

31st March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

One of the best parts of 5D Hazeley is the willingness of our parent community to work so closely with us for the benefit of their child and our wider 5D Hazeley community. I wanted to start by thanking you for this, from helping your child get to school on time, nudging them to do their homework, contacting us when you have issues (or good news to share) and of course taking the time to read and act on the information in this email, they are all deeply appreciated.

Key Messages

End of term

We will finish this term on Friday 8th April and return for the summer term on Monday 25th April.

Safety to and from the academy

We would like to take this opportunity to remind students about safe travel to/from school and if you are out exercising. We would appreciate it if you could assist us with reminding your son/daughter of these important safety tips when walking or cycling.

- Always try and walk or cycle with a friend/ family member, in pairs or groups
- Always be vigilant and aware of your surroundings - do not wear earphones or have your phone on show
- Being aware of what time that are due home or if they are staying late school that it is communicated.
- If you are ever concerned for your immediate safety do not hesitate to call 999 and “say what you see”; calls are recorded, and it can help you get immediate advice/ support
- ALWAYS report anything suspicious
- Please call 101 and report any suspicious incidents and contact the school to inform us too.

Easter Holiday Support for Free School Meals

We are pleased to announce that Milton Keynes Council has secured additional funding under Household Support Scheme which means that students eligible for free school meals will receive an e-voucher for the 2-week Easter break. The value of the voucher is £15 per child, per week.

As before, the voucher will be provided by the Edenred scheme so many of you will be familiar with the system. You will receive an email from EDENRED that will give you access to an e-code the week commencing 4th April. 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 the closure for the Easter holidays.

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 issue, please contact freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com

Important Updates

5 Dimensions Trust

We are very excited to share that the Governors of the wonderful Priory Rise School have officially started to explore joining with us as part of the 5 Dimensions Trust. We will of course go above and beyond to create a win for Priory Rise, a win for Hazeley, a win for 5D and a win for our wider community. We look forward to giving you further updates.

Uniform expectation after half term.

As the temperature will increase in the new term, students will be required to remove their coats as they enter the building. Coats are not permitted in corridors or during lessons, as per our uniform expectations before the pandemic. In addition, hoodies, including Hazeley PE hoodies, will not be permissible to be worn under their blazers. Students requiring an additional layer can wear a plain black v neck jumper. Thank you for supporting us by ensuring that students attend school in full uniform including their blazer and school shoes, and their PE kit meets our guidance. [The Hazeley Academy - Uniform](#)

Covid Government Update

From the 1st April 2022, the new government updates concerning Covid routines and regulations are:

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

Year Group Specific Messages

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

As part of developing our students 5C's, all Year 7 students will be taking participate a STEAM focus week starting the 4th of April. Students will take part in one-off STEAM Challenge sessions within each of their STEAM subjects (dependent on the subject that they currently study in the Creativity rotation). The aims of the sessions are to improve students' understanding of STEAM but also to provide them with the opportunity to develop many skills and attributes within STEAM. Students will take part in the following challenges within their lessons:

Maths – Buying on a Budget

Science – Plant Murder Mystery

Art – Colourful Kaleidoscopes

IT/Computer Science – Scratch Games Master

DT- Brilliant Bridges

Textiles – Flower Power

Drama – Cutting Some Shapes

Catering – What is in your food?

There will also be after school STEAM activities available for student (no need to book)

Wednesday: DT STEAM club in E11 starting at 3:15pm till 4:15pm

Thursday: Textiles STEAM club in E10 3:15 pm till 4:15pm

We hope that your child enjoys their STEAM focus week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on: llazenby@thehazeleyacademy.com

Year 9 DofE

For those Year 9 students taking part in their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards next week, please can parents log on to Parent Pay to provide consent.

The weather forecast for next week is light rain and a maximum of 11 degrees, we recommend that:

- Your child brings clothing that will keep them warm whilst walking.
- They bring something that will keep them dry should the weather change.
- They wear a sturdy pair of shoes/trainers/boots. As there has been lots of changeable weather recently, the ground may be soft.
- They bring a lightweight bag (E.g. small back pack) to carry waterproof and warm clothing.

General messages

Ramadan 2022 arrangements

Ramadan is a time of sacrifice, reflection, and prayer. Mr Rathor presented a whole school Lead Lesson to educate our students and staff about the fundamentals and essence of fasting.

The academy promotes diversity and equality and will support our students who will be fasting. The physical, spiritual and the balancing of schoolwork can become extremely difficult during this period, it is our duty of care to ensure the well-being of our students and to make suitable provisions to ensure students get the appropriate support and opportunity to practice their religion. If you would like your child to participate in Ramadan, we kindly request that you click here to complete this [permission form](#). If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to email us on the following emails: zrathor@thehazeleyacademy.com or lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com.

Mental Health support App

If your child needs some additional support with their mental wellbeing, please encourage them to download the NHS-approved **Mee Too app** <https://www.meetoo.help/>

It is a place where young people can post anonymously that is moderated by trained mental health professionals and they also have a directory of other sources of support to explore. This app is aimed at 11–25-year-olds and the content is tailored to each user's age. In addition, your child may find this site helpful: <https://www.kooth.com/> or they can talk about their mental wellbeing with one of our trained student Mental Wellbeing Ambassadors in school. If you have any concerns about your child's mental wellbeing, please share these with their form tutor in the first instance so we can work together to support your child.

Preloved uniform

We would like to encourage the cost-effective and sustainable process of using high quality pre-loved branded uniform. Preloved uniform can be either requested from the academy at enquiries@thehazeleyacademy.com. If we have the item in stock, it will be provided free of charge.

Our uniform supplier Kedaph will also have a stock of good quality free loved uniform for a small charge. (Blazers £5, Hoodies £4, Tie £1.50). We encourage all parents to donate any unwanted uniform into the Academy or Kedaph.

Life Skills PSHE

Our next life skills sessions will run on the 27th of April, 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 group | Topic | Resources |
|----------------------|---|--|
| 7 | Growing up and puberty | https://www.brook.org.uk/resources/ (Sign up for Brooks resource and information sheet on puberty) |
| 8 | Body image and self-esteem | https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/body-image/ |
| 9 | Strategies to deal with grief and bereavement | https://www.winstonswish.org/about-us/ (Winston's Wish charity website that supports young people with grief and bereavement) Please contact lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com if you have any concerns. |
| 10 | Keeping safe and your local community | https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/345337/AdviceParentsCarersGangs14.pdf Government information on keeping safe for young people |
| 11 | Health and wellbeing | https://www.gettingiton.org.uk/useful-contacts |
| 6 th form | Mental health and wellbeing | https://www.youngminds.org.uk/ |

Textiles house competition

The DT department are running a House competition for the best Easter bonnet or top hat creation. You can use any craft material you wish – paper, card, fabric and recycled materials. Please can students submit their creation to room E10 by Friday 8th April. Have fun and good luck! [Textiles Easter house competition](#)

Social media

I am sure you are now aware of the ways to follow Hazeley and the 5D Trust on our social media channels. We love to share student, staff and trust celebrations, as well as the amazing work that is happening on a day to day basis. Please be reminded that the Hazeley Academy Parent Portal will be closing on Friday 8th April, our main facebook page for keeping up you to date with the academy can be found here. [The Hazeley Academy | Facebook](#). Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,
Miss Whiteman

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