

September 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

Following a hugely successful summer school we are delighted to welcome your son/ daughter to their official start at Hazeley. To make it as smooth as possible we would like to remind you of some key points.

When is the first day? Monday 6th September (Year 7 and Year 12 only) students should arrive between 8.20am and 8.30am, school will end as usual at 3.15pm.

From Tuesday 7th September, Year 7 break will be from 10.05am-10.30am and lunch will be from 1.10pm-1.40pm.

Where do they need to go? Staff will be on hand to direct your child to the canteen playground where they will be met by their form tutors.

What do they need to wear/ bring? Full uniform (no PE kit on the first day), stationery equipment and a suitable water bottle (hydration helps learning). This is a link to the uniform if needed [The Hazeley Academy - Uniform \(Years 7 to 11\)](#)

From Tuesday 7th September, on days students have PE they will need to come to school in their PE kit. If they are joining extracurricular afterschool, but do not have PE during the day, they should come to school in normal school uniform and change at end of the day. Extra Curricular information will be available on our website shortly.

How should they get to school? We understand that parents may wish to drop their child off on the first day, but after this we strongly encourage them to cycle or walk. This helps them grow and protects everyone's environment. More details can be accessed here. [Community drop off points](#). If you do need to drive, we suggest that you plan to leave with additional time to travel as roads around the academy become very congested at the start of each term. Please take care in using the one way system around the car park, and only allow your child/ren to exit the car in the drop off bay or once you have parked your car.

What will they be doing? They will spend the morning getting to know their tutors and form group. This will involve lots of fun activities along with a tour of the building, learning their timetables, seeing which locker they have been allocated and having their fingerprint taken for our cashless payment system, (if you have not completed the online consent form for this and want them to do this then click here [Permissions 2021](#))

Planners and stamps - Students' planners and our daily stamp system will be returning, and we encourage parents and carers to regularly look at your son/daughters' planners to see how their day has gone and to celebrate full stamps and any 'red stamps' that are awarded. These are hard to achieve but worthy of praise.

Study Zones & Library – The library will be open to all students until 4.15pm every day.

Covid Testing - You may have seen details recently about the requirement for schools to conduct lateral flow tests for students in secondary school at the start of September, you will find at this [link](#) a form to give your consent for the conducting of these tests. Students will be conducting the tests themselves so I would recommend that you obtain some of the free testing kits and get them practicing. You may find this video from our Academy Matron a useful guide - [How to perform a lateral flow test - YouTube](#).

Testing will take place on the first morning and then the second test will be on Thursday 9th September.

Looking out for Symptoms: Before your child leaves home in the morning please check for any Covid symptoms - high temperature / new, continuous cough/ loss of, or change to the sense of smell or taste.

If any of these symptoms are evident, please do not send your child to school. Please contact our attendance officer via email - attendance@thehazeleyacademy.com or by phone- 01908 555633. Guidance can be found here [When to self-isolate and what to do](#)

Home Testing: Your child will be given kits for testing twice weekly throughout September when the government will again review the guidance. Please see the attached link to the full guidance [Guidance link](#)

Ventilation: We aim to maximise ventilation, so we strongly encourage Y7-11 to wear school jumpers in addition to blazers. Some students may also want to wear a suitable vest or t-shirt under their shirt. Coats will be allowed in lessons as the weather gets colder.

Robust hand washing and respiratory hygiene: We will encourage students to continue to practice robust handwashing and respiratory hygiene, including bringing their own hand sanitiser. Unsurprisingly last year we found that this helped reduce the spread of other viruses not just Covid.

Enhanced cleaning arrangements: We will continue our enhanced cleaning.

Face coverings: Will not be needed, but students will be allowed to wear them if this makes them feel more comfortable.

Bubbles: Students will no longer be required to stay in their bubble

Movement around the Academy: There is now a limited one-way system around the whole Academy, and we will make greater use of the outdoor areas to move between zones in the Academy to avoid congestion in corridors.

Contingency planning for Covid: One thing we certainly learnt over the past 18months is that things might change, please rest assured we have a scaled response plan ready to be used if needed, including reintroduction of face coverings and remote learning. We hope that the above guidance is reassuring, we will never claim to offer perfection, but always want to do our best, if you do have any questions or comments then please don't hesitate to contact me by email twhiteman@thehazeleyacademy.com

Last but by no means least..... lunch, snacks and drinks - We are happy to say that we will be providing lunch for the first day for the whole year group which will be a pasta dish where one of the options will be both gluten free and vegetarian. Your child is of course welcome to bring a packed lunch instead or healthy snacks to complement this. No other items will be available from the canteen on this day. As always, they should be bringing a water bottle for use during the day.

The finance team will be in touch regarding adding a new student on parentpay.

Questions or concerns: If you have any general questions please email enquiries@thehazeleyacademy.com. If you or your child have anything that is concerning you, please email worried@thehazeleyacademy.com.

The Year 7 Progress Leader is Miss Arkison and the Year 7 Mentor (R2L) is Miss Hamilton.

I hope that you and your child are as excited as the Hazeley staff are about them starting their journey with us.

Kind regards

Miss Whiteman
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