

September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable summer break and are excited by the prospect of the academic year ahead. We hope that the reminders below help you work with your child/ren to help them have the very best start to the year.

**Return Dates** - Hazeley re opens for Years 7, and 12 only on Monday 6th September and **all other Year groups return on Tuesday 7th September.**

**Please leave sufficient time to travel to the academy as we know the local roads can become very congested at the start of term. As students arrive to school, they will find their new tutor locations displayed on corridor walls, and should make their way directly to these rooms.**

**Travel Quarantine** – Just a reminder that travel abroad over the summer may require a specified time in quarantine. Please ensure you are familiar with the regulations in relation to this and please communicate with Hazeley via [attendance@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:attendance@thehazeleyacademy.com)

**Walking and Cycling to School** - We strongly encourage students to walk or cycle to and from the Academy. This helps to reduce congestion for the community and allows students to take some exercise; it also develops independence and strengthens friendship bonds. If you do have to travel by car, we ask you to be mindful of the surrounding community and residents by using the designated drop off zone only. More details can be found on the following link [drop off points](#) and of course the first few days will be amongst our busiest.

**Uniform** - The differences between us make us stronger and our uniform unites us. Should you need any information regarding the Academy uniform expectation please view the website via this link [The Hazeley Academy - Uniform \(Years 7 to 11\)](#) . Please ensure that hairstyle colours are natural and not extreme colours, and all acrylic nails and nose piercings are to be removed before the start of term. If a recent piercing has taken place, then we expect a retainer to be provided.

Details of the sixth form dress code can be found on the following link [The Hazeley Academy - Sixth Form](#)

**PE Kit** - 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.

**Planners and stamps (Y7-11)** - 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. Selected Year 11 students will be able to make use of the study hub facilities until 5.15 p.m. The 6th form will have study provision until 6 p.m.

**Break and Lunchtimes** - These will be staggered.

Break Year 7, 8 and 10 - 10.05am – 10.30am  
Break Year 9,11,12 and 13 - 11.05am – 11.30am  
Lunch Year 8, 10 and 12 - 12.35pm – 1.05pm  
Lunch Year 7 - 1.10pm – 1.40pm  
Lunch Year 9,11 and 1pm - 1.40pm – 2.10pm

**A Balanced Approach to the Risks of Covid:** As you would expect from Hazeley we will keep safety as our number one priority, whilst also ensuring that our young people can enjoy great learning, warm pastoral care, and much

needed safe social interaction. In accordance with the most recent government guidance, we are now able to adapt some of our safety measures creating much needed additional freedom. The key points are outlined below:

**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](mailto:attendance@thehazeleyacademy.com) or by phone- 01908 555633. Government advice must be followed, it can be found [here](#)

**In School Covid testing** - Students will undergo Covid tests on their first day and again later in the week.

Y7 - First Test - Monday 6th. Second Test Thursday 9th

Y12 - First Test - Monday 6th. Second Test - Friday 10th

Y8, 9, 10,11 and 13 - First Test - Tuesday 7th. Second Test - Friday 10th

**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.

**Hand 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** - 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 Academy, and we will make greater use of the outdoor areas to move between zones in the Academy to avoid congestion in corridors.

**Remote Learning** – We will continue to build upon our use of Microsoft Teams, both as a great way to support learning and a contingency if we need to go to remote learning. Please ensure that you child has access to a suitable device at home. If they do have a problem, please contact Mr Mortimer OMortimer@thehazeleyacademy.com and we will work with them to resolve it.

One thing we certainly learnt over the past 18months is that things might change, please rest assured we have a scaled response plans ready if needed, including reintroduction of face coverings and remote leaning.

We hope that the above advice and 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 do not hesitate to contact me by email [whiteman@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:whiteman@thehazeleyacademy.com)

Kind regards

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