

Tuesday 14th July

Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to write to you firstly to thank you for your support throughout my first year at Hackney New School. It has been a year like no other- who would have predicted all we have been through this year?- but I have been impressed with the resilience and tenacity of all of our students who have adapted to working online and not to mention the commitment and flexibility of our teachers. I am very grateful to all of you who have taken the time to write to us or call and thank us. It has really been a boost for staff.

End of term arrangements

Formal lessons will end on Wednesday 15th July at the usual time. On Thursday morning there will be assemblies at the following times:

- 8:40am - Year 7 assembly with Ms Douglas**
- 8:40am - Year 8 assembly with Ms Barnes**
- 9:05am - Year 9 assembly with Mr Davies**
- 9:05am- Year 10 assembly with Ms Douglas**

These assemblies will celebrate the successes of the year and prizes will be awarded.

For the remainder of Thursday and Friday, students should upload any work that they have not yet completed. This will be key for their learning record on the DPR and will give them time to complete work. They should also begin their holiday homework. This will allow the opportunity for them to contact their teachers should they need any help with it.

If your child has been present in school and you would like them to attend on Thursday and Friday please let Mr Foughali know by emailing salimfoughali@hackneynewschool.org by Wednesday 15th July 2020.

Staffing 2020/21

We will be saying goodbye to the following staff on Friday: Ms Smith, Mr Bond, Ms Notowitz, Ms Figueira, Ms Landon, Ms Rahman, Mr Ribeiro, Mr Mensah, Mr Aideh. Ms Washington, Ms Parfitt and Mr May. I would like to thank them for their time and commitment to the children of Hackney New School and wish them luck in their new schools.

I am delighted to say that we are fully staffed for September with staff joining us from other schools in the local area and from across the Community Schools Trust. You can read about them in the [staff biographies](#) attached.



Arrangements for September

Please see my letter with the plans for reopening in September. Attached to this letter is the [Parent and Student Guide](#) so that you and your child can prepare for September. Paper copies are available on request from the school office.

We intend to stagger the start of term for students in order to give them the support and structure they will need in their return to school after so long and it also allows us to train everyone effectively on the new routines and social distancing measures.

Please note the following staggered arrangements for your child's return to school:

Year 7: Friday 4th September between 8:10am and 8:20am

Year 11: Monday 7th September between 8:30am and 8:40am

Year 8: Tuesday 8th September between 8:10am and 8:20am

Year 10: Wednesday 9th September between 8:30am and 8:40am

Year 9: Friday 11th September between 8:10am and 8:20am

Please see the Parent and Student Guide for the relevant entrances for your child.

If you need any assistance in the holidays please contact the school office or email info@hackneynewschool.org. Please note that the school will have very few staff and therefore there may be a small delay in replying.

I wish you and your family an enjoyable and safe summer and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely

Charlotte Whelan
Headteacher