

8th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that your children have enjoyed this first week back as much as I have, welcoming new and familiar faces ready for the busy, exciting term ahead. Thank you for taking the time to read these important updates and notices, the more informed you keep yourself, the more your child can take advantage of the opportunities that Hazeley provides.

Important messages

School photos

On Monday 12th September we are welcoming Kittle photographers back into the Academy to take the annual school photographs of all students. **Please can ALL students come to school in full school uniform on Monday even if they have PE on this day**, PE lessons will be amended to reflect this. Students do not need to bring PE kit with them. Photographs will be available for you to purchase soon after.

Access to Home Learning

It is essential that all students have access to Microsoft Teams so they can access homework, revision, and assessment resources. If your child is having difficulty logging in, please email our IT Support Team at ITS@thehazeleyacademy.com. If your child does not have access to any device at home (tablet, desktop, or laptop) please let us know and we will do our best to support you.

Year Group Messages

Year 11 Welcome to the Year ahead

On **Tuesday 13th September at 6pm** we are inviting all Year 11 parents/carers to come into the academy to hear a presentation from Mr Hughes and Miss Whiteman about the key systems and structures in place to support Year 11 during this vital academic year for them.

Year 13 Welcome to the Year ahead

On **Wednesday 14th September at 6pm** we are inviting all parents and students to attend what is an important presentation regarding what to expect throughout the year and key milestones in Year 13, including exam preparation and the process of applying for university, college, or apprenticeships.

Year 12 Welcome to the Year ahead

On **Monday 19th September 6pm** we are inviting all parents and students to a presentation regarding what to expect and key information for Year 12. This will help set the next academic year up and share key dates and milestones throughout the year.

Year 12 parents - preloved revision guides

Have you got a supply of Year 11 revision resources sitting on shelves at home that are no longer needed? We would be so thankful if you are willing to donate these to our Year 11 study hub so the current Year 11 can use them. If you can help, please drop them off at reception at any point and we will certainly make use of them.

Year 7 Welcome to the Year ahead and parents evening

On **Thursday 22nd September** between 4.15-6.40pm we welcome our new parents for short presentation from Miss Gardner and Mrs Tait, alongside 5-minute appointments with the form tutors to review the first few weeks and settling into Hazeley. Appointments will take place in the sports hall and presentations will be held in the gym. Details on how to reserve an appointment time with the tutor will be sent home separately.

Year 11 Geography trip

On Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st September, our Year 11 Geography students will be travelling to the Amersham Field Studies Council to undertake the physical geography fieldwork component of their GCSE course. The students will be conducting an investigation into the differences between two areas of woodland – one managed by the Field Studies council, and one which is unmanaged. The investigation will require the students to use a range of fieldwork techniques we are unable to practise in the classroom; giving our students the opportunity to experience the subject in the most hands-on way possible. Our students will also receive specialist onsite teaching from the experts at the Field Studies Council, providing them with the best possible knowledge and skills to succeed. Fieldwork is an amazing opportunity for our students to develop their character and confidence, and one that has been sorely missed during the pandemic. The geography department and students are looking forward to returning to the field, and we are looking forward to seeing our students in action!

Updates

Celebration!

We are pleased to share our 5D Celebratory Newsletter with you, sharing just some of the many achievements and activities from across the trust. [5D Newsletter September 2022](#)

Preloved uniform

We are very aware of the rising cost of living and how this is putting additional pressures on our families. We want to support as many as possible by supplying them with good quality, preloved uniform, but our stock is very low currently as we provided over 150 blazers to families at the end of the last academic year. If your child has outgrown their uniform over the summer, we would love to take this from you and share with other Hazeley families, just drop it off at reception at any point. If you are finding that you need uniform, please do email enquiries at enquiries@thehazeleyacademy.com with what size you need, and we will do our very best to help you with this.

Free school meals

If you think your child is eligible for Free School Meals an application can, be made to the school via this link - <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

Once your application is successful you will receive notification directly from the application provider. It may take a few days for this to be reflected on your child's account.

To enquire further about Free School Meals please contact our Data Team - data@thehazeleyacademy.com or on 01908 555620.

Connect With Us!

Have you liked our page on Facebook? Our page is a great place to keep updated with key information, share events, and celebrate our successes. [Like our page here.](#)

P6

This academic year, Extracurricular is going through a re-brand and will now be known as Period 6 (P6). This is to recognise the wide range of fantastic opportunities available to our students after school. Every student who attends a P6 session will gain a P6 stamp in their planner which will be recorded by their tutor.

Please find the wide range of activities available to your son/daughter on our website.

[The Hazeley Academy - Extra Curricular](#)

Art Showcase

We look forward to welcoming you all to our Art Showcase on the 14th of September from 4-6.30pm in the H Corridor.

Life Skills PSHE

The Life Skills PSHE curriculum subject at Hazeley helps children and young people stay healthy, safe, and prepared for life – and work – in modern Britain. It can be found here - [PSHE Life Skills and Curriculum](#)
PSHE education also helps pupils to achieve their academic potential. We have a broad variety of topics covered during Drop Down Lessons this year which have all been planned in association with the PSHE Association (<https://pshe-association.org.uk/>) and are age appropriate. We welcome discussion, thoughts and ideas on our programme so please do not hesitate to contact Lesley McKenzie lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com if you wish to discuss through any aspect of the curriculum.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. In order to fulfil this, we have a child-centred approach in providing a safe environment in which children can learn.
In addition to the national feedback and requirements of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022' we are aware of the needs within a more contextual setting. We understand that Milton Keynes has its own unique issues and will continue to work with outside agencies to tackle them.

This year our Sexual Respect agenda continues in force, whilst we have had positive feedback on its initial impact, we will further develop this throughout the academic year in response to the national 'Review of Sexual Abuse in Schools and Colleges.'

We have responded to our annual student, staff, and parent surveys to ensure, among other things, a heightened focus on unkind behaviour and tackling bullying-like behaviour to ensure that not only is it addressed in an open fashion, but the support is unequivocal when required. We hope that by making it integral to our daily dialogue we will address any of the concerns raised.

If any parent or student has a concern, they can email wellbeing@thehazeleyacademy.com and we will get back to you with any support or help that we can offer.

Kind regards,

Miss T Whiteman
Head of School