



HOME LEARNING



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So, Here We Are Again...

I really didn't think I would be writing to you again in the midst of school closure and home learning...but here we are! Keeping positive may be a challenge as we look at the long weeks ahead of home learning. As I began teaching online this week, I expected my students to feel the same, but no! They were their normal, chirpy, jolly and funny selves, wanting to continue with learning as normal, even at a distance. From then, I knew I had a duty to make the best of this sorry situation for them, the people in my bubble and myself. Perhaps we can learn a lot from teenagers after all?!

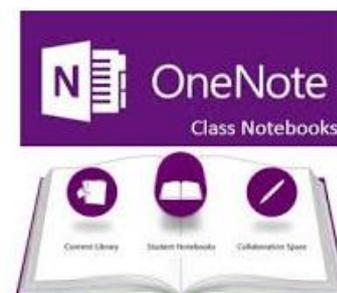


My focus of the next few weeks is to improve the quality of online lessons, learning what types of activities work best online and what doesn't. Please do keep in touch and let me know if you have any feedback.

Many thanks,
Gemma Williamson

Goodbye Exercise Books...Hello OneNote Class Notebooks

It has emerged that students need a central place where they can take notes and complete tasks. We are trialling a function called 'Class Notebook' in Microsoft Teams. Class Notebooks have a personal workspace for every student, a content library for handouts and a collaboration space for lessons and creative activities. This should help your child keep track of what they are working on between lessons. If you would like to know more, check [out this video](#).



Streamlining Our Day

We have simplified the timings of the school day to support families with multiple children learning online. From Monday 11th January 2021 lessons will take place at the following times:

	Start Time
Form Time and Registration	8.45am
Period 1	9.00am
Period 2	10.05am
Break Time	11.05am
Period 3	11.20am
Lunch Time	12.20pm
Period 4	1.20pm
Period 5	2.20pm
Period 6 - Sixth Form Only	3.15pm

Attendance

We are pleased to report that attendance to online lessons has been excellent. It is essential that students attend all of their online lessons. Your child's attendance will be recorded on Go4Schools. You will see the following codes:

- / Lesson has been attended
- N Lesson has not been attended
- L Students was late to lesson

If you need support with attendance, please email your child's tutor or attendance@thehazeleyacademy.com

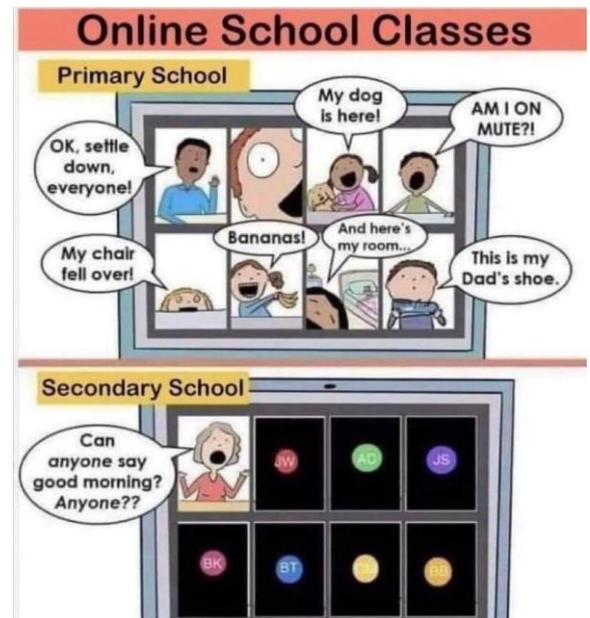
Hello From The Other side...

One of the challenges that teachers are facing whilst teaching online is student's reluctance to speak on during live lessons as they prefer to type in the chatbox. Class discussion is essential for learning as it helps students process information rather than passively receiving it. We are encouraging students to interact online similar to how they interact in class. However, it is understandable that talking online is awkward.

Some strategies we are using:

- Fun icebreakers
- Questions and quizzes
- Paired and group work, sometimes using breakout rooms
- Show and tell
- Feedback and sharing of work
- Discussion and debate

If you notice things are a little quiet, please encourage your child to interact to get the most out of their lessons.



Superb Distant Learning Points Are Back!



It's important that wherever possible, we recognise and acknowledge outstanding effort, attitude and quality of work completed. We will be rewarding students who are engaging excellently with home learning. Through Go4Schools, students will be awarded 'Superb Distant Learning Points'. On offer will be bronze, silver, gold and platinum certificates, along with personal communications home and prizes for highest earners.

Please support us by encouraging your child to work towards achieving these rewards!

Anti-Bullying

With the increased time students are spending online, the opportunity for individuals to engage in online bullying is greater. Stopping bullying in all forms is incredibly important so please reach out if your child is experiencing any negative communications online. Your child's form tutor or progress leader is available to support or alternative, please email worried@thehazeleyacademy.com.

For further information about online bullying, please go to [the NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk) or [UThingUKnow](https://www.uthinguknow.com).



... And Finally

Hopefully you have noticed a marked difference in the number of live, online lessons we are teaching. At times we may need to set different formats of online learning such as pre-recorded lessons, independent tasks and use of 3rd party providers such as [Oak National Academy](https://www.oaknationalacademy.com), [BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.com/education) and [Tutor2U](https://www.tutor2u.com). This work will be set in the event of staff sickness, supervision of small school and implementing mass testing.

Take care and stay safe,

Gemma Williamson