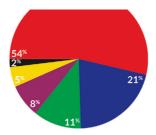
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Pho-bulous: Gillian Riley goes on a mission to make Vietnamese food. Photograph: Eleonore de Bonneval

Schools investigated over exams

Hackney primary schools are to be issued new guidance on exam protocol after investigations at two schools found that exam papers could have been tampered with, the Citizen can reveal.

Hackney Learning Trust was asked to investigate after a number of Key Stage 2 National Curriculum (SAT) papers taken last year were annulled by the Standards and Testing Agency (STA) due to "maladministration".

Investigation reports seen by the Citizen reveal that on two occasions, completed exam papers at De Beauvoir Primary School "could have been altered when they were left unattended".

At Southwold Primary School, exam papers were "likely to have been altered when they were in the Head of School's office" according to the investigation report.

Investigator Angela Scattergood

reported an "unnecessary delay in collating and bagging the papers" at Southwold and that several people had access to the exams' storage cupboard.

A governor at the school said that ridges appeared on the backs of some exam papers, which could indicate they had been written on while in a pile, after being handed in.

Scattergood was unable to determine culpability in either case, but concluded that "the procedures for collecting and sealing the papers were not thorough".

The reports recommend namedperson accountability in administering future SATs, and a designated governor to oversee the process. The schools will be subject to increased scrutiny by Ofsted and the STA.

Hackney Learning Trust has said that it will "offer advice to all schools in regards to administering the SATs process."

Female Archdeacon made Bishop

The Church of England has appointed Archdeacon of Hackney Rachel Treweek as its most senior female Bishop.

The Venerable Rachel Treweek, a former speech therapist, is to become the Bishop of Gloucester - the Church's first female Diocesan Bishop.

She is the third woman to be made Bishop after the Church of England formally adopted legislation at the end of last year to allow women to be ordained.

Following the announcement Rachel Treweek said: "It is an immense joy and privilege to be appointed as the Bishop of Gloucester."

The Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, Desmond Tutu, said: "I'm thrilled for you dear Rachel and I'm thrilled for the Diocese of Gloucester, for the Church of England, for the Church of God and for all of us. Yippee!"

Rise in moped muggings

Police are urging Hackney residents to be vigilant following a "significant increase" in moped muggings across the borough.

Approximately 60 motorbike robberies have taken place since the beginning of 2015, police confirmed.

Superintendent Andy Walker said: "These offences normally occur when people are walking down the street holding mobiles and other devices so I'd really encourage people to take care and be vigilant."

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