

**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you can spare 3 minutes to update yourself on the latest updates and reminders, from antibullying to V2 grid road closures, it's full of important information to help you, help your child get the most from Hazeley.

### Year Group Messages

#### **Year 11 – Sixth Form Open Evening**

We are really looking forward to showing Year 11 what fantastic opportunities within the Sixth Form are available for them next year. The Academy will be open between 5.30pm and 7.45pm tonight, we look forward to seeing you.

### Updates

#### **P6 clubs now need to be booked using Arbor**

Previously students have been able to 'just turn up' to clubs after school however, starting from next week many of the sessions that are currently offered must be pre-booked using Arbor. The sessions that must be booked are coloured green on the calendar found here: [The Hazeley Academy - Extra Curricular/P6](#). At 12pm on Friday 4th November, P6 clubs will be released on Arbor for you to book sessions for your son/daughter this half term. – [Details of how to book P6 on Arbor](#)

#### **Student Surveys**

The Hazeley Academy undertakes student surveys twice during the year with the Sixth Form surveys taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of November, all other year groups will complete theirs the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> November. The survey allows all students to voice any issues they might have, 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 and this student feedback gives Hazeley a valuable insight on 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. Any questions please contact [lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com)

#### **Anti-Bullying**

Now Arbor is becoming part of our key communication tool, parents will notice the greater emphasis on being kind with B2's being raised for unkind comments and B3's being raised for bullying like behaviour. Details can be found on the Arbor parent app, and we encourage parents to contact the teacher directly. Year 7's recently took part in an Anti-Bullying conference with the central theme of '*be an upstander, not a bystander*'. There is a variety of ways to report alleged bullying, through a drop box in student services, dedicated email address [Ab@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:Ab@thehazeleyacademy.com) which is found on every desktop computer and on our front page on our website, or report it directly to any adult in the building.

#### **STEAM**

On Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> November, Ms Lazenby will be taking the Year 9 and 10 Design and Technology girls to Nifitylift's headquarters in Milton Keynes. The event has been organised to promote women in Engineering and to demonstrate the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) opportunities within Milton Keynes. The visit will allow students to explore some of the different career opportunities available in industry, whilst allowing them to explore the facilities at Nifitylift.

### Equality Group

The Equality Group have had a flying start this academic year. The group, now over 30 students strong, have been working hard to raise awareness of equality and diversity issues around the school. We have launched and carried out a successful Black History Month campaign, with focal points of women in black history, as well as the significance, meaning and value of names in black communities. As we roll into November, we have three main focal points for the month. Firstly, this week, five members of the equality group were inducted into the Pearson Student Diversity Ambassador programme – which will involve working with Pearson Edexcel on how representative their studies are. Secondly, we are looking to support the whole-school Anti-Bullying week initiative by creating a video broadcast on how Anti-Bullying links to issues of equality and diversity. Finally, we have partnered with Islamophobia Awareness Month this November, and will be working to raise the profile of the issue of Islamophobia in schools as well as the country. If you or your child have any questions regarding the Equality Group, please get in touch by emailing [equality@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:equality@thehazeleyacademy.com)

### Safeguarding

Despite the clocks going back, winter is hastily making its way towards us, this is a timely reminder to have diligence when travelling to and from school. It's fantastic to see so many students walking or cycling and it is healthy for this to continue, however it is sensible to be prudent. Your child walking with friends, having a regular return time or meeting spot and a clear routine is helpful for this. In school, Child Protection and Safeguarding is an ever-moving entity and we strive to make continuous reflections and improvement.

We will shortly be undergoing our yearly review and hope to make this our most stringent and successful review to date. As ever, we have an open-door policy and would always encourage our young people to talk to a trusted adult in school, be it their form tutor, Progress Leader, R2L link or the Safeguarding team.

One final note or awareness is regarding online safety. Following the inquest into the death of Molly Russell we await the government's new Online Safety Bill but until then, some excellent advice and guidance can be found here: [Social Media & Mental Health](#) | [Guide For Parents](#) | [YoungMinds](#)

Thank you for working with us.

Miss T Whiteman