



23rd September 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read, digest and act upon the key messages in this, another bumper parental update, full of important information including upcoming events.

The closer we can work together, the more your child can gain from their experience at Hazeley and the stronger our community can grow.

Year Group Specific Notices

Year 8 – 13 parental online workshop – Wednesday 29th September 6pm-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 reminder 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 [Year 8-13 Online workshop booking form](#)

The day before you will receive a MS Teams invite to join the event. If you have any questions about this session, feel free to email Mrs Harrier-Wilson, jharrier-wilson@thehazeleyacademy.com.

Revision guides for Y9,10 and 11 students

We know that lots of parents like to purchase revision guides to support their children's GCSE studies but there are many on sale and not all are appropriate for the specific GCSE/BTEC's your child is studying. To help you with this process we have reviewed what is currently available, and our subject teams have made their suggestions of the best ones that are on the market. We are also able to offer parents the opportunity to buy these through parent pay as we can get substantial reductions if we buy in bulk. This list can be found on parent pay under revision guides and if we could ask that you place any order by 8th October so we can order them and distribute them to your child hopefully before half term.

Year 11 Parents Evening – Thursday 7th October

Year 11 parents please visit <https://hazeley.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointments.

Appointments can be made **from 6pm on Thursday 23rd September** and the booking system will close on **Thursday 7th October 2021** at 10am. If you have any queries regarding the online booking system, please contact parentsevening@thehazeleyacademy.com who will be happy to help.

Dates for your diary

Safeguarding information – Monday 27th September



Safeguarding remains at the forefront of what we do at Hazeley. We're excited to remind you about the visit of the 2 Johns, 2 former police detectives and experts in e-safety. They'll be completing an hour's training with each year group before offering a presentation for parents after school. Please note that this event is now being held online. A link to join the event will be sent separately.

Academy Open Evening - Tuesday 28th September

We are pleased to be hosting our annual Academy Open Evening where we expect a high turn out of visitors once again. As in previous years, we are closing early at 2.10pm for this. Please make arrangements for students to leave the academy at this time. Please note that the L Zone and extra-curricular clubs will not be running on this evening. This year we are putting in additional measures to reduce the volume of people involved in the evening, including less students participating, an earlier start time of 4.30pm and an additional presentation. (4.45pm,5.30pm,6.15pm & 7.00pm) to reduce the high volume of people at one time, including a booking system for attending a presentation and encouraging only immediate family members to attend. If you are planning on attending with a younger sibling, please consider restricting this to a maximum 2 adults, one child. The booking form can be found on our website.

Drop down day information – Wednesday 13th October

After having had to cancel many plans over the last 18 months, next month sees the welcome return of our Drop Down Days. On these days we suspend the normal timetable to provide educational opportunities to broaden the curriculum and offer experiences in ways that would not be possible within the normal school day. We will of course be keeping a careful eye on the local and national picture to ensure that the day is safe for all students and staff. The table shows the area of focus for each year group.

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
Castles Trip	MFL Experience	Life skills and Wellbeing	Metacognition and Magenta	Option Block Day	Careers- day with Pro-Active	Financial Sense

Reminders of key Hazeley Routines

Continue home testing

As you are aware we have had the expected rise in positive cases within the Academy. This is in line with most other secondary schools in Milton Keynes. One of the best defences to keep everyone safe is the continuation of twice weekly testing. Please can we strongly encourage you to keep up with this practice. We suggest that Sunday night and Wednesday morning as a routine.

Extra-curricular

The Hazeley Academy are delighted to offer a range of different activities for our extra-curricular clubs this year. We encourage all year groups to sign up for at least one club or even try out something new that they haven't tried



before. As part of our vision of the 5Cs (Confidence, Creativity, Character, Community and Contributing) we believe that extra-curricular activities boost young people's confidence, not only to interact socially with others and extend their social networks but also to provide them with new skills and abilities to widen their horizons. Above all, they offer an important space to have fun and relax away from the pressures of schoolwork. Year 7 and Year 8 also have a 5C Passport in their planner which can be stamped every time that they attend a club. PE extra-curricular is already underway and all other clubs start on Monday 27 September, to attend the clubs all students need to do is attend and they will be added to the register. If you have any queries or want to add your child to the register in advance or have any questions, please contact the member of staff running the club whose email is shown on the poster found here - [The Hazeley Academy - Extra Curricular](#) Any other queries please contact lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com

Just a reminder that due to **Open Evening on Tuesday 28 September**, there will be no extra-curricular activities on that date.

School Lockdown Procedure

School Lockdown is a procedure necessary in school should we have an emergency. We have reflected on our practise and will be doing a drill for this in the near future, the aim of this is to build familiarity with the process for all staff and students should the need arise. Form tutors will be delivering a session on this prior to the drill to ensure everyone is ready and clear with what their role is.

Updates

V2 Updates

We wrote to you at the start of the term informing you that the council have started the consultation process and if you want to share your thoughts and comments you should click [here](#) before the end of September.

I wanted to share with you that as a school we have requested:

- Our preference would be for an additional underpass to be built allowing the safest possible safe access. Although we appreciate that this may not be a viable option due to cost
- We would encourage the speed limit to be reduced to 20mph outside of the school and 30mph on adjacent roads
- If there is no underpass built, then on the Portway side, there should also be advance warning of the Puffin crossing as this is sighted on a bend.
- In terms of project implementation, it is critical to ensure key works affecting the main access to and from the school are completed during the 6-week summer break.

Importantly as a school and local community we know that we can reduce any risks by encouraging our students to use the existing V2 underpass which leads out of the school near the canteen, directly onto the redway network.



We also know that we can reduce traffic further by supporting and encouraging as many of our families as possible to walk or cycle using the redways and where this is not possible to use the drop off points a short distance from the Academy. More details can be found on the following link [drop off points](#). If you really must drive and use the car park, please be courteous to our residents and each other.

Curriculum Update

Over the last two years our subject leaders have been working hard on the curriculum that we offer to our students. The pandemic has helped to focus attention on what makes the biggest difference. We firmly believe in a holistic curriculum that ensures that our students can see how knowledge and skills fits in with prior experience and the wider context of the world around them. We are in the process of updating our website to reflect the hard work that has gone on and the impact it is already having in the classroom. In future communications we will be spotlighting different areas of the curriculum and highlighting the journeys that your children can embark on in the different subjects at Hazeley.

Recruitment

The better the staff we have at Hazeley, the better your child's education. The Hazeley Academy are recruiting. We have several exciting opportunities become available. Please follow the link for more information. [The Hazeley Academy, Teaching Jobs & Education Jobs | MyNewTerm](#)

Vaccination programme for schools

Please see the attached link to the updated Government guidance concerning the vaccination programme for children and young people. We currently have no further details of when this programme will take place, but we will update you as soon as we receive this information. [Vaccination Programme Guidance](#)

Thank you for working with us

Miss Whiteman
Senior Deputy Principal