

20th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this half term draws to a close, we look back on what has been a great half term. We have enjoyed welcoming parents back into the building for our 'Welcome to the Year Ahead' events, Y7 Tutor meetings and our Year 6 into 7 Open Evening.

The academy will re-open for students on **Tuesday 1st November** as Monday 31st October is a joint INSET day across the 5D Trust and many other partner primary schools.

Important messages

Sixth Form Open Evening

We welcome you to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 3rd November from 5:30pm-7:45pm, with presentations from Mr Nelson and Mrs Mayles at 5:45pm and 6:45pm. This is an opportunity for students and parents in Year 11 to hear and see what Hazeley Sixth Form has to offer, both from a curriculum and enrichment perspective. You will have the opportunity to find out about the subjects on offer from both the staff and current student perspectives and hear what our current students think and feel about their Sixth Form. Information on entrance requirements and the application process will also be provided on this night. Applications will open during the evening of 3rd of November until 4pm on 27th January 2023.

Uniform

In the final week of term, we had a spotlight on uniform standards and met students who are not meeting our expectations. Please can you ensure that students return after the half term break in full, correct uniform. This includes removing **acrylic nails** and **nose studs** and **formal footwear** must accompanied with uniform. Please be reminded that if students have PE on their timetable they wear PE kit to school, if it is an extracurricular club, they must wear school uniform and then change into PE kit after school. Our '**Preloved**' stock of uniform is plentiful therefore please contact enquiries@thehazeleyacademy.com if you require any assistance, or consult the uniform policy [The Hazeley Academy - Uniform](#) for full details of **what is and isn't** permitted. We rely on your support with this, thank you.

Attendance

Attendance at school is incredibly important in helping our students to achieve their goals. Simply put, if they are not in school then they are not learning. We appreciate that there are often varied and complex reasons for non-attendance, but please do ensure that if your child is able to be in school, they are. You can monitor your child's attendance via Arbor. Please be aware that it is a statutory duty for us to track, monitor and report attendance. If your child's attendance falls below 96%, we will contact you to offer support in ensuring that they are in school as much as possible. When your child is absent, please report this via email: attendance@thehazeleyacademy.com or leave a message on 01908 555633. Thank you.

Year Group Messages

Year 11 - We are now moving into the time of year when the Sixth Form Open Evenings are starting. We always encourage our students to make the most informed decisions about where they want to go so it's great to visit each centre, as well as our Sixth Form to see what is on offer. We hope you find the following information useful.

School	Date
The Hazeley Academy	3rd November
St Paul's School	8 th November
Shenley Brook End School	10th November
Milton Keynes Academy	15 th November
Stantonbury School	16 th November
The Radcliffe School	24 th November
Oakgrove School	28 th November
Milton Keynes College (Chaffron Way and Bletchley) - Saturday	12 th November 10am-1pm 21 st January 10am – 1pm
Denbigh School	18 th January
Ousedale School	26 th January
Milton Keynes College (Chaffron Way and Bletchley) - Evening	23 rd March 5pm- 7pm 11 th May 5pm-7pm

General messages

Hazeley Therapy Dog

We are pleased to welcome to Hazeley our new therapy dog Cooper, and his owner Laura. The work of therapy dogs is championed by the charity Canine Concern <https://canineconcern.co.uk/read-to-dogs/> who provide care dogs to the whole community. They are a charity that specialises in bringing joy and reassurance into the lives of young people, the elderly, vulnerable and many others who would benefit from the service. Our students have been delighted to meet Cooper and we look forward to his regular visits.



Reading Rocks!

At Hazeley, we know that 'Reading Rocks' - and have a whole calendar of events scheduled to support our students with reading. Our first DEAR Day on 23rd September saw students Drop Everything and Read together, whether that was a short story, a chapter of their favourite book or an article based around their subject. Parents of students in Years 7-9 will shortly be receiving a 'Reading Rocks' communication that details where their child's current level of reading achievement, and some easy tools to use at home to boost the enthusiasm for reading for pleasure. Don't forget, all students have at home access to our EPlatform, with thousands of books and audiobooks available – our Ebooks even have customisable font and dyslexia friendly backgrounds for easy reading: [The Hazeley Academy - The Hazeley Academy \(eplatform.co\)](#) students log in with their usual Hazeley username, and the password 'hazeley1'. We can't wait to hear what your children choose!

Student Surveys

The Hazeley Academy undertakes student surveys twice a year. Sixth form Surveys are taking place on the 3rd-4th November, all other year groups will take place the week commencing the 7th of November. The survey allows all students to voice any issues they might have, request anything they need, challenges in their everyday experience in school and what they would like to see improved. The topics in the survey range from teaching and learning to

wellbeing and mental health. The student feedback gives us a valuable insight to what is going well and what we need to do next to improve. The surveys are anonymous and students have opportunities to give any feedback they think would be helpful for staff. If you have any questions, please contact lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com

Hazeley Community and 5Cs Passport

At Hazeley we always have community at heart and are keen to support local and national initiatives. Keep Britain Tidy are doing an autumn litter pick called #hallowclean. Lots of our students have previously over half term voluntarily organised their own litter pick, details can be found here [Keep Britain Tidy](#).

Keep Britain Tidy has also teamed up with plastic processing experts Milspeed on a ground-breaking project to develop the large-scale recycling of fishing nets in the UK. Each year, it is estimated that 640,000 tonnes of fishing nets end up as plastic waste in our oceans. These nets can continue to 'ghost fish' for up to 600 years, with countless fish, dolphins and seals killed after getting trapped in them. Here is a link to more information about the project for any students who want to find out more over half term [Milspeed](#)

Don't forget to let us know of any volunteering activities students can get involved in, we would love to hear and year 7 and 8 can tick these off in their 5Cs Passport. Any questions please contact lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com

Did you know?

At Hazeley, we offer **all** students a free bowl of porridge for breakfast every morning in the Cucina restaurant from 8am. Students can start their mornings with a good breakfast without the need to worry about the cost. It is important to start the day positively and a good, nutritional breakfast is key.

Have a safe and enjoyable half term break.

Miss T Whiteman
Head of School