

7th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are quickly approaching the last few weeks of the academic year, yet we have plenty of upcoming events and important information to share with you. Enjoy the sunshine!

Important information

End of Term

We finish this academic year at 1pm on Wednesday 20th July. If you are collecting your child, can you please make sure that they are collected promptly. On the last day of term students will be wearing non-uniform in return for a donation of £1 on Parent Pay. All donations will be going towards our four House charities which are MK Hospital Trust, RSPCA, MK Young Carers and Teenage Cancer Trust. Lessons 1 and 2 are as normal so students should bring their equipment. Any questions please contact lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com

Well-Being

In a bid to support our students over the summer our wellbeing@thehazeleyacademy.com email will be manned on weekdays. **This email address is taking over from the worried@thehazeleyacademy.com email.**

If a student has any concerns for the wellbeing of themselves or others, they can email on this address, and someone will get back to them.

We have also provided information for students with useful information regarding staying safe this summer.

[Summer Holiday Safety](#)

Increase in temperature

Due to the increase in temperature predicted for the next few weeks, students are permitted to wear their Hazeley PE kit to school until the end of term (non-uniform day on 20th July). Should students wish to wear PE kit, they must adhere to our uniform expectations which can be found here. [The Hazeley Academy - Uniform](#)

Dates for your diary

Year 10 - Silver DoE – 9th July

Over the weekend of 9th July, a large group of Year 10 students will be taking part on their three-day silver qualifying Duke of Edinburgh expedition in the Chiltern Hills. We wish them all the best of luck for this adventure.

Little Shop of Horrors - Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th July

Not long now until Little Shop of Horrors graces the Hazeley Skid Row Streets! Showings on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th July - Get your tickets for just £5 on ParentPay.

Year 10 - Golden Ticket Event – Wednesday 13th July

Over the last 6 weeks Year 10 have been working hard to achieve their golden ticket. This is a series of challenges to make sure that they enter Year 11 in the best position possible and fully prepared for the GCSE's. To celebrate those students who have achieved this we are hosting a golden ticket event during period 5 on Wednesday 13th July.

Cycling Citizens MK – 14th July

Here is the latest plan for the contests, awards, speakers and free hot snacks from Namji's, in the build-up to the [City Status Celebration Cycle Ride](#) leaving The Old Bus Station on Thursday 14th July at 6pm. MK residents are all invited to attend and enjoy the free events.

Eid Lunch - 18th July

The Hazeley Academy is offering an extended Eid lunch with a visiting Imam to speak on 18th July between 12.40 and 2.10pm. This has been organised with colleagues in school for Eid-ul-Adha, one of the most celebrated festivals in Islam, a festival that remembers some great historical events in the Islamic Calendar and occurs during the sacred hajj (pilgrimage to Makkah). Students are welcome to bring their own food for lunch or can collect their lunch from the canteen and bring to the gym and there will also be snacks available provided by staff. There will be recital from the Qu'ran followed by a talk and there will be Islamic songs and a presentation on the topic of sacrifice and how this links in with education and its importance. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com

Art Showcase – 19th July

Please be reminded of our Hazeley Art Showcase on the 19th July from 4-6.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

General messages

Preloved uniform

Due to the overwhelming success of displaying our preloved uniform at the transition evening, we have no stock left. If you are updating your child's uniform before we close for the summer or during the summer holiday, please consider donating the old uniform to enable us to replenish our stock. This is a service that many families are finding so useful and also plays a part in caring for our environment.

Uniform for next academic year

We intend to continue to allow students to attend school in full PE kit, if they have PE on that day, but we do expect that all other times they are wearing full uniform. You can find full details on our uniform, and how to place orders with our uniform supplier here [The Hazeley Academy - Uniform](#). When making purchases for items such as trousers, skirts or footwear, please refer to our uniform guidance as this will avoid purchases that don't adhere to our uniform and thus need changing in September.

Year 8 Drop Down Day – Life Skills

For the summer Life Skills day, we had the opportunity to have face to face sessions with visiting guest speakers including:

- Smith Jenkins - an independent town planning and heritage consultancy based in Milton Keynes and London. They discussed environment and planning issues and also about careers in town planning as a broad area of expertise.
- Bridgebuilder Trust – a charity that has been supporting schools and teaching pupil's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, exploring positive values in accessible and memorable ways and they encouraged pupils to explore their own values and beliefs by thinking through themes such as fear, honesty, peer pressure, generosity, respect, friendship and self-esteem, empowering them to build good character.
- MK Council – looking at sustainable travel and climate issues.
- Parks Trust – exploring natural environments in and around Milton Keynes.
- African & Caribbean Arts & Heritage Union – discussing Windrush.
- Rare breeds farm livestock – Mr Wright brought in his rare breed sheep and talked through animal welfare.

Careers Information Education Advice and Guidance (CIEAG)

CIEAG in schools is judged against the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks. In a recent review we scored 100% in 7 out of 8 of these benchmarks and 87% in the final one; this is due to us making a conscious decision to prioritise the quality of the advice and support that our students get, rather than going for quantity to tick a box. A table of the proportion of schools meeting each benchmark nationally is below.

Benchmark	National
1 A stable careers programme	27%
2 Learning from labour market information	52%
3 Addressing the needs of each pupil	25%
4 Linking curriculum learning to careers	45%
5 Encounters with employers and employees	58%
6 Experiences of workplaces	52%
7 Encounters with further and higher education	30%
8 Personal guidance	61%

Extracurricular Next Academic Year

We appreciate your time to complete the parent survey, and overall, the responses for Extracurricular shows that it supports the Academy's vision whilst promoting the opportunities for our students to demonstrate and practice their 5Cs. However, as always Hazeley strives to be a better version of ourselves, raising the bar and look for new ways to improve. Next academic year Extracurricular will go through a re-brand and will be re-named Period 6 (P6 for short).

Next Academic year will be:

- Rebranding and promoting the profile
- Looking at alternative ways students sign up to clubs and sessions
- Recognising students' participation by awarding P6 stamps in planners
- Welcoming the chance to work with the local community to provide a wider range of activities for our students.
- Exploring 6th form student lead clubs, which will build stronger links between the key stage's whilst provide valuable volunteering opportunities for the older year groups.
- Welcome parents/careers to support with P6 provisions.

How can you help? Could it be that you have a hidden talent, a hobby you wish to share or are already deliver a community club that you could introduce to Hazeley (scouts, sports, arts etc)? Do you have fond memories of clubs that you attended when at school and want to share the passion?

If you wish to support the growth of our students through Hazeley P6 and this is something that interests you, please do not hesitate to contact: lazenby@thehazeleyacademy.com for more information.

Future planning

With exams ending, many pupils will be preparing to take their next step into further academic studies or the workplace – which we know can be confusing and feel a bit daunting.

Throughout the summer, the National Careers Service is running a series of webinars for parents and carers of young people who are expecting their exam results this August. They will be able to learn more about how to support their children with advice about choices and careers, including useful information sources, advice for results day and a Q&A with a panel of experts.

The webinars schedule is now available https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/exam-results-101-what-you-need-to-know-as-parents-and-carers-tickets-342681428377?aff=TeacherBulletin?utm_source=28%20June%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Ending Period Poverty

The Hazeley Academy is attempting to remove the stigma and reduce period poverty for their community. Please find a link for further details. [Ending Period Poverty](#)

Kind regards,
Miss T Whiteman