations

### Term and Holiday Dates for 2018/19

#### Spring Term 2019

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

#### Summer Term 2019

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