

26th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is often when times are challenging that the true colours of a community emerge. When Covid hit, our 5D Hazeley community shone, I feel compelled to share my gratitude for the way in which our community has responded in the same way to the challenges posed by the strikes and the construction of the V2.

I hope the updates below help you support your child and their community through these tricky patches and as always, we welcome your feedback. We will never offer you perfection but will always promise our best efforts.

Important updates

Wednesday 1st February 2023

Following our communication sent on Wednesday, please be reminded that the 1st February is a home learning day due to the industrial action of the NEU. Please find the communication which explains this in more detail and includes instructions on how your child is expected to learn at home. [1st February letter](#)

V2 car park update

Please be reminded from Monday 30th January, parents/carers will be unable to access the Academy car park between 8-8.45am and 2.45-4.45pm unless you have applied for a parking permit. This is to reduce congestion outside the academy due to the V2 roadworks. A link to our previous communication which explains this in more detail and our suggested drop off points can be found here [V2 Letter](#)

Year 10 parents evening – change of date.

Due to the pre-planned industrial action of the NEU, we feel it is best to move the Year 10 parents evening from Thursday 16th March to the new date of **Thursday 23rd March**. The evening will still take place **online**. Details on how to book online appointments will be sent out to all Year 10 parent/carers before the event.

Child Protection and Safeguarding

There have been some key updates within Safeguarding in schools about the harms that can take place outside of the family and household. Whilst the law recognises the 4 types of abuse as: Neglect, Sexual Abuse, Physical Abuse and Emotional Abuse (Emotional abuse being present in all other types of abuse) there is the consideration of 'Extra-Familial harm', this is harm that often takes place with slightly older children as they begin socialising less with their parents and more with their selected friendship groups. The issues vary extensively but the advice of knowing where your child(ren) spend social time outside of school, and who they spend it with, is crucial.

You may also have been contacted recently regarding contact details on Arbor. It is important that we have more than one contact in case of emergency. Please reflect on this and add the details of that person onto Arbor. If you need any help with this, please contact us and we will ensure those details are added.

Important safety reminder

We would like to take this opportunity to remind students about safe travel to/from the Academy and if you are out exercising.

We would appreciate it if you could assist us with reminding your child of these important safety tips when walking or cycling.

- Always try and walk or cycle with a friend/ family member

- Always be vigilant and aware of your surroundings - do not wear earphones or have your phone on show
- Always wear appropriate safety helmets when cycling and ensure your bike has lights and reflective markings
- If you are ever concerned for your immediate safety don't hesitate to call 999 and "say what you see" calls are recorded and it can help you get immediate advice/ support
- ALWAYS report anything suspicious.

Thank you.

Arbor Pay

Please be reminded that we are integrating Arbor Pay for payments for catering, trips and shop items. A reminder of the timeline for transition:

Thursday 2nd February – This is the last day to add any money to ParentPay. All balances will be transferred from ParentPay to Arbor Pay once the switch has been completed.

Friday 3rd February – Please do not use ParentPay. No payments will be possible on this day. Students can still make purchases from the Cucina restaurant using their balance as of Thursday 2nd February.

Monday 6th February – The launch of Arbor Pay, current balances will be transferred and you will be able to log on to Arbor to add funds.

Look out for the email coming soon confirming how to use Arbor Pay. Please email arborhelp@thehazeleyacademy.com if you are having difficulty.

Year Group Messages

Year 11 - Sixth Form Application

Applications close at 4pm tomorrow, 27th January. All students wishing to be considered for Sixth Form must ensure they meet this deadline, as applications submitted after this deadline may not be considered. Information regarding interviews will be sent to students' emails and through their form tutors. All interviews will take place on the week commencing Monday 20th February.

Year 11 parents evening

Thursday 2nd February sees our second Year 11 parents evening, this time held face to face from 4.15pm - 7.30pm. It's a great opportunity to get some momentum in the build up to the formal exams in the summer. Appointments will be made online using our booking system. Details will be sent out to all parents/carers before the event.

Year 10-13 - Mr Beezy visit

We are delighted to announce that Mr Beezy will be returning to the Academy for his annual visit on Tuesday 31st January. He is an international, motivational speaker based in the UK. His speaking style is thought provoking and relatable, with a humorous tone, however his passion is undeniable! His key message is a saying "No Grind, No Glory!" If you would like to find out more here is his website link: <https://mrbeezy.com>

General messages

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week 6-12th February 2023

This year's theme is 'Let's connect'. Students will have a lead lesson as well as the opportunity to undertake some activities around making connections in form-time during CMHAW. As parents/carers you play a vital role in your child's mental well-being. [Families - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

Reading Rocks!

Last week, the Hazeley Academy community hit a grand total of 100,000,000 words read since September! It's clear that our students have been beating the January blues by taking off to exotic lands, faraway planets and journeying into the future, all from the comfort of their chairs.

With World Book Day around the corner, students will have the opportunity to talk to their teachers about books that have changed their lives and influenced them - we even have a staff audiobook planned for our next DEAR day. Even more excitingly, we have had a number of great results from our most recent STAR reading tests, with one class in Year 8 making the equivalent of 7 months progress in just 3 months, and a Year 9 class making an incredible 10 months progress in that time, too!

As well as whole classes, we are exceptionally proud of some of our individual readers, who have seen truly remarkable progress as high as 3- or 4-years reading age improvement in just a few months – it's such a pleasure to see some students discover and rediscover their love of reading, or to find a new way to read through eBooks and audiobooks on our ePlatform.

Our book recommendation for this month is: 'Nothing More to Tell' which is the latest offering from Karen McManus – we think students in Year 9 and above would really enjoy this young adult thriller.

Whole School Careers Week

As we continue our work on integrating Careers and work-related learning into our curriculum, the 6th of February sees the last of our whole school careers weeks, we will still, of course, be celebrating the National Careers Week in March. Below you can see the year groups that are different subjects have been asked to work with.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Sixth form
MFL	PE	Business	H&SC and CD	Psychology	Science
Music	Geography	History	DT & Catering	Drama	Maths
Computer Studies		P&E	Art	Media	English

Army Cadets

The 20th Platoon of the Buckinghamshire ACF based at Conniburrow Community Centre would like to invite your child(ren) to come and see the unit for an Open Evening on 30th January 2023 from 7.30-8.30pm. You can find further details here: [Army cadets](#)

Last day of term

Please be reminded that students finish at 3.15pm on Friday 10th February for the half term break and students will return to school on Monday 20th February.

Kind regards,
Miss T Whiteman