

13th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that your children and family are now happily back into the rhythm of the term. We know how busy you are as parents and that you want to make sure that your child does not miss out on any opportunities. With this in mind, we hope that you find our next edition of parental updates and reminders useful.

Important updates

Clarification on the changes to self-isolation

We are aware of changes to the self-isolation period from Monday 17th January 2022 following a positive covid 19 result. We will send out an update when we receive official guidance from the Department of Education.

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January 2022. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

H5 road closures

We have been informed that the H5 Portway will be closed from the 17th January for two weeks. This could cause additional delays to your journey to the academy. Please allow additional time to make sure your child is not late for school and also use the drop off points away from the Academy, so your journey is not impacted by this. [Drop off points](#)

Year Group Specific Notices

Sixth Form Applications

The deadline for Sixth Form applications is 4pm on 31st January 2022. All students have received a link through their school email, which they need to use to complete their application. Students should check their junk if this email is not in their inbox. As parents/carers you will receive an email once your son/daughter has submitted their application, so if you have not yet received one of these, they have not submitted the application. If you have any questions/queries, please email sixthform@thehazeleyacademy.com

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh - update!

We have had an amazing response for students signing up for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. So far, we have 153 students signed up and already started on their award journey.

There is still time to sign up as we extended the deadline until the end of January 2022.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss O'Sullivan MO'Sullivan@thehazeleyacademy.com

Year 11 - Revision books

If you ordered your child a 'how to revise' CGP book, they have now arrived and can be collected from student services.

Year 9 - Maths

Just to inform you that in order to support and guide their revision, all Year 9 students should have access to a Maths topic list, for the exam paper they will sit on 8th February. The topic list is on Microsoft Teams in their Maths class section.

Please encourage regular revision using the following websites;

Hegartymaths.com

Corbettmaths

General messages

Flu and COVID vaccinations

We have received the following information from the NHS immunisation and vaccination team on how to access COVID and/or flu vaccines.

Flu vaccines (appointment only)- please call the vaccination team on 0300 790 0594 to book an appointment. (For all children in Year 7 to Year 11 only) who have not booked an appointment for the vaccination at the academy on the 28th January 2022.

You can also follow the link to find a walk-in centre near you [Walk-in vaccination sites](#)

Information on the Covid vaccination programme for 12- to 15-year-olds

Young people aged 12 to 15 in England are now being offered a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at a minimum of 12 weeks from the first dose, following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). If your child was vaccinated in school on the 9th of November this will be after Tuesday 1st February.

Parents can book vaccinations for their child, if aged 12 or over, through the [NHS booking system](#).

Mobile phones and devices

Whilst we are reviewing our position with mobile phones and devices, please help us by reminding your child that any mobile device or headphones are not permitted to be used or visible when moving around the building, such as corridors or toilets. Those that are unable to follow this will find that they are regrettably confiscated. On the first occasion they will be returned at the end of the day. On the second occasion and thereafter parents are required to collect the item from the school. Thank you for supporting students with these reasonable, but important expectations.

Oracy Day

On Friday 14th January, students will be reflecting on their communication skills in lessons and in form time in order to mark Oracy Day. During 'Oracy October', our students made a resolution to improve one feature of their communication, whether that was putting their hand up more in class, reducing their screen time in favour of face-to-face communication or consciously trying to use less informal language (slang!) On Oracy Day, they will be revisiting these good and bad oracy habits and reflecting on the power that vocabulary holds.

Life Skills PSHE

PSHE education helps children and young people to achieve their potential by supporting their wellbeing and tackling issues that can affect their ability to learn, such as anxiety and unhealthy relationships.

The next session will be on the 21st January:

Year 7 Cyberbullying

Year 8 Careers

Year 9 Anti-Bullying

Year 10 Positive relationships
Year 11 Disrespect nobody guide
6th form Workplace values

Key events / dates for this half term:

- 14th January – Whole school - Oracy Day
- 20th January – Year 8 parents evening
- 21st January – Whole school - life skills session - period 1
- 28th January – Flu vaccinations
- 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 if this will be held virtually or at the academy)
- Week beginning 7th February – Whole school - careers week
- 9th February - Whole school life skills session - period 2

As always, please don't hesitate to drop the relevant member of staff an email if you have any questions. We will never offer or expect perfection, but we will do all we can to work with you.

Kind regards
Miss Whiteman