



21st October 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope your child has had an enjoyable and productive first half term of 2021-22. From my perspective it has been wonderful to see them rise to the challenges and seize so many opportunities. We hope that this week's update gives you the information you need to help this, not only to continue but accelerate further. We also hope that you enjoy the end of term celebratory newsletter which can be accessed here: [Celebration Newsletter October 2021](#)

Thank you for working with us.

Miss Whiteman
Senior Deputy Principal

Year Group Specific Notices

Year 11 - Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 4th November - 5:30pm- 7:45pm

Sixth Form Open Evening is 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 students about their potential subject choices.

Applications will open on this evening. Please use the following link to book a slot for one of our two talks at either 5:45pm or 6:45pm. [The Hazeley Academy - Sixth Form Open Evening 2021](#)

If you select the 6:45pm talk, please allow time to look around the subject areas prior to this, as the evening finishes at 7:45pm and there will be limited time after this talk.

We would ask that to support keeping the community safe that you limit attendance to one parent per student and that you both take a lateral flow test prior to attending.

Year 11 - Study hub

We are delighted to be able to open the Year 11 study hub again from Monday 1st November. This will now be in Q2 and allow Year 11 to stay after school Monday – Thursday between 3.15 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. It is a supported quiet environment to study for their exams, there are revision resources available and healthy snacks provided.

Year 7 - PR1

Please find attached a helpful guide that will show how to use Go4Schools. This is a website (the app doesn't work for the school) which can be used on any device that has a browser eg. phone, tablet, laptop, PC. The first progress review report will come out on approximately Wednesday 10th November. Please do not hesitate to email data@thehazeleyacademy.com any queries you have about how to use Go4Schools. If you have a query about a grade, please email the teachers or subject leaders and they will do their best to assist you. The user guide will be attached to the main email received.



Year 7 - Calling all Year 7 Mathematicians!

In the past the Maths Department at Hazeley have successfully nominated students to take part in a series of masterclasses run by the Talent-Ed charity, supported by Simon Singh (Author of 'The Simpsons and their Mathematical Secrets' and 'Fermat's Last Theorem'). This year Talent-Ed is looking for students in Year 7 to take part in a series of webinars, from which they will identify talented mathematicians and offer further support to develop their problem solving skills.

If you are interested in learning more about this and you think your child would like to take part, please follow the link below. The Maths department would love to hear from you if you are going to join this programme and if you are successful! <https://www.talent-ed.uk/parents-and-students>

(The programme is run externally by the charity Talent-Ed, who will be able to offer guidance and advice on their website surrounding this opportunity.)

Dates for your diary

Reminder – INSET day on Friday 22nd October

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

Year 10 - Work Experience Change of Dates – 13th- 17th June

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.

Updates

Testing over October half term.

The current advice from the Government is students should continue to test twice – weekly over the half term and take a Lateral Flow Test the night before they return to the Academy after the break. Your child will be bringing home another set of testing kits from school today.

Covid procedures for the new half term

We would like all students and staff to return in November with reusable face coverings, these are still being worn in communal areas unless they have exemptions. We will also for the first week back continue the twice weekly testing in school and then review the impact of the half term on the number of cases within school.



Covid vaccinations

These will take place on Tuesday 9th November and are **for students aged 12 –15 only** on this date. Therefore, some Y7 and Y11 are outside this criterion. **Please do not complete the form if your child is aged 11 or 16 (as of the 9th November).**

Any parent who wishes to have their child vaccinated on this date must fill in the E consent form (found in the letter linked below) by 5pm on the 4th November 2021. As a school we are merely hosting the location of this event therefore we do not have access to this form, so any consents after this time and date will not be used and your child will not be vaccinated. If you have any queries concerning this, please liaise directly with the medical team on the phone number listed on the letter found here [Vaccination Letter incl consent form](#)

The Secretary of State for Education and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care have written a [joint letter](#) to parents about the vaccination of children aged 12 to 15 and the importance of continuing with twice-weekly COVID-19 testing and reporting. Alongside the letter are some [frequently answered questions for parents](#), from Dr Mary Ramsay, Head of Immunisation. A copy of the letter is [available to download](#)

October Half Term Support for Free School Meals

We are pleased to announce that Milton Keynes Council has secured additional funding for the MK COVID Holiday Help Scheme which means that students eligible for free school meals will receive an e-voucher for October half term. The value of the voucher is £15 per child.

As before, the voucher will be provided by the Edenred scheme so many of you will be familiar with the system. By the end of the week, you should receive an email from EDENRED that will give you access to an e-code. This can then be changed into an eGift card (an online voucher), which you can use in the following supermarkets: Morrisons • Tesco • Sainsbury's • Asda • Waitrose • M&S food • McColl's • Aldi

For further information on the scheme and your questions answered please click on the link <https://www.edenred.co.uk/reward-recipient/Free-School-Meal-Vouchers/>

If you have any queries relating to the issuing of vouchers, please email finance@thehazeleyacademy.com

Prior to contact us please could we ask that:-

- You check all email accounts for your Priority 1 contacts
- Check your junk mail
- Read the FAQ sheet in the link above – this should answer most of your queries
- If your problem relates to using the e-code after its issued, please contact freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com



Safety

Following the E-Safety training that the school received from 'The 2Johns' we hope that some of the advice about sharing details and images online has been taken. Further information can be found at [Home - eSafety Training](#) with some helpful videos of their online presentation on YouTube, just search for The2Johns.

'Squid Game' on Netflix seems to have taken the world by storm. Just a gentle reminder regarding BBFC Certification of TV and film. Netflix rates it at a 15-certificate due to the gore, violence and intense scenes. Please make a carefully considered decision before allowing your children to watch anything with a guided certification.

During staff inset day on 22nd October, staff will be receiving training on our Sexual Respect agenda, this comes off the back of Ofsted's 'Review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges'. We hope to make a culture where students feel safe, supported and happy with a confidence to report any issue that may arise.

Curriculum update

We have been updating our website so that it reflects the hard work that our subject leaders have been doing throughout the pandemic to improve the curriculum that we deliver to our students. You will find some new documentation on the subject curriculum pages that will hopefully help you to understand the learning journey your child is on.

The curriculum plans give a detailed breakdown of the content in each unit, broken down into knowledge and skills to be learned and developed. Those under the Core heading will lead to secure outcomes for students. Those under Hinterland are the concepts that add the richness to our curriculum, provide context or a wider understanding of the subject and aim to provide further interest and excitement about the subject.

The curriculum journey documents are also displayed in classrooms and aim to give an understanding of how each unit of the curriculum fits into the wider picture of your child's learning. We also want them to give a sense of the connections between the different units studied and how they are building on their previous learning. We would welcome constructive feedback on this new documentation and how we can make it more accessible.

Red stamps

Please spend some time over the break looking at your son/daughter's planner and praise the collection of stamps and lack of behaviour codes. Where you see a red stamp – this is when they have done something 'over and above' in the lesson. They are hard to come by and we never give them out to whole classes. If you see them, please acknowledge it. Starting next term, we are introducing Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum certificates to recognise students' monumental efforts in lessons.

Attendance

Despite some bumpy times with Covid this term, it's important to recognise that attendance at Hazeley, still remains above National Average figures. We are delighted with this. As a reminder, if you do need to contact



ourselves with attendance matters, please phone 01909 555633 or email attendance@thehazeleyacademy.com before 9.00am.

And finally, we hope that you and your family have a lovely half term break and look forward to sharing the next term with you.

Kind regards

Miss Whiteman
Senior Deputy Principal