



29th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a very busy couple of weeks at HNS. Our students are working hard in lessons and are busy preparing for our music concert and charities week.

School Tours

Please remember school tours are everyday at 9am for anyone who wants to look around the school. Many parents have attended already and commented on the calm, purposeful atmosphere. If you have not attended, I would really encourage you to do so. Similarly if you have been already and would like to come back, I would love to show you around.

Parents' Coffee Morning -Friday 6th December 2019

The next parents' coffee morning is from 8:45 -9:30 followed by a school tour. Our local councillors have also expressed an interest in attending. I do hope to see as many parents there as possible. I hope to be in a position of discussing the latest Ofsted visit with parents in the meeting, subject to receiving the official report.

Music Concert- Monday 9th December 2019

I hope to see many of you at the music concert on Monday 9th December. Tickets are available on the door and are £1. Students from year 7-11 will attend. As you know I am very committed to promoting the arts and I am very excited to be able to invite you here to hear music in the hall again and enjoy the festive season together.

Charities week - 9th - 13th December 2019

During the week of 9th - 13th December, we will be holding our first Charities Week to raise money for Hackney Food Bank. Every lunchtime, there will be stalls in the playground that will be offering games and activities, such as Guess the Sweets in the Jar, Penalty Shoot-Out, Play Your Cards Right and many more.

Your child will need to bring in either some small change to participate, or food donations for the food bank. You can find out what donations will be accepted here:

<https://hackney.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>. Thank you in advance for your help and generosity.

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Careers Fair - Tuesday 10th December 2019

We would like to invite all students to our Careers Fair which is taking place on Tuesday 10th December 2019 in the main hall from 5pm to 6.30pm. It is expected that Year 10 and Year 11 students will attend, either on their own or with parents. However KS3 students are also welcome to attend if accompanied by a parent.

We have a number of different speakers from different professions who will be staffing stalls and helping our students and parents make informed choices about future career direction.

Additionally, a large number of post-16 providers (colleges, school sixth forms and other providers) will be hosting stalls, dispensing valuable information on post-16 courses and pathways - from A levels, to BTEC to UAL Level 3 qualifications. The needs and questions that our students have about the next stage of their educational journey, will be fully catered for. We look forward to seeing you there.

Changes to arrangements for detentions

I have been very impressed with the way students are choosing to self-regulate around the school. They are doing 'what is right' without being reminded or corrected. In the event a child does not do this as you know they will receive a detention after school the following evening. We expect students to make their own way to detention and in return the detention will only be 20 -25 minutes. If students do not make their way to the detention alone they will be picked up the next day and the detention will be up to one hour. It is very encouraging the number of students this week who have taken responsibility and made their own way.

If your child does not arrive in time for line-up at 8:20am, they will automatically be issued with a detention for the next day after-school. In order to form new habits and promote responsibility, if they attend school before 8am the next day and attend our Breakfast Club (which provides access to Chromebooks/ DPR and a **free** breakfast), they will not need to attend the detention. Your child simply needs to sign in at reception before 8am.

Arrangements for the last day of term

School finishes on Friday 13th December at 12:10pm. Students will be permitted to go home. A takeaway lunch will be available for all students who have free school meals or have paid in advance. Students are also permitted to wear their own clothes that day. Please note the following:

- This is a normal day for students they should bring all of their books and equipment.
- Attendance will be marked in the usual way.
- Students should dress in clothes that are suitable for school. Please no heels, exposed midriffs or inappropriate slogans.

Advanced warning - 4th December 2019

The school will be closed from 4:30 on 4th December and therefore there will be no staff or students on site after this time.

Yours sincerely,



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