

3rd March 2022

Thank you for taking the time to read our latest edition of the updates and reminders communication.

Year Group Specific Messages

Year 11 – Key dates

As we move into the final few terms for Year 11, please find some key dates that will be useful:

W/C 21st March – PPE's in core subjects and History/Geography

Friday 13th May – Year 11 move to amended timetables

Monday 16th May – GCSE's main examination period starts

Friday 24th June – Year 11 prom

Thursday 20th June and Friday 1st July – Hazeley 6th form induction days

Thursday 25th August – GCSE results day

Year 11- Sixth Form Induction.

For students who have applied for Hazeley Sixth Form, please be aware we have had to move the dates of Sixth Form Induction, due to GCSE exams being spread out more than usual due to COVID. **This will mean that Hazeley Sixth Form induction will now take place on 30th June and 1st July 2022. Attendance at induction is part of the conditional offer students receive,** it is essential they attend to allow them the best start and preparation for KS5.

Year 9 - Preferences and Pathways

This is our first-year group where students were given a broader range of subjects to study as they entered Year 9. We have now reached the point in the year where they will be deciding what they would most like to continue studying next year. They will have their most recent PR data along with every student having a meeting with their form tutor, with support from home of course, to help them complete the online form. If you are a parent/carer of a Year 9 student and have not received the email including the online form, please email preferences@thehazeleyacademy.com.

Year 6 into 7 - Transition

We are delighted to welcome our new intake of students and parents who have just recently been informed that they have secured a place at The Hazeley Academy. We have a range of events planned and we really look forward to meeting you all soon. Our Transition Day and Evening is planned for **Monday 4th July 2022**.

Key messages

Mobile phone and devices

Thank you for your continued support with our mobile phones and devices policy. It's made a positive difference to the academy in several ways. Just to inform parents that we will reset the confiscation list at the end of this term, Friday 8th April. We have listened to parents' feedback and are intending to make a slight change to our policy. This now means:

- 1st confiscation – Students collect at the end of day from Student Services.
- 2nd confiscation – Students will not have phone/device returned and parents are required to come in and collect the item. Please note that Student Services closes at 4.30pm.
- 3rd confiscation- Students will not have phone/device returned and parents are required to come in and collect the item. Phone ban of a minimum of 2 weeks.

- 4th confiscation –Students will not have the phone/device returned, parents required to come in and collect the item. 1 day in the Reflection Unit and a parent meeting.

Careers week 7th-12th March

Next week sees our next careers week, coinciding with the National Careers Week, where students will be supported to see the links between their knowledge in subjects, their skills in applying it and the world of work. We would strongly encourage students to log in to their Unifrog account and undertake some of the activities and update their profile.

Uniform

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete our uniform survey, we are pleased to be able to inform you of some positive changes, which are effective for any new uniform purchased from immediate effect.

- The two skirts from our supplier are no longer compulsory, skirts can be purchased from any supplier providing they meet our knee length policy.
- PE Polo shirts are no longer required to be branded; these can be plain white and can be purchased from any high street shop.
- The branded rugby shirt has been removed from our product list and will no longer be available to purchased once existing stock has ended.

Please Note: any previous purchased uniform can continue to be worn. We have also increased our pre-loved uniform provision for increased cost effectiveness and sustainability. Please see our [uniform page on our website](#) for updated guidelines and our uniform policy.

Thank you for supporting us by ensuring your son/daughter is attending each day in the correct uniform, especially on days they have PE lessons. Students must wear Hazeley PE kit, or plain unbranded items.

We do not expect Year 11 parents to have to purchase new items before exams, but we do expect that items brought in are as close as possible to our Hazeley PE uniform or plain and unbranded. If in doubt, please speak to the PE teacher of form tutor.

Students are still permitted to wear coats in our corridors and lessons while we continue to keep the academy well ventilated. We will review this at Easter time.

Parents evenings

We intend to continue holding parents' evenings for Year 9 and 10 online for the foreseeable future, however we are looking ahead to the Year 7 Parents Evening on (insert date) with a possibility of holding this face to face. We recognise many parents have not been in our building, therefore we will review this nearer the time.

World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March, the corridors of Hazeley will be alive with the sound of 'Book Talk' - as the staff bring World Book Day 2022 to life. There will be quizzes, livestreamed chats with authors, an array of staff in costume and our biggest ever DEAR Day during period 5, where all of Year 8 and 9 will be dropping everything to read the same book at the same time. We'll also be announcing the grand total from our Hazeley Readathon to raise money for children in hospital.

Mental health and wellbeing

We know that when war or conflict is in the news, it can cause feelings such as fear, sadness and anxiety. We have arranged form time activities which cover the current news story in Ukraine and details of the presentation can be found [here](#).

Place2Be have written an article with advice on how best to support young people with difficult news stories. Please find the link here: [Talking to children and young people about war and conflict | Place2Be](#)

Hazeley House Competitions

The House system at Hazeley is integral to developing a strong sense of identity, belonging and to celebrate achievements. We encourage lots of opportunities to take part in House events such as completing the 5Cs Passport in years 7 and 8, House competitions throughout the year and Sports Day in the summer term. Students are expected to take an active role in the success of their house and contribute to inter-house competitions and this year these have included World Day of Languages, Psychology Brain Competition, and netball, basketball and football competitions.

The current scores are:

House	Overall points
Cobra	131709
Colossus	141421
Enigma	135326
Victory	126969

Extra-curricular

At Hazeley we believe that extra-curricular activities provide an important channel for reinforcing lessons learned in the classroom, offer the opportunity to apply academic skills in a real-world context and are part of a well-rounded education. It is important for young people to develop resilience and build confidence to interact socially with others and at the same time develop new skills and abilities. Please see the [extra-curricular webpage](#) for more details. Please contact the member of staff running the club or lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com if you have any questions. Please note that due to Year 10 parents evening on 24 March, extra-curricular clubs will not run on this date.

Life Skills PSHE

Our next life skills sessions will run on the 11th March, with each Year Group covering a different topic, as below. Please see our [PSHE pages of our website](#) for further information on these topics and guidance for parents/carers. If you have any questions, please contact lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com

Year 7	Sleep
Year 8	Managing social media
Year 9	Healthy lives and alcohol
Year 10	Healthy relationships



Year 11	Health and understanding cancer
Sixth Form	Contraception

Kind regards,

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