

28<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We want to thank our parents, students, staff and 5D Hazeley community for the strength you have displayed during these difficult times. We were amazed, but not surprised by the compassion and resilience our community has shown. We appreciate you finding the time to read the first updates and reminder communication of the new term.

### Important messages

#### **Remembering Ruby**

I am sure your thoughts are with the family and close friends of Ruby as they grieve her death. As a school community we have come together to focus on three things

- **Honouring the wishes of Ruby and her family**
- **Supporting our community through grief**
- **Making sure that we leave a legacy that Ruby, her family and our community can be proud of**

If you want to share your condolences or love, then you can email Mrs Goody who is kindly pulling together a memory and message book for Ruby's family, please feel free to email [EGoody@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:EGoody@thehazeleyacademy.com). You don't need to have known Ruby to contribute, it's a way to express love and condolences. Emails sent to the previous email address will all be passed on.

If you are worried about the impact of this tragedy on your child, then don't hesitate to contact their form tutor or one of the charities below

- [www.brake.org.uk](http://www.brake.org.uk) 08088000401
- [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) 0800 1111
- [www.winstonswish.org](http://www.winstonswish.org) 08452 03 04 05
- [www.childbereavementuk.org](http://www.childbereavementuk.org) 0800 02 88840

Students and staff are making good use of our memorial garden, we have strongly advised our students to congregate here and avoid the spot where the accident happened as this could lead to further risk. Ruby's parents have been very clear of their desire for other young people to learn from this tragedy and for us all to be more vigilant in relation to road safety.

Ruby's funeral is being planned for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at Crownhill. There will be a limited number of places and any students intending to go should email Miss Cooke, [ECooke@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:ECooke@thehazeleyacademy.com) who is going to liaise with the family to make sure that there are enough spaces, and that other arrangements are in place.

We are starting to plan a further event later in the term, this will allow those not able to attend the funeral to share their respects and grieve while also promoting key messages around road safety, supporting each other through and celebrating life. It will also have a fund-raising element to support the charities which have helped Ruby's family. This will be shaped by Ruby's family and friends, details will follow.

Thank you again for supporting your child and our community through this sad time in a way that honours the wishes of Ruby and her family and creates a legacy that Ruby, her family, and our community can be proud of.

## Year Group Specific Messages

### **Year 7 Parents Evening – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May (4.15pm-7.30pm)**

For many Year 7 parents, this may be the first time that you have entered Hazeley or met our staff. This is an important evening and provides you with an opportunity to meet with your child's subject teachers to discuss their progress. Miss Arkison and Miss Hamilton will also be available in our reception area should you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming you to the academy.

The Academy uses an online appointment booking system, this allows you to choose your own appointment times and you will receive an email confirming your appointments, if you have yet to book your appointments, please visit our [online booking system](#).

### **Year 13 Leavers Assembly**

This will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 12.40pm - 1.10pm, this is a time for us to look back over the last two years in Sixth Form, celebrating the achievements of the year group and to wish them the best of luck for their upcoming exams. Students will then be expected to leave the school site at 1.10pm. Students will then be on study leave and only need to come into school for their exams.

### **Year 11 Leavers Assembly**

This will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45pm - 3.15pm. It will be a celebration of the last 5 years at Hazeley and an opportunity to wish the students good luck as they move to the examination phase of the year. From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May students will only attend school if they have an examination or specific lessons should they still have an examination to complete for a subject.

### **Year 9 DofE**

May brings not only the lovely weather but the start of our DofE expeditions, Year 9 will be setting off next week into the local countryside to challenge themselves and achieve the expedition section that they have been training for since December. They will be drawing on all the knowledge gained for navigation, camp craft and teamwork. We wish for all our year 9 students taking part the best of time and hope they make some great memories.

Over the last 2 years the school has invested heavily in the DofE award including training a huge number of staff to be able to assess and supervise the DofE expeditions. We are confident our team will continue to deliver outstanding DofE experiences for all year groups.

## Updates

### **May Bank Holiday**

The Academy will be closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022. We welcome students back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

### **DEAR Day**

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, students will have another opportunity to 'Drop Everything and Read' for one hour of uninterrupted reading for pleasure. We encourage our students to bring something that they love to read, whether this is fiction or non-fiction, and to spend the hour immersed in the joys of reading. For our more reluctant readers, our teachers will be sharing some short stories aloud, promoting guided reading and collaboration. If students aren't sure what they might enjoy reading, our wonderful library team would be more than happy to recommend something great and inspiring: the library is open most lunch times, and every day after school.



### **Ukraine Appeal**

Your contributions to our recent Ukraine aid appeal have been a lifeline for so many vulnerable people currently living in precarious circumstances. DSV have agreed to further support aid efforts with their transport and logistics network and the Hazeley Academy would like to continue helping where we can. Previously some parents involved their workplace and business with very generous donations and once again we would welcome anyone that would like to get involved in this manner. If you have not had the chance to contribute and would like to do so, or if you would like to help again, we will be collecting donations of the items below between the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> May:

- Tinned food, pasta, rice
- Nappies, baby wipes, baby food
- Toiletries
- First aid items

Kind regards,

Miss T Whiteman  
Senior Deputy Principal