

January 2023

Happy New Year to you all, we hope you have had a relaxing break with family and friends.

I am sure you are beginning to think about plans for your child/ren's return on **Wednesday 4th January 2023**, therefore a few reminders will ensure a positive return to the academy where we can focus on high quality learning in the classroom, supported through high expectations.

Uniform

We return on **Week A**; therefore, students should consult their timetable via **Arbor** or their student planner to confirm if it is a PE uniform day, or full academy uniform day. I would like to draw your attention to the following:

- Plain black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, plain white PE polo shirt, and black Hazeley hooded top with Hazeley logo (optional)
- Acrylic nails and false eyelashes **are not** permitted and must be removed before returning to academy on Wednesday.
- Black formal shoes are to be worn with full uniform, including wearing of a blazer at all times.
- We have seen an increase of **chewing gum** in school. It is not hygienic, it can ruin clothes and it is a danger in PE lessons, therefore please support us as we reinforce our expectations around this from Wednesday.

Full details of our uniform expectations, including how to access our **preloved uniform** and details of our uniform supplier can be accessed via this link. [The Hazeley Academy - Uniform](#) . Full details of the sixth form dress code can also be accessed through the academy website [Sixth Form dress code](#)

Thank you for your support.

Attendance

Being in school and having the best attendance possible is so important for students, for reasons such as learning, wellbeing, and their wider development. For some children, attending school every day will be harder than for others. Should you require any support with getting your child to the academy each day, please contact our attendance officer Mr Giles on **01908 555633** or attendance@thehazeleyacademy.com, or contact your child's Progress Leader.

Sixth Form attendance should be reported as above or to your son/daughters form tutor.

90% attendance achieved in a school assessment is an excellent mark, however 90% attendance is below government expectations and classified as persistent absence. 90% attendance equates to ½ a day off a week or 4 weeks off over a year. Throughout the year, we will include the importance of attendance and updates alongside our regular communications. The message will also be shared with the students. You can see the link between high attendance and likelihood of achieving 5 good GCSE grades, based on last year's GCSE achievements.

	95-100% attendance	90-95% attendance	85-90% attendance	80-85% attendance	Below 80% attendance
5 GCSE grades 9 to 4	88.3%	79.5%	82.1%	65.2%	48.1%

The DFE expect schools and parents to be doing more to tackle absenteeism and have recently released a guide for parents. [DFE guide for parents on school attendance](#)

Local buses

Changes to local bus routes and times are sadly out of our control and we are aware that this affects only a minority of families. On return, we expect that alternative arrangements have now been made to ensure students arrive on time, by 8.35am each morning. Please contact your child's Progress Leader if this is likely to continue to be a concern. Thank you.

Period 6

We run an extensive afterschool programme and a lot of P6 sessions are already fully booked. Please be aware that there are delayed starts to sport clubs due to the Year 11 PPE's and the predicted unpleasant weather. Further details can be found on our website. [The Hazeley Academy - Extra Curricular/P6](#)

Dates for your diary

School events coming up this half term and full details will be circulated in advance, however, please be aware of the following dates.

- Friday 13th January – Year 11 return to lessons from study leave, apart from those in the art exam all day.
- Thursday 19th January – Year 8 parents and preference evening.
- Friday 27th January – Year 11 deadline for Sixth Form applications.
- Thursday 2nd February - Year 11 Parents Evening.

Thank you for taking the time to read the notices and supporting us by ensuring your child is prepared and reminded of our expectations. By supporting and working with us, we can focus all our efforts on high quality learning in the classroom to ensure that students make excellent progress throughout 2023.

Best wishes and Happy New Year,

Miss T Whiteman
Head of School