



November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for taking the time to read our latest Updates and Reminders communication. It is full of important updates, reminders, celebrations, and notices from the local community.

Year Group Specific Messages

Year 12/ Y13 Parents Evening 2nd December

All Sixth Form students will receive their progress review, via Go4Schools on 29th November, following on from this we have the opportunity for students and parents to discuss their progress and next steps in each of their subjects in more detail through the online Parents Evening on Thursday 2nd December. For Year 12 students this is a time to hear about the start they have made to Sixth Form, whilst for Year 13 students a time to discuss the steps they need to take over the final 6 months of their time at Hazeley. If you have not yet signed up, please use the following link to access the booking system. <https://hazeley.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Year 7 child development

Please find an exciting update regarding Child Development for Year 7 - [Year 7 Child Development](#)

Year 7,9 and 10 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Maths)

Within the focus week commencing on the 6th of December, students will be considering how the skills and knowledge learnt within the different STEAM subject areas overlap to support their understanding of transferable skills. To help support the students further we are offering several after school activities for students to participate in. There is no need to book and all after school STEAM events are free.

Monday: 30mins Online Teams Talk by an external guest speaker from **FCDO Services** who are a government department that protects the UK interests around the world. Start time is 4pm and will be online via the Ed channel in Teams.

Tuesday: 30mins Online Teams Talk by an external guest speaker from Network Rail at 4pm via Ed Channel in Teams.

Wednesday: DT STEAM club in E09 starting at 3:15pm till 4pm.

Thursday: Textiles STEAM club in E10 and Dramatic Scientist STEAM club in F1, both starting at 3:15 pm till 4pm.

We hope that your son/daughter enjoys the STEAM focus week and the after-school sessions available. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Lazenby on Llazenby@thehazeleyacademy.com



Year 11 revision books

We are starting to use a fantastic book in form time with Year 11 which has lots of useful revision tips and strategies in preparation for the examinations. If your child would like to have a copy to use at home, we have been able to secure a big reduction in cost from the suppliers if we place a bulk order. The book is CGP 'How to revise' and it should be £4.95 but through parent pay we can purchase for you for £2.00. If you would like to purchase one for your child, please place the order on parent pay by 13th December and we will order them for you.

Important messages

Forward planning for a home learning (snow day) if necessary

At the Hazeley Academy we always like to be prepared in advance for any situation, so we are sharing with you now our snow day plans. As parents/carers please can we ask you to check that your child would have a suitable device to be able to actively engage in lessons if a home learning day was necessary. We have devices available to loan to any families that may need them. You can contact our IT team on itsupport@thehazeleyacademy.com and they will be able to support you. Please take some time to read the attached guide about how the structure of the day would run. [Snow Day Plan](#)

Vaccination Update

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation issues advice on second dose of COVID-19 vaccination for 16- to 17-year-olds

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has advised that [all healthy 16 to 17 year olds should be offered a second dose of the Pfizer vaccine](#). The decision is based on a review of the latest evidence and has been accepted by the Government.

The second vaccine dose should be given 12 weeks or more following the first vaccine dose. For those in this age group who have had the COVID-19 infection, the second vaccine dose should be given 12 weeks or more following the first vaccine dose, or 12 weeks following a positive COVID-19 test result – whichever is later. Those 'at risk' will continue to be offered a second dose 8 weeks after their first dose.

16- and 17-year-olds will not be vaccinated through the schools' programme, but through vaccination centres, community pharmacies and GP led primary care network sites. The national booking service is now available for 16- and 17-year-olds to book their vaccine. [Book or manage a 1st or 2nd dose of the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine](#)

Consultation Admission Arrangements September 2023 - The Hazeley Academy

The Board of Governors of The Hazeley Academy is currently consulting on the proposed **Admissions Arrangements September 2023**.

To view these please go to the Admissions page on the website and click the link under **Consultation admission arrangements September 2023**.

The main amendment concerns the inclusion of a basketball/netball criterion.

The closure date for all comments is Friday 14th January 2022 at 4pm. Any comments on the proposals should be sent via an email to Miss Cooke, PA to the Principal patotheprincipal@thehazeleyacademy.com



General messages

Careers Week

This week has seen the second of our careers weeks where students have been exploring the connections between various careers, skills, and the subjects that they study. There has also been a big focus on getting students to engage with Unifrog, a website that enables students to explore careers and subjects. It is not just about university despite what the name might suggest. A house competition is currently underway until the end of the year to help support this engagement.

Travelling to and from school

As the nights are drawing in, we want to ensure that children travel to and from school as safely as possible. Whilst we always encourage walking and cycling it is necessary to be pragmatic and have an arranged routine or time to be home by. In doing so, this will help to prevent any uncertainty and potential confusion. If your child is attending an after-school club or detention, ensure that there is a home time arranged. If there is ever an issue being picked up from school, we recommend students come back into reception where they can contact staff to seek help with getting home.

Uniform swap shop

Has your child grown this term and their uniform is now too small? If so, we would love any old uniform so that we can pass it on to other Hazeley students. Please drop it off at reception at any time.

If you need larger sized uniform please email Miss Cooke Ecooke@thehazeleyacademy.com with what you need, including sizes, and we will check our stock of pre-loved, clean, good quality uniform and get back to you with a convenient pick-up time, if we have it available.

SaferMK Community Safety Survey

By completing our Community Safety Survey, you will be able to share your thoughts about anti-social behaviour and crime in MK. It means that you can have your say about the recommended priorities for the Community Safety Strategy for the next 3-5 years. Click the next link to view the Community Safety Survey. [Community Safety Survey - Milton Keynes Council \(milton-keynes.gov.uk\)](#)

Extra-curricular focus

The Hazeley Eco Committee group is back in action again with Mrs Buckland holding meetings in H2 after school. The group initially intends to meet fortnightly, to discuss ways in which they can raise awareness of the actions that pupils and their families can take to improve our environment and fight climate change.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st December.

At the first meeting the group agreed to start collecting used toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes to be Terracycled and raise funds for Willen Hospice and MK Cat Rescue, via Charity Recycling MK. Collection points will be in form rooms as soon as possible.



The more students we have in attendance, the more ideas and impact we can have as a group, so please encourage your child to attend if interested in this area.

'In October 2021, just ahead of the COP26 UN Climate conference in Glasgow, three-quarters (75%) of adults in Great Britain said they were worried about the impact of climate change, [according to the Office for National Statistics' \(ONS'\) Opinions and Lifestyle Survey \(OPN\).](#)'

We are interested to know whether our Hazeley community has similar feelings and so would appreciate it if you and your child could complete the survey at this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/Si3pQ1NrmN>

Communication

Please could parents be reminded that should they have any SEN Concerns or queries about their child, they should contact the SEN Department using this email address Excellence@thehazeleyacademy.com

Winter Activities and Food

The MK Winter Activities and Food programme is now live online. This involves a range of FREE activities and food for children, young people and their families who are in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals.

How do eligible families get involved?

To book activities, please click the next link to visit the Winter HAF webpage for more information: [Winter Activities and Food Programme 2021 #HAF - Milton Keynes Council \(milton-keynes.gov.uk\)](#)

If you have any questions, not answered on our webpage, then please do contact the Winter HAF team: HAF@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Support over the Christmas Period

Do you not qualify for free school meals but are in receipt of Working Tax Credit or Universal Credit?

If so, we may be able to direct you to some support over the Christmas period. If you contact the finance team at Hazeley finance@thehazeleyacademy.com and show some evidence of the above then we will work with MK council to see if you can access some more support with food over the Christmas period. We appreciate that time is now tight however, if you can get this information to us by Monday 29th we will do all we can to support.

Any finally have you seen the latest 5 Dimensions Trust Newsletter?

If you want to see some of the ways in which working in partnership as part of the 5 Dimensions Trust has helped Hazeley grow as a vibrant community of exceptional people then please click here [News from the 5 Dimensions Trust](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Whiteman