

1st December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the end of a busy term approaches, we want to help our students and wider community make the most of every opportunity left and prepare for a fun and successful 2023. We hope that this latest edition of updates and reminders helps this.

Thank you for taking the time to read and act upon them.

Important Updates

End of Term Arrangements

The Academy will close at 1:15pm on Friday 16th December 2022 for the Christmas period. Students return after the Christmas break on Wednesday 4th January 2023. The academy is closed to students on Tuesday 3rd January for a staff training day. May we take this opportunity to wish you and your family a peaceful, enjoyable, and safe Christmas and New Year.

Well Done Priory Rise

As you know the brilliant Priory Rise will be joining us as part of the 5D Trust in the new year. What you might not know is that they recently had an external review by the Local Authority, in short, they came out as **excellent**, the official summary is:

- Quality of education, effectiveness of leadership and governance, safeguarding, financial stability and other key factors are highly secure.
- Leaders demonstrate a very strong capacity for self-improvement.
- The school's nurturing, values-based ethos is intertwined through all that the school do, relationships at all levels are extremely strong.
- Leaders and staff have strong potential to add value beyond their own school which they are beginning to do through their work with the 5 Dimensions Trust.

One of the best things about being part of a community is sharing and learning from each other's success, helping us all keep growing into the very best versions of ourselves. That is the heart of being 5D.

V2

The V2 grid project is starting to pick up momentum, and you will soon start to see work commencing around the academy. L&Q Estates have now secured planning approval for the highway and are in the process of finalising the legal agreement which will allow them to take possession of the highway. They will be carrying out confirmed works to harden the verge on the inside of the bend along Tattenhoe Street, into the school starting **17th December** and finishing **21st December inclusive**. This will be carried out during the Christmas holidays.

Once complete, this will be opened to traffic prior to the Christmas period with no other traffic management, closures of the redway or otherwise occurring until 2023.

The envisaged programme is to take possession of Tattenhoe Street and **close Emperor Drive / Moreland Drive from the end of January 2023**, signaling the start of the main works. Two-way traffic will be maintained in and out of the school at all times during this part of the closure next year.

Local buses

We are aware that some of the bus routes have been changed around Milton Keynes, making it harder for a small number of students to arrive on time in the mornings. Sadly, there is little we can do with this. We ask that parents/carers make alternative arrangements to ensure their child arrives on time, and to email your child form tutor if you have any concerns. Thank you.

Toilets

Thank you for your support with our small but positive changes to use of the toilets in the academy. This has been overwhelmingly successful and we have received positive feedback from the students. We will always review our processes and listen to our students via students' voice.

Year Group Messages

Year 11 – Study Leave

To support Year 11's with their next PPEs, we have decided to honour them a Study Leave period, to alleviate the pressure of attending lessons in between their exams. This will run from Monday 12th December – Thursday 12th January inclusive.

Students will be required to arrive for their exams and leave the premises after each exam. For those students unable to return home in between each exam, we have a space available for these students to use for focused study time.

Please note: the study space provided will not be available to use on Friday 16th December, as this is the last day of term and students will be required to return home after their morning exam (there is no PM exam scheduled for this day).

Normal lessons will resume as of the 13th January 2023, apart from the GCSE Art students who have their 5 hour exam on this date.

Year 12 and 13 Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 9th December all Sixth Form students can choose to wear their favourite Christmas jumper for the day to raise money for the Year 13 Prom. £1 donations can be made on parent pay or paid in cash on the day. Students must be in sixth form dress code, accompanied by their Christmas jumper. It is always a fun day and we hope to see lots of festive jumpers.

General Messages

Volunteering

At Hazeley we support our students doing volunteering as part of our 5Cs vision. There are many benefits to volunteering which can provide a healthy boost to self-confidence, self-esteem, and life satisfaction. When young people volunteer, they know they are doing good for others and the community, which provides a natural sense of accomplishment. Young people often talk about how volunteering also gives them a sense of pride and identity. Our Duke of Edinburgh programme encourages volunteering in school and, also in the wider community. Some of the opportunities in school include supporting the PE department and library. There has also been joint volunteering with the local park team where students help out with park run activities. Years 7 and 8 are currently completing their 5Cs Passport which gives them a good foundation in volunteering and getting prepared for their Bronze award for Duke of Edinburgh in year 9.

After school, students have been taking part in online volunteering options with British Red Cross and ZSL. We believe our students should receive praise and their efforts celebrated for volunteering so if your child does any volunteering outside of school, we would love to hear about it, please contact lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com

Philosophy & Ethics Trip – St Paul’s Cathedral

The Philosophy & Ethics department are excited to take our Year 9 students to St Paul’s Cathedral on Thursday 15th December. This is an extremely valuable trip for students to attend as it will support them in their study of Christian Beliefs and Practices, which they are due to start in January. If you have not yet done so, please ensure that you have signed up for the trip on ParentPay, the deadline is **Friday 2nd December**.

Students must wear full school uniform (not PE kit) but may wear comfortable footwear as there will be a fair amount of walking and steps in the Dome Climb. Please ensure that your child has a packed lunch and water bottle and is at the academy for 7:30am so that we can promptly leave Hazeley at 8:00am. There will be an opportunity for students to spend some time at the gift shop, however, please be aware that it may be cashless and students will be responsible for any monies brought on the trip. We are extremely excited for what promises to be an informative, educational, and enjoyable day out! If you have any questions, please contact Mr Dhanji at sdhanji@thehazeleyacademy.com

Chinese GCSE Exam

We are offering students, who are native to Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese), a chance to sit a GCSE Chinese exam in May/June 2023. It consists of four sections: Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking. I will be running a session shortly on the structure of the exams and what students will need to look out for. If you are interested or if you are unsure whether your child is too young to sit the exam (Year 7 or 8), please contact me via email (CWong@thehazeleyacademy.com).

How Can My Child Become an Expert Learner? Metacognition!

Here at Hazeley, we are working on developing metacognition and self-regulation in all our learners. Metacognition is the process of understanding ourselves as learners; how we prefer to learn, our strengths and weaknesses. Metacognition plays an important role in your child’s development towards becoming independent and confident adults. Once metacognition is mastered, your child can self-regulate, meaning they are able to help themselves when they are stuck and are resilient to failure.

Research shows that when you encourage the adoption of metacognitive strategies, your child is more likely to improve their attainment. For this reason, we are focusing on how you can encourage the use of such metacognitive strategies at home. As a parent, you don’t need to be an expert on Year 8 Spanish or Year 13 quantum physics to support your child! You can do this by asking the right questions at the right time.

When your child is completing any work at home, try asking these questions to help plan, monitor and evaluate his/her learning:

Planning- Before the Task	Monitoring - Part Way Through The Task	Evaluating - Once The Task Has Been Completed
Does this task remind you of anything you have learnt before?	How do you know you are on the right track?	How do you know if you have been successful?
Do you know what you need to do to be successful in this task?	What can you do to check your work so far?	What did you find easy or difficult?
What do you think you will find tricky?	How do you know you are tackling this the best way?	How can you apply this learning to other subjects or situations?
What options do you have if you get stuck?	What’s the best way to keep focused?	How will you make sure you remember what you have learned?

Metacognitive strategies are all about acknowledging how to plan, monitor and evaluate. Children who recognise this cycle are characterised as 'self-regulated' learners. In supporting your child to talk through their learning, they become increasingly aware of how to improve. To learn more about metacognition, take a look at this research report by the [Education Endowment Foundation](#).

If you try using these questions with your child, I'd love to hear your experiences. My email is gwilliamson@thehazeleyacademy.com

Hazeley Christmas Appeal

This year the Hazeley Academy is doing two **Christmas appeals**, one for **Sports**

Traider <https://www.sportstraider.org.uk/> and the other for **MK Foodbank** <https://mkfoodbank.org.uk/>.

Our collections will start on **5 December** and end on **14 December**.

Sports Traider – we are collecting donations of unused sports kit which is in good condition and anything you would normally find in a charity shop such as clothing in good condition. Sports Traider will be collecting our donations on 14 December and taking this to their charity shop in Dunstable to support young people having sports equipment and the local community.

MK Foodbank – current items they need (and don't need) can be found here: [How You Can Help | Milton Keynes Food Bank \(mkfoodbank.org.uk\)](#)

Any questions please contact lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com

P6 update

What a fantastic effort from so many Hazeley students so far this year, who have attended P6 sessions. A staggering 612 of our students have taken advantage of the sessions available, and who have, as a collective have attended 2,889 worth of hours after school!

The top 5 students in each year group, with the highest attendance to P6 so far this term, are as follows:

Year 7: Will 7EA2, Mia 7CA2, Mahi 7EA2, Daya 7CS2 and Jasmine 7VY1.

Year 8: Hoi Ching 8EA2, Isabella 8EA2, Agimsan 8VY1, Shun-Hei 8VY1 and Sky 8VY1

Year 9: Rebecca 9VY1, Georgina 9VY2, Lily 9CS1, Faith 9VY1 and Ethan 9VY2

Year 10: Julia 10VY1, Mario 10CS1, Merissa 10VY1, Alisha 10VY1 and Izzy 10VY1

Year 11: Sofia 11VY1, Kaci 11VY1, Paris 11EA2, Zahra 11EA2 and Priscilla 11CA1

Just a reminder that you must book the 'clubs' through Arbor. Please follow this link to view all the P6 sessions that are on offer until the end of this term. [The Hazeley Academy - Extra Curricular/P6](#)

P6 'clubs' for after the Christmas holiday, will be released on Arbor on Friday 16th December for parents/carers to book.

Ms Lazenby - Director of Student Engagement

Google translate guide

If English is not your first language and you would like to access websites in your first language, Google now has a feature that allows an entire website to be translated! Please refer to the guide attached for instructions on how to use it. [Google Translate Guide](#)

Kind regards,

Miss T Whiteman