



4th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We had a successful parent coffee morning this week, where a range of subjects were covered. Overall parents seem very happy with the rapid improvements in the school and the way in which lessons and communication have improved. I have also been really pleased to hear how parents have said that their children are so eager to come to school in the mornings.

### **Contacting the school**

If you have a query or a problem, it is important that you contact the correct person so that it can be dealt with quickly and accurately. For curriculum issues it should be your child's subject teacher or Head of Department, for pastoral issues it should be your child's form tutor, student manager or Head of Learning. For each area of the school there is also a member of my leadership group attached who can help or support further. I know that knowing the right person to contact, can seem confusing but there are a few ways to find out:

- Look on the website. Staff and their areas of responsibility are there as well as their email address.
- Look on your child's DPR , their subject teacher is named on there.
- Contact the school and ask for or mark for the attention of the relevant Head of Learning or Head of Department.

I am always happy to speak to parents should they need further help, support or reassurance having followed these avenues.

### **Attendance**

Your child should be in school everyday. The target for all students is a minimum of 96 % attendance. This is no more than a couple of days off a year. Colds and sniffles are not a reason to miss school and when a child is absent, they will miss vital learning opportunities which means they will spend a lot of time trying to catch up. If you are worried about your child's attendance, please contact their Head of Learning and Student Manager to discuss it. Parents with children with low attendance are at risk of court action and penalty notices issued by the local authority.

### **Master Mission**

In order to improve your child's knowledge of the world around them and experiences of school your child also has a mission to complete: the Master Mission. On pages 62-3 of their planners, you will find 13 tasks for them to complete in order to achieve their Bronze badge. These include visiting London landmarks, writing essays, reading books, cooking - lots of activities you can enjoy as a family, as well as enriching your child's cultural capital. They should then upload the evidence (eg

pictures) to the DPR. If you have any questions about the Master Mission, please email [hannahnotowitz@hackneynewschool.org](mailto:hannahnotowitz@hackneynewschool.org)

### After School Homework Club

I am pleased to announce that the school will be open until 5:00pm each day for students to complete homework and check the DPR. It is the responsibility of students to tell their parents if they are staying to homework club and students are free to leave when they like. The club will be taking place in the computer room and students will be expected to work quietly in a focused way. They will be asked to leave if their work is not purposeful. Students are also able to do this at breakfast club and at lunchtime. I hope parents and students find this a helpful way to ensure homework is complete.

### Upcoming events

<b>10th October 2019</b>	<b>Careers event 16:30- 18:00</b>	This will be an opportunity for students and their parents to find out more about applying for colleges. This will be led by Mr McGowan and there will be information about various post -16 options.
<b>15th October 2019</b>	<b>Year 11 Parents' evening 17:00 -19:00</b>	Exam results and revision plans will be shared with year 11 and their parents by their subject teachers.
<b>18th October 2019</b>	<b>Sports Day All day</b>	This is a rearranged event as promised, that had to be cancelled in the summer. More details will follow in a separate letter. It is a normal school day so all students are expected to attend.

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely,



**Charlotte Whelan**  
Headteacher