



9th September 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope that your child/ren have had a lovely start to the term, it's certainly been a pleasure to welcome them to the academy or back for their next year with us. Thank you in advance for taking the time to read, digest and act upon the key messages in this bumper parental update, which contains a lot of important information including upcoming events. The closer we can work together, the more your child will gain from their experience at Hazeley and the stronger our community can grow.

Year group specific messages

Year 7 - Welcome to the year ahead – Thursday 23rd September

We are delighted to finally meet parents and carers of our new intake. There is an opportunity to attend a short presentation from the Principal and Progress Leader to find out more about Hazeley, alongside a 5-minute appointment with your child's new form tutor. All Year 7 parents and carers will receive further information and their appointment time shortly.

Year 7 - Parental online workshop – Wednesday 15th September 6pm until 7pm

Would you like to know how to support your student's use of technology at home? We use Microsoft tools including Teams, Office, and OneNote. During this session, we'll have a quick tour of how we use these tools with students and discuss how you can support your students with homework. We'll also explain how you can get weekly updates of student assignments via Teams. Please complete the online booking form to reserve a space [Online booking form](#). The day before the event you will receive a MS Teams invite. If you have any questions about this session, feel free to email Mrs Harrier-Wilson, jharrier-wilson@thehazeleyacademy.com

Year 11 - Welcome to the year ahead online event – Tuesday 14th September 6pm until 7pm

As Year 11 move into their most critical school year, we would like to share with you the rhythm of the year and how we can work in partnership to support your child through to their GCSE's and beyond.

Please complete the booking form to reserve a space for this online event [Year 11 - Welcome to the year ahead - Online event](#).

You will receive a MS Teams invite to join this event the day before the event.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Gardner ngardner@thehazeleyacademy.com

Year 12 - Welcome to the year ahead - Monday 20th September 6pm until 7pm

As Year 12 start their KS5 journey, we would like to share with you the expectations, routines, and rhythm of the year as well as how you can support your child's smooth transition into sixth form and ensuring they continue to develop their independence. This will be a face- to-face event, please complete the booking form if you plan to attend this



event - [Year 12 Welcome to the Year Ahead](#). If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact sixthform@thehazeleyacademy.com

General messages

Go4schools

If you are a first time user of Go4Schools you will need to register as a first-time user on the website [GO 4 Parents and Guardians \(go4schools.com\)](#). The email address will be the one we have on file for you. If you have any issues, please email data@thehazeleyacademy.com. The how to guide was also sent to parents/carers on Wednesday 8th September.

Parent Pay

The finance department have sent the Parent Pay activation letters containing activation details and instructions to enable the setup of parent pay accounts to the new year 7 parents. If you have not received this email or have any queries with regards to Parent Pay, please email finance@thehazeleyacademy.com

Homework

Summer homework is due on Friday 10th September. Students can find their assignments by clicking on the backpack button on Microsoft Teams. If your child need support logging on to Microsoft Teams, please email ITS@thehazeleyacademy.com

Year 12 summer homework can be [found here](#).

If your child needs any support with homework, please ask them to discuss it with their subject teacher.

Travel to school

We strongly encourage students to walk or cycle to and from the Academy. This helps to reduce congestion for the community and allows students to take some exercise; it also develops independence and strengthens friendship bonds. If you do have to travel by car, we ask you to be mindful of the surrounding community and residents by using the designated drop off zone only. More details can be found on the following link [drop off points](#). Our carpark is quiet from 3.35pm if your child wishes to use the L Zone after school.

L Zone

We are thrilled to announce that the library is back, bursting with books and better than ever! The library is a welcoming space for students to lose themselves in a good book or to work independently. We have a wide range of books both in the library and on our ePlatform so there is sure to be something they'll enjoy. The ePlatform can be accessed here: [The Hazeley Academy ePlatform](#)



Within the school day, Y7 to Y9 take part in the Accelerated Reader programme and will have an English lesson in the library once a fortnight. If you have any questions about Accelerated Reader or would like to know how it works, you can access information here: [Parents-Guide-to-Renaissance.pdf \(renlearn.co.uk\)](#)

When the library is not being used for Accelerated Reader sessions, it is open at break and lunch times so that students can come and return, reissue or choose a book to read – if the sign outside is green, then this means it we are open!

After school, the library is available for students in all year groups to read, quiz or work on their homework independently until 4.15pm. We love to make our library a peaceful and purposeful space, so students should make sure they have plenty of work to keep them busy when they're with us after school. We look forward to seeing our students back and sharing what they've been reading!

PE Kit updates and reminders

Students are to wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE. If they do not have PE but are taking part in a club after school, they need to bring their kit to school and get changed after 3.15pm. If the lessons are:

- Inside- there will be no need to change
- Outside but stay dry- there will be no need to change
- Outside and in the event they get wet/dirty- Students may need to change into spare clothes which match the Hazeley PE kit. (Plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts, socks, and trainers.) This means that if they get wet, they can change into warm, dry clothing and be comfortable in the remaining lessons.

V2 Grid Road

The council have started the consultation process on the adaptations to the V2 grid road which runs outside Hazeley. If you want to share your thoughts and comments, click [here](#) before the end of September.

Twice weekly testing at home – New test kits

We have home testing kits to be provided to your child, to enable them to continue testing throughout September. Please note that the new tests are nasal only testing kits. Full instructions are provided in the box. If you have the previous testing kits at home you are still able to use these, using them as instructed (nasal and throat swab)

At Hazeley we love routine, so we suggest getting into a pattern of testing on Sunday night/ Monday morning and Wednesday night/ Thursday morning. On Monday and Thursday morning, Tutors will be asking if testing has been completed and we will have a small testing site available in R2L during form time on these mornings should anyone need to complete their test in school. This is vital to make sure we keep the school community as safe as possible. Please find updated guidance from MK Council for Parents/Carers regarding suspected or confirmed cases attached to the main email.



Upcoming events

School photographs – Monday 13th September

On Monday 13th we welcome our school photographers into the academy to take all students school photographs. Details of how parents/carers can purchase a copy of these will be included in a future school communication.

DEAR day – Monday 20th September

On Monday 20th September during period 5, our students will be Dropping Everything And Reading (DEAR!) This is a great Hazeley tradition where students have one hour to read for pleasure, no matter what lesson they're in. They can bring a book, comic book, magazine, or newspaper from home (no phones, please) or can visit the library during the week leading up to DEAR day to get book recommendations and choose something that excites them.

Open Evening 2021 - Tuesday 28th September.

We will once again be holding our annual Open Evening for prospective families and therefore will be closing early at 2.15pm on this day. Please make alternative arrangements for students getting home on this afternoon should you need to.

And finally, please follow us on social media. It is a great way to keep in touch and see photos, updates, and reminders.

Twitter - [@hazeleyacademy](https://twitter.com/hazeleyacademy)

Facebook - [The Hazeley Academy Parent Portal](#)

YouTube [Hazeley YouTube](#)

Thank you again for taking the time to read these important updates. Please note that main communications home can be found on our website here: [The Hazeley Academy - School Communications](#)

Kind regards,

Miss T Whiteman
Senior Deputy Principal