



Dear Parents and Carers,

8 July 2021

We hope that you are not feeling too bleary eyed after last night's football success.

Please find below some useful reminders and updates as we approach the final week of term.

### **Would you like to read the latest advice to help your child have fun and keep safe over the holidays?**

The long summer break is a great opportunity for young people to relax, try new things and spend time with their friends. Here are some tips for keeping your child safe:

- Support your child to stay safe online: [Staying safe online in the summer holidays – advice for parents and carers | Safer Internet Centre](#)
- Teach them how to stay safe while out and about: [Keeping children safe while out and about | nidirect](#)
- Know what to expect from Safeguarding at clubs and activities away from school, including paid work and volunteering: [Sports, clubs and other activities | NSPCC](#) ; [Keeping children safe at work | NSPCC](#)
- Be aware of resources to help if your child's mental health is low (serious concerns should go straight to the GP or A&E): [Home - Kooth](#)

If your child is struggling, the [worried@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:worried@thehazeleyacademy.com) email will be monitored throughout the summer.

### **Are you aware that the last day of term is a non-uniform day?**

To raise money for the House charities the last day of term (16<sup>th</sup> July) will be a non-uniform day for students and staff. Students should wear appropriate non-uniform and the recommended donation of £1 should be paid on Parent Pay. Please click here for more details - [The Hazeley Academy - HouseS](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss McKenzie - [lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com)

### **Have you remembered that the last day of term school finishes early?**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July students in year groups 7 - 10 will finish school at 1pm and Year 12 will finish at 12pm. Please make sure that students are collected promptly.

### **Are you playing your part making school journeys as smooth as possible?**



The current trial to the entrance and exit is working well so far and we thank parents for working with us. As always, we would strongly encourage all parents to try to not come into the carpark but to use the drop off points away from school, unless your child has a mobility issue - [PowerPoint Presentation \(thehazeleyacademy.com\)](#). Walking/cycling to school is a great way to start the day and good for children's mental health and well-being.

Punctuality is a vital life skill so we will continue to closely monitor this so please allow enough time for your journey so that increased traffic in the morning is not a reason your child is late to the Academy.

### Are you aware of the summer homework?

Your child will be set homework over the Summer holiday to help secure this term's learning and prepare them for the next academic year. Whilst it's essential that we all have some down-time over the Summer, we also want our students make a flying start in September. The Summer homework will be set on Microsoft Teams and tasks will be appropriate to your child's age. Year 7 and 8 should have circa 30 mins per subject; Year 9 and 10 students have roughly one hour per subject and Year 12 students have 3+ hours per subject. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Williamson if you need any support - [gwilliamson@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:gwilliamson@thehazeleyacademy.com)

### Do you know about the key proposed changes to the COVID measures in schools from September?

As you are aware we have this week received a government update concerning the return to school in September. The key changes are:

- The bubble system will no longer need to be in place.
- Under 18's will no longer need to self-isolate if they have been in contact with someone who tests positive, but they will be asked to complete a PCR test.
- All students will complete 2 on site lateral flow tests 3 to 5 days apart on their return.
- Face coverings will no longer be required in the Academy.
- Double vaccinated staff will no longer need to isolate if they are in contact with a positive case.
- Group assemblies can recommence.

If you would like to read the entire Government guidance you can use this link - Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))



As you would expect we are working quickly on the testing plan, but we believe we can deliver this with no changes to our current return plans which are:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September Year 7 and Year 12 return at 8.35am and are tested first thing in the morning.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 return at 8.35am and are tested first thing in the morning.

Thank you for working so closely with us, to help your child, and our community, become the best versions of themselves.

Kind regards

Miss Whiteman