


3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

Dear HSAEL Families,

### Arrangements for returning to HSAEL for spring 2025

I hope are enjoying a relaxing break. Staff are looking forward to welcoming your child back to the Academy next week, *helping them to become a leader in their chosen field and becoming the best Academy in Newham by 2028*. This letter contains all the information you will need to help prepare your child for a successful return to the Academy. Please take some time to read it carefully and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

#### Return to HSAEL Checklist

Item	
Update uniform from Khalsa Schoolwear <a href="#">here</a> . <b>Reminder: skirts must cover the knee, and trousers must be worn at the waist. Makeup and jewellery are not permitted at HSAEL. Students will not enter lessons until their uniform is in line with Academy expectations.</b> Click <a href="#">here</a> to view the HSAEL uniform policy.	
Purchase new PE uniform including <b>Astro turf trainers</b> . See uniform guidance <a href="#">here</a> .	
Purchase and top up stationery, including <b>2 x whiteboard pens and a reading book</b> . See equipment list <a href="#">here</a> .	
Familiarise yourself with the <a href="#">Academy behaviour policy</a> , taking note that <b>mobile phones, fizzy drinks and sweets, vaping products/ e-cigarettes and personal gaming devices are not permitted at HSAEL. If found on a student, mobile phones will be confiscated for a 6-week period.</b>	
Clear your Parent Pay Balance and top up with money for lunch. <i>We will contact you each day if your child does not have sufficient money to purchase lunch. It is important that all accounts are in credit to enable us to effectively provide meals to each child. For support on how to sign up to Parent Pay, please contact <a href="mailto:info@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk">info@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk</a>.</i>	
Check your eligibility and sign up for Free School Meals <a href="#">here</a> .	
Check your child has completed all winter holiday homework. To access the autumn curriculum booklets, please click <a href="#">here</a> .	
Check you can still access the My Child at School App (Year 7-13 parents) and contact <a href="mailto:info@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk">info@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk</a> if you need to reset your password.	

#### Return times to the Academy

The Spring term starts on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The normal Academy Day runs from 8:25 am to 3:15 pm.

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	HSAEL open from <b>1pm-3pm</b> for students to receive support with homework, restock equipment, talk to the pastoral team. Please bring a packed lunch.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	All year groups begin at 8.25am.

Upon returning to school, students will:

- View their new timetable.
- Receive important information for the term
- Be in full, correct uniform.
- Be prepared for learning with a full set of equipment.
- Have completed their holiday homework, which will be reviewed on the first day back.
- Review all the HSAEL routines and rules that are in place to help them make progress.

Staff will complete a full uniform and equipment check. Please give your support to this by ensuring your child has the correct equipment and is in full Academy uniform. We will contact parents for any uniform or equipment snagging issues and students with incorrect uniform may not enter circulation until these are rectified. **We really do not want our first interaction with you to be about your child's uniform, so do please familiarise yourself with the uniform guidelines and contact us in advance if you are having difficulty with sourcing uniform.** Staff will check that students have completed their holiday homework on their first day. Students who have completed their homework will receive positive £HSAEL, with a rewards event planned for all students who pass their termly knowledge checks. Students who have not completed their homework will not enter circulation until this has been completed. **We are opening the Academy on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January so students can get extra support with their homework. Please encourage your child to attend if you know they may find the return to school-routines more challenging.**

### **Parent Events Spring 2025**

See below the list of parental events taking place in the spring term.

- Friday 17th January - Year 7-11 Parent Coffee Morning [In Person]
- Wednesday 29th January - Year 9 Options Evening [In Person]
- Thursday 30th January - Year 9 Parents Evening [Online]
- Thursday 13th February - Year 7 and 8 Parents Evening [Online]
- Thursday 6th March - Year 11 Parents Evening [In Person]
- Thursday 27th March - Year 12 and 13 parents evening [In Person]

We would like to invite all parents to our coffee morning at the Mill House Cafe from 9:00am-10:30am. You will have the opportunity to meet members of the senior leadership team and pastoral team for informal conversations. A sign-up link for this event will be shared in the first community bulletin of the new year.

### **Pastoral Updates for the spring term**

We will continue to support students to develop the habits required to be successful at school: good attendance and punctuality, a positive behaviour pay check, regular homework completion and attendance at clubs. To support students who did not secure their bronze 'excellence' badge in the autumn, we will be re-allocating tutor groups so that students who need more support receive this. Please find below the list of tutor groups for the spring term. Students in the 'Science Academy'

tutor group will receive extra support to receive their **spring 'growth' badge**. Once they have received this badge, they will return to either the 'Clock Mill' or 'Lock Keepers' tutor group.

Following student feedback, we will be upgrading our expectations regarding transitioning around the site to ensure that lesson transitions reflect the same high standards as lessons. Students will receive a full induction to these expectations on the first day back.

### **Academic Updates for the Spring term**

#### **Golden Nuggets & Winter Home Learning**

Our Golden Nugget project resumes in January giving HSAEL students to chance to prove they have secured their autumn term learning!

At HSAEL, our Golden Nugget Project ensures every student makes progress in their learning and no student gets left behind. This is why, at the start of every term, students take their Golden Nugget tests, which assess the most important terms they learnt the previous term.

Students were given their Spring Knowledge Booklet and new exercise book at line up in the last week of term. Over the break, they must ensure they take time to rest, relax and spend time with family however, before the return to school, it is important students prepare for these consolidation tests.

**Home Learning task:** Students must select five terms they do not know or do not feel confident with and complete one page of LCWC for five terms in every subject to prove they have revised. Remember- these are all terms students have studied in autumn so this will be a revision exercise for students.

Students may complete additional LCWC for HSAEL £ and extra revision to ensure they have achieved the 80% pass mark in all but one of their subjects in order to receive their Golden Ticket to attend the Knowledge Celebration in January. Students who do not receive this pass mark will be given targeted intervention to help them secure the knowledge and move onto their next term of learning.

In Autumn term, over 250 students made this accomplishment. We hope even more will meet our mark this time ready!

### **DPR**

We are very excited that our new homework platform has been well received by students. Our mission control shows almost every student logging into the platform to organise their time and their studies every day.

In the Autumn term, we also began using the platform in lessons to track student learning against pre-planned Key Objectives. HSAEL teachers are regularly using DPR to assess student learning as developing, consolidating or secured. The platform will be rolled out with parent this term so please look out for invites for our DPR Parent Launch.

The platform does not have an app but can be accessed on a web browser. It is called [Dynamic Progress Reporting](#) and is used by some of the highest performing schools in Newham.

### **Character Education updates for the autumn term**

At HSAEL, for children to become leaders in their chosen field, they will need much more than good exam results. Their qualifications will get them to the door of great opportunities, but the skills and experiences they accrue throughout their adolescence will mean they can have a positive change on their life and their community. Based on feedback from students and parents we have further developed our Character Education programme for Spring 2025.

### Enrichment Clubs:

Our full enrichment programme will commence on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January**. Our Spring enrichment timetable can be found [HERE](#). The expectation is that every student attends at least one enrichment club per week and as part of our fortnightly house assembly students will be awarded for the best attendance.

### House Competitions:

Our house competitions will commence on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January** and run during Monday lunchtimes on week B. Students will be assigned to different competitions to compete for points for their house. See below the house competitions for Spring 2024:

Date	House Competition
20th January	Fitness Challenge
3rd February	Coding challenge
24th February	Spelling Bee
10th March	MFL Challenge
24th March	Maths Challenge

### Character Education Days:

Our Character Education Days in autumn will take place on:

- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Year 7	Year 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STEM day</li> <li>• Debating Day</li> <li>• HSAEL Arts Day</li> <li>• Healthy Living Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debating Day</li> <li>• STEM Day</li> <li>• Careers and First Aid</li> <li>• HSAEL Arts Day</li> </ul>
Year 9	Year 10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSAEL Arts Day</li> <li>• Year 9 Options Day</li> <li>• Imperial War Museum</li> <li>• STEM Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jack Petchey Speak Out</li> <li>• Healthy Living Day</li> <li>• Careers and First Aid</li> <li>• RS Ethics Conference</li> </ul>
Year 11	Year 12 and 13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSHERE Workshop</li> <li>• Intervention</li> <li>• Study Skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSHERE Workshop</li> <li>• Careers and First Aid</li> <li>• Intervention</li> <li>• Study Skills</li> </ul>

### **Leadership Development Time**

Our Leadership Development Time (LDT) will take place every Monday week B. The Spring term theme is: *Foster and maintain positive relationships to build successful networks (Compassion and Responsibility)*

### **Key Contacts Reminder**

Your child's form tutor continues to be your first point of contact. To help streamline communication and to ensure your query is not missed, please send all queries to [info@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk](mailto:info@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk) and your message will be passed to your child's form tutor. In addition, your child has a Head of Year.

	Science Academy	Clock Mill	Lock Keepers	Head of Year
Year 7	Ms Gozlugol Support: Mr Cecil	Ms Ali Support: Ms Iqbal	Ms Albright Support: Ms Begum	Ms Gozlugol
Year 8	Ms Mendes	Ms Kazi Support: Ms Khandakar	Ms Reid	
Year 9	Mx Rowntree & Ms Djafer-Sherif	Mr Ansell	Mr Titus	Ms Mathieson
Year 10	Ms Wake	Mr Kelly	(H): Mr Perkins	
Year 11	Mr Anderson Ms Kowathanan Mr Patrick Ms Pichurski	Ms Whyte	Ms Nadeem	Ms Boyle/ Mr Hall
Year 12	Mr Ayub	Ms Temo	Ms Robin	Mr Bryan
Year 13	Ms Montanaro			

For specific queries, please see the key contacts below:

SEN Queries	Ms Boyle – SENCo <a href="mailto:SEND@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk">SEND@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk</a>
Safeguarding	Mr Christopher– Designated Safeguarding Lead <a href="mailto:Safeguarding@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk">Safeguarding@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk</a>
Parent Pay	Ms Zhuzhang <a href="mailto:Finance@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk">Finance@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk</a>
Attendance	Ms Parsons <a href="mailto:Attendance@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk">Attendance@harrisscienceeastlondon.org.uk</a>

This term is set to be hugely successful for the Academy. I look forward to working with you to help your child achieve the academic currency and develop the good character to be the master of their own destiny and have a powerful impact in their community. This is the education your child deserves, and my team and I are utterly committed to making this happen.

Yours Faithfully,

D MacPherson

Principal