

17th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

If I had to choose just one of our 5Cs it would be **community**. We can all grow by seizing opportunities to contribute to our community and we can all feel secure in the knowledge that in our time of need our community will do all that it can to support us.

This latest edition of our parent comms is full of opportunities for your child to grow through taking part in brilliant opportunities and to access support where needed.

Thank you for playing your part by reading it and nudging your child/ren towards making the best possible choices in a way only parents can.

Important updates

Additional Bank Holiday in 2023

Britain has been given an additional bank holiday on Monday 8th May 2023 for the Coronation of King Charles; the Academy will therefore not be open on this date. Please add this to your diaries.

Attendance Matters

Attendance at school is the first step to success. Attendance at Hazeley is well above national and local levels. We never rest on our laurels, and we will be placing additional support for every child who drops below 90% to help them overcome all barriers possible, if this applies to your child your support with this is very much appreciated.

Local buses

We are aware that many of the local bus routes across the city have changed, making it unnecessarily difficult for our students. If this applies to your child, please contact the form tutor so we are aware and wherever possible, please make alternative arrangements to ensure students arrive on school site by 8.30am. Our gates close at 8.35am each day. Thank you.

Toilets

It's very important that students can access clean toilets, free of any antisocial behaviour. It's also important that whenever possible this is done during break and lunch times. Students will be updated next week on the details of a new system to help promote this.

Whole school careers week

Next week sees a careers week where again students will have their learning linked to particular careers. They will be given the LMI (labour market information) for each career which tells them about pay and opportunities. If there are careers that your child is interested in, please encourage them to log in to Unifrog where they can also find out the pathways and qualifications that will support their journey.

Year Group Messages

Year 12 and Y13 Parents Evening - Thursday 1st December

This is an opportunity to meet the students' subject teachers to find out either how Year 12 have settled into Key Stage 5, the progress they are making and their next steps or for Year 13, who will by that stage be about three quarters of the way through their courses, how well they are working and what their focus and next steps should be as they head into the final few months of sixth form.

We strongly recommend that students attend along with their parents. This will be face to face for both year groups, parents will receive email communication nearer the time regarding booking appointments for the evening. We look

forward to seeing you all in person on the 1st December. If you have any questions, please either contact your child's form tutor or email sixthform@thehazeleyacademy.com

Year 7 and 8 - 5Cs Passport

Years 7 and 8 are now well underway with the activities in the 5Cs Passport including volunteering, enrichment, geography, Duke of Edinburgh, metacognition, and oracy. Some students are already approaching completion of some sections in the first term even though the completion date isn't until July 2023. It is wonderful to see such enthusiasm to new opportunities. The benefits of volunteering in general are well-researched and vast. Here are a few that apply to our young people: developing life skills to transition into adult life including empathy, working hard, and problem solving, higher levels of both self-efficacy and self-esteem and as psychologist Albert Bandura explains, "Perceived self-efficacy refers to beliefs in one's capabilities to organize and execute the courses of action required to manage prospective situations." In other words, self-efficacy is believing we can do what needs to be done to handle a situation effectively. It's a big cause of motivation and it influences how we think and act. Thank you for all your support so far in encouraging your child to complete the tasks. Any questions please contact lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com

General messages

Anti-Bullying

Anti-Bullying week recently covered our theme be a upstander, not a bystander. Students took part in lead lessons, tutor activities and listened to our equality and diversity group discuss this important topic. Students have been reminded on the various ways of reporting bullying and the importance of being kind, respectful and avoiding comments that are passed off as 'banter'. Parents and students can contact our dedicated anti bullying email address on Ab@thehazeleyacademy.com

Bikeability and Access to Bikes Scheme

The Hazeley Academy will be running the Bikeability proficiency tests for Year 7 in May 2023 and further details will follow in the spring term. We are also pleased to work with Milton Keynes Council with their **Access to Bikes** scheme, details can be found here: <https://getaroundmk.org.uk/cycling/access-to-bikes>. Any Pupil Premium student or families on low incomes/unemployed who completes the Bikeability course and does not have a bike is entitled to claim a bike through the **Access to Bike** scheme. Please contact me if you think your child will be eligible for a bike, you must live within the borough of Milton Keynes. Any questions please let me know at lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com

MK Council Cycling Santa's!

Last year 34 Cycling Santa's left Station Square for a short ride through Central Milton Keynes to Campbell Park and back and made many new friends. This year they aim to double that number and step closer towards the Cycling Santa's world record and are asking for MK residents to come and join them.

There will also be free Dr Bike services from Cycle Saviours 4-5pm, and a Wheelie contest for a £50 prize, the ride will set off up Midsummer Boulevard to Campbell Park, around the Light Pyramid and back, entertaining Christmas shoppers along the way.

All are welcome to join even if you don't have a bike of your own. Next Bike is providing 20 free Santander bicycles to use for three hours as well as 100 free for one hour and will be on hand to help you unlock your hire bike. If you would like to use one of these, please contact cyclingmk@citizensuk.org. More information can be found here [Cycling Santa's](#)
Any questions please contact lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com

Reading Rocks!

As of the 16th of November, our incredible students have read 60,682,337 words since September, which totals to more than 2,500 books!

At present, we are close to ten million words being read weekly, which could see us hit a grand total of 180,000,000 words by World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March 2023. (We love a challenge.)

It is wonderful to see that 90% of our years 7-9 students are engaging with the Accelerated Reader programme regularly - adding to those ever-increasing totals.

On top of our collaborative effort, we currently have 7 amazing millionaire readers, and hope to hit double figures by December!

Remember that the library is open during most break and lunch times, and after school, and that students in Years 7-9 can access Accelerated Reader at home to quiz on the books they have been reading. If you're unsure how to log into Accelerated Reader, please email nstevenson@thehazeleyacademy.com

Pre-Loved Uniform

As you may know by now, Hazeley has a stock of preloved uniform available for any student. It is proving so popular that we are running low on stock. If you have any school uniform, shoes, backpacks, or coats, please drop them to reception and we will wash, repair and iron the items ready for the new owner.

If you need any support with uniform, please email enquiries@thehazeleyacademy.com with the item and size you are looking for and we will do our best to provide this as quickly as possible.

Breakfast at Hazeley

Please be reminded that we offer healthy and nutritious porridge, free of charge, to all students from 8am every morning in our Cucina restaurant. Other breakfast items are available to purchase.

Milton Keynes Community

Part of being a community means that we may be fortunate enough to be able to contribute, and at other times we need to be confident enough to take support that is on offer. You may be interested in the local charities found here: [Baby Basics MK](#), [MK Storehouse](#), [St Marks Meals](#), [SOFEA](#), [Westcroft Community Larder](#), [MK Food Bank](#) and [MK Community Fridge](#)

Free energy support helpline

Did you know that Milton Keynes City Council is funding a free 'Warmth and Wellbeing Helpline?' It offers advice to people struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.

MK residents can call freephone **0800 107 0044** Monday to Friday from 9.00am – 5.00pm to get advice from the National Energy Foundation's Better Housing Better Health team. The team will explain how to get better energy deals and how to apply for insulation and energy efficiency grants. Residents could save as much as £115 a year by implementing the advice.

Winter Holiday Activities

A range of 7,000 FREE activities and food sessions for children, young people and their families who are in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals or if you do not qualify for free school meals but are in receipt of Working Tax Credit or Universal Credit, has been arranged via Milton Keynes Council.

All activities will take place **19 - 22 December** at locations across MK. From football to film making, multi sports clubs and even ninja clubs. For more information please visit this link - [Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2022 | Milton Keynes City Council](#). If you wish to sign up, please use the following letter depending on the benefit you receive.

Free school meals - [Letter](#)

Working or Universal Credit - [Letter](#)

Thank you for your support,

Miss Whiteman