

15th November 2019



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another busy week here at Hackney New School, including an unannounced visit by Ofsted. Whilst I cannot comment yet on the outcomes of the visit, I am very proud of the way students continue to conduct themselves around the school and the two days of the inspection were no exception. A vast number of students were asked to speak directly to inspectors and I am very grateful to them for their maturity and sensible attitude. I will give you more information as soon as I am able to.

Student Council

I would like to congratulate the new members of the student council who I met with yesterday:

Year 7 :Frikk, Julia, Hannah, Ezekial

Year 8: Betka, Favour, Alicia

Year 9 :Adam, Elviso, Oliwia, Arlen

Year 10: Alex, Tori, Abdillahi, Phoenix Angel

We had a very interesting discussion about their ideas to improve the school and they have given me lots of suggestions, including ideas for clubs, mentoring and charities. I will be implementing as many as I can.

Anti- bullying week

Assemblies and reflections this week have been around anti- bullying. Students were reminded that HNS has zero tolerance to bullying and that the following are examples of bullying which we aim to prevent:

- Physical violence, such as hitting, pushing or spitting at another pupil
- Interfering with another pupil's property by stealing, hiding or damaging it
- Using offensive names when addressing another pupil
- Teasing or spreading rumours about another pupil or his/her family
- Belittling another pupil's abilities and achievements
- Writing offensive notes or graffiti about another pupil.
- Excluding another pupil from a group activity
- Ridiculing another pupil's appearance, way of speaking or personal mannerisms
- Misusing technology (internet or mobiles) to hurt or humiliate another person.
- Ridiculing people's religion, sexual orientation or gender.

This list is not exhaustive and perpetrators of bullying will be subject to the school's sanction ladder. Students were reminded of the following steps they need to take if they or another member of the school community is subject to bullying:

- Students must report bullying incidents to staff. Staff are required to allow students to talk and be listened to in confidence. They can speak to any member of staff but the matter will be shared with their Head of Learning and Student Manager who may ask them to write a statement.
- If they prefer, students can report any incident to reportit@hackneynewschool.org where a senior member of staff will pick the matter up and investigate it.
- All alleged bullying incidents will be investigated thoroughly and parents of both the alleged perpetrator and victim will be informed.
- There will be follow up support for both the perpetrator and the victim.

More details of the above can be found in our anti-bullying policy available on our website.

Road Safety Week

Next week is road safety week and there will be a series of assemblies with our Safer Schools Officer PC Jon Wilkins for year 9 to 11. Years 7 and 8 will be watching a play called 'Riot Act'. Please reinforce with your child the importance of road safety, particularly crossing the road at the designated crossing.

Aspirations Day

Year 10 Aspirations day will now take place on 28th January. They will receive information and advice about their work experience in the summer term.

Reminder

Breakfast club is open each day from 7:45. Students can have a free breakfast and complete homework or check their DPR

Homework club is on each day until 5pm in the computer room. Students can attend as they like. Please remember it is your child's responsibility to let you know that they are attending.

School office closure 4th December

The school office will close at 4:30pm on Wednesday 4th December and all students will need to be off site. Learning Hub and homework club will finish at this time.

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely



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