



13th February 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for your continued support and remind you that we hold tours of the school at 9.00am every day.

The transformation at Hackney New School is gathering pace and we really want families to see, with their own eyes, the progress we've made to date.

A few weeks ago, I made you aware of my priorities for the school in the next phase of its journey: to develop teachers, to improve lessons, to develop the confidence and resilience of students and prepare them adequately to succeed in education and beyond.

In order to continue to invest great energy into developing whole school culture, on Monday, 2nd March there will be a development day for all staff. Pupils in years 7 to 10 should stay home and revise on this date using the DPR.

Year 11 will have preliminary exams this week and there will be a separate letter to explain the arrangements.

School will reopen on Tuesday, 3rd March at 8.00am for years 7, 8 and 11 only.

Years 7 and 8 will take part in our intensive confidence and aspiration programme. This will run over two days - Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March.

On Thursday 5th March and Friday 6th March, pupils in years 9 and 10 will take part in our confidence and aspiration programme. Pupils in years 7 and 8 will be in lessons. Pupils in year 11 will continue their preliminary exams.

Monday	Year 11 only
Tuesday	Year 11,7 and 8 only
Wednesday	Year 11,7 and 8 only
Thursday	All years
Friday	All years

An outline of our confidence and aspirations programme will be posted on our website. Parents are also invited in for a meeting to discuss the programme on Friday 6th March, followed by a school tour. The programme is firmly based upon developing the skills for life which will allow all pupils to succeed in education and the very competitive world when they leave us.

Please note that during this week, Tuesday, 3rd to Friday 6th March, there will be no breakfast club. We apologise for this, however, this will allow us to invest further time in staff development as part of our confidence and aspirations programme.

If you require any help or further support, please contact the school.

Please do visit, and once again, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher