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What a result!

Matthew Daniel and Samson Adeola from Skinners' Academy celebrate their GCSE results, which students across the borough received on 25 August

HACKNEY pupils bucked the national trend with their GCSE results on 25 August.

The number of local students achieving five or more A* to

C passes in both English and maths, rose by eight per cent to 70 per cent. Nationally however, the number of young people achieving A* to

C passes across all subjects, went down from 69 to 66.9 per cent. Khadija Patel, 16, from Clapton Girls' Academy, said: "I worked so hard for this and I'm

happy that my grades can be a reflection of my efforts." Anne Canning, Acting Group Director for Children, Adults and Community Health at

the Council, added: "We are delighted with this continuing very strong picture across Hackney secondary schools." See pages 6-7 for more.

VOTE FOR NEW MAYOR

HACKNEY is set to go to the polls on Thursday 15 September to elect a new Mayor.

It follows the resignation of long-standing Mayor Jules Pipe CBE who – after 14 years in the role – announced that he was standing down, following his appointment as Deputy Mayor of London for Planning, Regeneration and Skills in July.

The elected Mayor leads Hackney Council and appoints a cabinet of councillors tasked with overseeing specific areas of local authority services.

The successful candidate will be in post until 2018, when the next local elections are due to take place. Five candidates are vying for residents' votes. They are: Philip Glanville, Labour Party; Amy Gray, Conservative Party; Samir Jeraj, Green Party; Dawa Ma, One Love Party; and Dave Raval, Liberal Democrats.

The Mayor will be elected using the supplementary voting system, which means that residents have two votes: one for their first choice candidate, and one for their second choice. If, when all the first choice votes are

counted, one candidate has more than 50 per cent, they will be elected the Mayor of Hackney.

If no candidate has more than half of the votes however, the two with most first choice votes will remain in the election and all the others will be eliminated. The ballot papers for all the eliminated candidates will then be counted, with the second choice votes for the two remaining candidates added to their first round totals. The candidate with the most votes overall will then be elected Mayor of Hackney.

Polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm on 15 September and the count takes place the next day. All residents have been sent a booklet with details of candidates, their statements, and further information about voting. Poll cards have also been sent out, but residents do not need them in order to cast their vote.

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For more information, visit: www.hackney.gov.uk/elections

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Off the wall

A new wallball court opened next to the aquatic centre in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park last month for all the community to use

A NEW sporting activity has been launched in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to inspire residents to get active.

A wallball court, decorated by children from local schools, was officially opened next to the aquatic centre

on 6 August. The game is easy to pick up, with players hitting a ball against a wall with their hands. Daniel Grant, of

UK Wallball, said: "If you want an activity that's easy to access, easy to afford and easy to commit to, then wallball

is ideal." Free sessions run every Tuesday and Thursday, 2-4pm. For more info, visit: ukwallball.co.uk

News in brief

Volunteer to become a healthy lifestyle champion for families

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help Hackney and Haringey families at risk of having severely overweight children. Mentors are wanted to support families, with a child aged under five, to feel more confident and motivated to make healthy lifestyle changes. The move comes at a time when one in 10 children are obese by the time they start school. Healthy Start Family Mentors can advise parents who are struggling with making healthy lifestyle choices on how to budget; dealing with fussy eaters; and how to deal with children's challenging behaviour, especially at meal times. The charity Family Lives provides regular group and one-to-one supervision, and on-going skills development and training for all volunteers.

The five-day training is set to take place from 9.30am to 2.30pm on 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 November. Volunteers are expected to give up three to six hours a week.

For more info, or an application pack, call: **07591 212749**; or e-mail: kassandra.gordon@henry.org.uk



Healthy Hackney

GROUPS are being invited to propose creative ideas to improve health and wellbeing in Hackney.

Following the success of last year's Healthier Hackney Fund, which supported 24 innovative projects across the borough, the Council has set aside £250,000 for a new set of initiatives. The fund is open to voluntary, community and social enterprise groups, and there are three types of grants to bid for.

Healthy activities: projects that help communities to address the wider causes of obesity could receive up to £30,000.

Healthy ideas: projects that develop a new approach that encourages residents to listen to, understand and act upon health guidance could be in line for up to £12,000.

Healthy neighbourhoods: Kickstart initiatives that support health and

wellbeing in communities could be awarded a total of up to £1,000.

A launch event is set to take place at Arcola Theatre, Dalston, on 20 September, from 9am to 12noon. The drop-in session is an opportunity for people to learn more about the application process, timescales, and the aim of the grants.

Attendees will be able to meet staff from the Council's Public Health and Grants teams, discuss their proposals with each other and the potential for joint bids, and talk to organisations that secured funding in the past.

Dr Penny Bevan, Council Director of Public Health,

said: "The fund is a fantastic opportunity for organisations to create and test innovative new projects to help tackle many of the longstanding health issues faced by our residents.

"Each funding year has introduced projects that have really made an impact across Hackney's communities."

Applicants have until 4 November to submit an expression of interest. Projects will start from next April.

MORE INFO

For more info, and to register for the launch event, visit: www.hackney.gov.uk/healthier-hackney-fund

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