

27th April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support and your willingness to work so closely with us for the benefit of your child and our wider 5D Hazeley community. Helping your child with their attendance, reminding them to do their homework and revision and contacting us when you have news to share or questions to be answered is very much appreciated. Please take a few moments to read our latest updates and reminders.

Important messages

Bank Holidays

The Academy will be closed to all students on Monday 1st and Monday 8th May 2023 due to the national bank holidays.

Industrial Action

Due to the industrial action by the NEU, the Academy will only be open for Y11 and Y13 on Tuesday 2nd May 2023. Please refer to previous letter for the links to the home learning documents for all other year groups. [Strike Action Update](#)

Road closure – 2nd May

If our Y11 and Y13 parents/carers need to collect or drop off your child between 9.30am and 2.30pm on the 2nd May, please come into the Academy via the playground, using the entrance near Walnuts School, as the contractors are closing the entrance to our car park during this time. Alternatively, your child could walk in by the new entrance next to the canteen. Sorry for any inconvenience caused however this issue is outside of our control.

Year Group Messages

Year 7 - Parents evening - Thursday 11th May - Online

Please set aside this date in your diaries, a letter with further details of the evening, including how to book appointments will be sent out to you directly.

Year 11 – Final arrangements

All parents/carers of students in Year 11 should today receive a final arrangements email containing important notices, dates, and advice. Thank you for taking the time to read this carefully and ask any questions you may have before the 15th May. I will also link the letter here: [Final arrangements](#)

Save the date

The Hazeley Academy Day of Culture – Thursday 4th May

Staff and students are very excited with the upcoming Hazeley Academy Day of Culture. Students are invited to come into school dressed in cultural clothing. Please note that this is not a non-uniform day, meaning that football tops, for example, cannot be worn. Students who have PE on this date will have an opportunity to get changed into PE kit so they can continue to participate in lesson. Parents and families are invited to join us after school (15:30 – 17:30) for the Culture Day Festival – we will have food trucks, henna, live performances, and a runway from our students to represent the cultures with pride. We hope that you can join us for this exciting event! If you have any questions, please contact Mr Dhanji at sdhanji@thehazeleyacademy.com

General messages

Future parents' evenings – next academic year.

As part of our 5D key principles, working with families and listening to feedback is important. Throughout this academic year we have held a mixture of face to face and online parents' evenings and invite parents to share their preferences for next year. Our initial plans are to hold Years 7,8,9 online, and Years 10,11,12 as appointments in the academy. We invite you to share your views on this matter through the following link - [Parents evening form](#)

Cost of living increases

With the increasing cost of living, we want to make sure as many eligible students as possible are claiming their free school meals. Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you think your child is eligible for Free School Meals an application can be made to the school via this link: [Online FSM Application \(cloudforedu.org.uk\)](#)

Once your application is successful you will receive notification directly from the application provider. It may take a few days for this to be reflected on your child's account. To enquire further about Free School Meals please contact our Data Team on 01908 555620 or data@thehazeleyacademy.com.

Kind regards,

Miss T Whiteman
Head of School