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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: An update on positive developments at HNS

Return to school

We have had a great return to school and it has been so nice to have so many enthusiastic and hardworking students on site. The behaviour at Hackney New School is exemplary- the best of any school I have seen - and I would love for you to visit. We are running socially distanced tours and if you would like to attend, please let the school know. You will be able to see our school in action and we would really like to show you all of the things we have going on. Please call or email the school to book your appointment.

Design and Technology on the Curriculum from September

I am incredibly excited to let you know that we will be in a position to offer Food Technology and Resistant Materials as part of our curriculum from September. As you will be aware, since I became Headteacher at HNS, it was a dream of mine to offer our students a more broad and balanced curriculum in line with other schools, particularly in the creative subjects. Thankfully due to funding from the Department of Education we can now realise this dream by converting two rooms to become technology rooms. Both subjects will be offered in the first instance to students in year 7 and year 8. All other students will have the opportunity to use the facilities as part of our enrichment programme. Please check out our newsletter to see how the project is developing in the coming months.

Achievement and Well-being Coaching programme

In the coming weeks we will be launching our Achievement and Well-being Coaching programme. This programme offers students the opportunity to work one to one with a coach from a member of our staff. The coaches will support children with their well-being particularly following the period of school closure, coach them to achieve their best and be a person in the school who can help and support them with any problems they may have. If you would like your child to take part in the programme or you would like to know more about it, please contact your child's Head of Learning.

Year 7 and Year 10 - Ashtongreen@hackneynewschoolcst.org

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Master Mission

We have relaunched our Master Mission programme. Students receive awards for attempting challenges to build their cultural capital and resilience. This will be explained to students this week and we will send a separate letter home explaining in more detail what the challenges are.

Physical Education

We are currently developing our physical education provision at HNS and have a few exciting developments to report in the coming weeks regarding facilities. I can't wait to share this information with you. We are also delighted that we can offer PE BTEC as an option from September 2021. This means that since 2019 we are now in a position to offer five new subjects at GCSE (Drama, Computer Science, PE, Design Technology and Food). I am sure you will agree that this makes HNS a very attractive place to study.

School Rebrand

In light of all these recent developments, and as a result of lots of conversations with students, it feels like now would be a good time to consider a new name for our school. I am looking for students and parents who would like to be involved in choosing the new name and brand for the school. If you would like to be involved please email me directly at charlottewhelan@hackneynewschoolcst.org before 25th March 2021.

Yours sincerely,



Charlotte Whelan
Headteacher