PATHWAYS AND EMPLOYABILITY NEWSLETTER

It was wonderful to welcome our students back to school after the Christmas break as we began a new term full of exciting events and opportunities for them to further develop their skills and competencies and explore how their curriculum learning links to our local community and the wider world.

Please find below details of the events and activities that students at The Hazeley Academy have engaged with this half term.

Year 7 - Speed Networking Event

Students in Year 7 spent a morning meeting with a range of employers from local businesses to help develop their skills and competencies and build confidence when meeting with external professionals. This represented the first opportunity for our Year 7 students to engage with external professionals at a networking event and we were incredibly proud of their achievements!



Year 8 - Speed Networking Event

Students in Year 8 spent a morning meeting with a range of employers from local businesses to help develop their skills and competencies and build confidence when meeting with external professionals. The feedback we received from employers was extremely positive and our students were a credit to the academy.

Year 8 - GCSE Preference Process

Students in Year 8 have been selecting their GCSE preference subjects and have completed activities on the Unifrog platform during form times. Unifrog is a great pathway planning tool and please do visit the site at the following address:- www.unifrog.org



Year 8 students have also met with their Form Tutors to discuss their GCSE preference choices, how these subjects link to the wider world and to reflect on the development of their skills and competencies.

We hope this support has allowed students to select their GCSE preference subjects with confidence!





Year 10 - Speed Networking Event

Students in Year 10 also attended a speed networking event during which they met with professionals from local business and again the feedback was fantastic! We hope this experience allows students to grow in confidence ahead of their work experience placements in May.

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<u>Year 10 – Anglian Water Project 24</u>

During January, The Hazeley Academy welcomed Anglian Water into school to engage with Year 10 students in their Project 24 initiative. This allowed our students to contribute their views to an Anglian Water review focused on issues such as the cost of water and investment in a sustainable future for the water industry.

Year 10 – University of Bedfordshire

A group of Year 10 students visited the University of Bedfordshire and took part in activities within the Faculty of Law where students engaged in debating whether a Jaffa Cake is actually a cake or a biscuit, which was hotly discussed! The afternoon was spent in the Sports Science Faculty where students learnt how to measure maximum velocity while exercising!



Year 11 - MK College Big Yellow Bus

We were delighted to welcome the MK College Big Yellow Bus to school in January which provided Year 11 students an opportunity to meet with professionals from the college and discover courses and apprenticeships.



Year 11 – 1:1 Pathways and Employability Guidance

Students in Year 11 continue to meet with Mrs Harris, Pathways and Employability Lead, to discuss their post-16 pathway planning. Please do contact Mrs Harris if you would like to discuss your child's next steps by emailing aharris@thehazeleyacademy.com.



SIXTH FORM

Year 12 - University of Oxford

A group of Year 12 students spent the day at Brasenose College, Oxford where they began to explore university life and the Early Entry university application process relating to the University of Oxford.

Year 13 -Post 18 Destinations

All students in Year 13 who would like to apply to university have now submitted their UCAS applications.

Students in the Year 13 Apprenticeship Support Group attended an event at Shenley Brook End School in January, where they met with professionals from Kirby Diamond, a local Chartered Surveyor and Rolls Royce who each gave a presentation regarding their organisations, related pathways and apprenticeship opportunities.

Later in January, a group of students form the Year 13 Apprenticeship Support Group attended an apprenticeship fair at Thornton College where they met with 23 employers including organisations such as the NHS, Unilever, Aston Martin, Morgan Sindall, Volkswagen and Network Rail.













Year 13 - Student Finance

During February, we were delighted to welcome the Student Finance team from the University of Bedfordshire to The Hazeley Academy to provide our Year 13 students with information regarding student finance.

CAREERS WEEK AND NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Careers Week and National Apprenticeship Week was celebrated at The Hazeley Academy during the week commencing 6 February and we were also delighted to share information regarding apprenticeships with our parent community.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our local business partners, our governors and trustees, partner education providers both locally and regionally and our parent community for supporting our students as they continue their pathway journey through the academy and become the best version of themselves.

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