



January 2022

Welcome to 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your families enjoyed a lovely festive break and are looking forward to a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2022. We know from experience that when parents feel informed and engaged with their child's school, they have greater opportunity to thrive. With this in mind, we hope that you find our first parental update of 2022 useful.

On the 2nd of January, the Department for Education produced updated safety guidance for schools when we return. The key points are:

Important updates

Face coverings

Face coverings should be worn in **classrooms** and all communal areas within secondary schools. This advice on face coverings in classrooms will be reviewed nationally on Wednesday 26 January. Please make sure that your child has three clean face coverings each day, so they can swap them throughout the day for hygiene reasons.

Self-isolation

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Students may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. **If both these test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, they may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 8.** Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

We will endeavour to support with access to LFD tests where needed. Please contact Ecooke@thehazeleyacademy.com if you require emergency tests.

Daily testing for close contacts



Students identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day at home for seven days and continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

January examinations

Examinations and assessments in January should go ahead as originally planned.

Year group specific notices:

Year 11 Pre- Public Exams (PPEs) continue

Year 11 PPEs continue to take place until Wednesday 12th January inclusive. The first whole cohort exam is on the 5th of January in the afternoon. On January 5th we request that all Y11 students are back in school for 1pm. Students will then be directed to classrooms in their form groups to conduct a LFD test. The exam will start at circa 1.30pm. This will give us the security of knowing the year group are clear of the virus when they sit the first whole cohort exam.

- **AM exams 8:45-** students meet in the canteen
- **PM exams 1:15-** students meet in the foyer.
- All students to sign in and out when entering/exiting the building
- If students cannot travel home, in between exams, they will remain in Q2 and will be expected to bring their own resources and study in silence for that time.
- The exam timetable can be accessed via the Hazeley website - [link](#).

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh

This has been a fantastic term for students signing up for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award, we are looking forward to all our students completing this and PE lessons have now started with their expedition skills. Students should now be organising the sections which are volunteering, skills and physical. Examples for volunteering include helping with after school clubs, reading with younger siblings, doing a Park Run, helping neighbours e.g., gardening, car cleaning. Skills examples include martial arts club, sewing, baking, joining a dance club. Physical skills include extending cycle rides and improving times, improving general fitness through running or other sports. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss O'Sullivan at MO'Sullivan@thehazeleyacademy.com

Sixth Form

Sixth form students will return to attending form time and their independent study lessons this half term, therefore unless a student has an offsite study allocation, they should be in school from 8:40am-3:15pm every day. Students who have selected a sport option for their Wednesday lesson 5 enrichment, do not need to come to school in PE kit on a Wednesday from now on. Students should wear normal sixth form dress code and bring with them their kit to change into at the start of lesson 5 each week.

Year 7 & 8 Ambition Projects in Planning



Ambition Projects are back with a bang! Over lockdown we embarked on a new era of online project-based learning with students in Year 8 and 9. Students worked online, in their own time after school, to research, plan and deliver professional presentations about innovative topics to local leaders in business, culture and the arts. We are planning to offer the opportunity to students in Year 7 and 8 to take part in the programme in Term 4. We have new and exciting projects this year, such as e-sports (competition gaming to us oldies), an opportunity to learn Russian, looking at the science of how children learn and teaching students to make their own apps! We are, once again, taking learning beyond the classroom and traditional subjects to really challenge our young people! More info to follow!

Key events / dates for the next half term:

5th January – All students return

14th January – Whole school oracy day

20th January – Year 8 parents evening

21st January – Whole school life skills session - period 1

31st January – Year 11 into 6th form application deadline

1st February – Year 10 - Year 13 - A visit from the fantastic motivational speaker, Mr Beezy – [link here](#).

2nd February – Whole school drop down day

3rd February – Year 11 parents evening (a decision will be made closer to the time on this being online or in person)

Week beginning 7th February – Whole school careers week

9th February - Whole school life skills session - period 2

General messages

Equipment

Please ask your child to double check that a naughty elf has not stolen their pens and equipment over Christmas, and they return with reusable face coverings.

Mobile Phones – Reminder

We want Hazeley students to talk with each other in the real world and focus on their learning in class, for this reason mobile phones are only permitted in certain areas and for specific uses, more details of our policy can be found [here](#). Thank you for your support

Homework

Homework assignments are listed on your child's Microsoft Teams, and you should receive a weekly email digest explaining which assignments are due. If your child is finding homework a challenge, you need advice, or want to give feedback please email their tutor or email Mrs Williamson at gwilliamson@thehazeleyacademy.com



Covid Testing

We will conduct whole school testing on Wednesday 5th January on the morning of the students return. As always, we are grateful to those of you who have continued to test over the holidays. A test on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning before school would be appreciated if possible.

Parent pay

Don't forget to check that your child has sufficient credit on their account for the first week back to school.

Journey to school

A new year is a great opportunity to build good habits by walking, cycling, or using the drop off points. More details can be found [here](#)

Extra-curricular

What will your child be taking part in this term? Details of the activities on offer can be found [here](#).

I hope that you are as excited as we are at the prospect of a new year, we can't expect it to be perfect or even "normal", but we can all commit to work as closely as we can together to make it the best 2022 it possibly can be.

Happy New Year

Miss Whiteman