



7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## Year Group Specific Notices

### **Year 11, 12 and 13 Examinations in 2022**

You may have seen in the news that the government has announced its plans for examinations this academic year. The link to the full document is below but the key points to help us to work in partnership to support your children are:

- Some subjects will have a choice of content in the exams-this will be published at the latest on the 7<sup>th</sup> February
- There have been amendments around those subjects that have practical elements to their course
- Maths and science will have formulae available for students
- Overall results will be approximately halfway between those from last year and those in 2019

We appreciate the last point may raise some concerns for some students so we will be making sure that we support your children to plan effective revision in this context and will keep them and you updated as information about the content is released by the exam boards. <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022/outcome/decisions-proposed-changes-to-the-assessment-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2022#summary-of-decisions>

### **Year 11 PPE exams – Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Please find important information regarding Year 11 PPE exams attached to the main email.

### **Revision guides for Year 9,10 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 8<sup>th</sup> October so we can order them and distribute them to your child hopefully before half term.

### **Year 10 - Work Experience Change of Dates - 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

To enable students to have more time to find their own placements and to have more local businesses in a position to be able offer placements we are moving the original dates to those above. Further information will be distributed directly to parents of Year 10 students.

## Dates for your diary

### **Sixth Form Open Evening 4<sup>th</sup> November 5:30pm- 7:45pm**

An opportunity for our Year 11 students and their parents to find out more about what our sixth form has to offer, as well as an opportunity to speak to staff and current sixth form about their potential subject choices. Applications will open on this evening.



### Reminder – INSET day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Students will finish school for this term on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 3.15 pm as Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October is a staff inset day. All students will return to the Academy at 8.35am on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

### Drop Down Day (DDD) - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Unfortunately, as covid figures in the area are high, on the advice of Public Health it has been necessary to postpone this for all year groups except Year 7 where The Warwick Castle trip will go ahead.

### Updates

#### **The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Household Support Fund**

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has established a new £500 million [Household Support Fund](#) to help the hardest-hit families and individuals with daily needs such as food, clothing and utilities. The fund is being run by Local Authorities in England. You can find more information on support for vulnerable families over winter. Further details on the Household Support Fund will be available on DWP's website in due course.

#### **Covid-19 Vaccines for 16–17-Year-olds**

16- and 17-Year-olds can now use the online booking service for their COVID-19 vaccine. The Department of Health and Social Care announced on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September that all 16 and 17 year olds can now book their first COVID-19 vaccination appointment [online](#).

Young people aged 16 and 17 can:

- [book their COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#) for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy
- [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#) to get vaccinated without needing an appointment

If students cannot book appointments online, they can call 119 free of charge. They can speak to a translator if they need to. Further information can be found on the [NHS website](#).

#### **NHS Careers Week - October Half Term - Virtual Workshops**

MK University Hospital are offering a series of workshops during the October Half Term focusing on the following areas:

- **Research and Development Nursing**  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October - 12pm – 1pm
- **Pharmacy Team**  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October – 12pm -1pm
- **Learning & Development & Work Experience**  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October – 12pm – 1pm
- **Therapies and Physio Team**  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October – 12pm -1pm
- **Radiography & Imaging Team**  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October – 12pm – 1pm



Workshops are free to attend and are open to students in all year groups. Please contact Lauren Handley to book a place by emailing [lauren.handley@mkuh.nhs.uk](mailto:lauren.handley@mkuh.nhs.uk)

### Keeping uniform standards and comfort high

We love the differences and richness that everyone brings to Hazeley, at the same time our dress code helps unite us. We want our students to be smart and comfortable so as winter draws in and the need for keeping ventilation high remains, we would like to take the opportunity to remind you that plain black jumpers are an optional part of the uniform code and that many students choose to wear a vest or t-shirt under their shirt. If the weather does get very cold staff will of course allow students to wear coats in classrooms. Thank you for your support.

### Safe travel to/from school

We would appreciate it if you could assist us with reminding your son/daughter of these important safety tips when walking or cycling, especially when it gets dark early:

- Always try and walk or cycle with a friend/ family member, in pairs or groups
- Always be vigilant and aware of your surroundings - do not wear earphones or have your phone on show
- Being aware of what time that are due home or if they are staying late school that it is communicated
- If you are ever concerned for your immediate safety don't hesitate to call 999 and "say what you see"; calls are recorded, and it can help you get immediate advice/support
- ALWAYS report anything suspicious
- Please call 101 and report any suspicious incidents and contact the school to inform us too.

As we approach the winter months, we know it's very tempting to take the option of driving your child to school. If you do need to drive to the academy, please be considerate of our local community whilst also being aware of our disabled parking spaces. These spaces are essential for our students, parents, and visitors. We always encourage our students to walk and cycle to school for mental and physical wellbeing as well as trying to reduce our carbon footprint. We have an increased number of spaces to secure bikes safely and all students have lockers in which they can place their coats for the day once they arrive at school.

### Term dates - update

Due to the extra bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022, schools and academies have been directed to amend their 2021/2022 term dates as the event falls during half term.

Please note that the academy will now close for summer on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022, rather than Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Senior Deputy Principal