

25th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we get to the end of the current half term, I would like to thank our 5D Hazeley community for your continued support. We have had a busy few weeks, with Year 13 and Year 11 having successfully completed two weeks of formal examinations, Year 10 had a fabulous week of work experience, Year 9 have started their PPE's and Year 7 have been on the roads with Bikeability. We have an equally busy and exciting 7 weeks planned to take us to the summer break, which we look forward to sharing with you in these updates, our spotlight communications, celebratory newsletters, and social media pages. We hope you enjoy our latest edition of our celebration newsletter - [Celebration Newsletter – May 2023](#)

Important messages

May half term

The Academy will close for all years at the end of the day on Friday 26th May, we will return on Monday 5th June. We hope you enjoy the sunshine.

Uniform

The beautiful sunshine has been welcomed this week; however, we have noticed that the girls uniform and PE kit is not meeting our shared expectations. More specifically, PE shorts are not to be the very short and tight style and skirts must be to the knee. Further details on the policy can be found here: [The Hazeley Academy - Uniform](#). We hope that this helps you to help your child play their part by following the agreed standards.

Year Group Messages

Year 12 UCAS Exams

Year 12 UCAS exams run for two weeks from Monday 5th June, students have been provided with their personalised timetables. A level lessons will not run during this time, and students can decide whether to study at home or at school during this fortnight. Health and Social Care, PE, IT, Finance and Business BTEC lessons will continue during this time and students are expected to attend all these lessons unless they are in an exam. When in school, students should be in the correct dress code and must continue to use the Inventory system to sign in and out each day. A level lessons will resume the week beginning 19th June.

Y10 pathways meetings

Following Work Experience week, our Year 10 students are now having this year's pathways meetings with their form tutors. These meetings will encourage them to reflect on the experience as they are continued to be supported with their planning for the future.

General messages

Pathways / Employability and Safeguarding Newsletters

We are delighted to share with you the most recent Pathways and Employability Newsletter for May 2023. – [Please click here](#).

Please also take a few moments to read the latest edition of the 5D Safeguarding Newsletter - [5D Safeguarding Newsletter](#)

P6

So far this year, Hazeley students have attended over 8,400 hours' worth of P6 sessions which is a fantastic accomplishment. The new calendar for sessions next half term, will be available on the school's website from Friday 26th May. Arbor will also open at 12pm for 'bookable' P6 clubs. [The Hazeley Academy - Extra Curricular/P6](#)

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the benefits of the award to your child.

Communication, team working, problem solving and composure under pressure are all huge attributes that we all hope our children can develop during their years at school to ready them for life after education. Taking part in a DofE award at any level supports this development and it has been a huge investment for the school for the past 5 years.

While I would always recommend that any DofE Award holder comments about their transferrable skills they developed over the course of their Awards, completing a Gold Award is often considered a particularly impressive achievement and is held in high regard by employers and universities.

The Gold Awards certification is appointed in person by the Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace at a special event held just for participants who have completed the Gold Award.

We have run the award for many years at The Hazeley Academy and many students completed the award during their time from Year 11 into Sixth Form.

Our Gold Award enrolment is still open, and I would encourage any students aged 16 and over to enrol. To hear some more about the Gold award please see the DofE video linked here: [DofE Gold](#)

Bikeability

Year 7 Hazeley students have taken part in the government national cycle training programme Bikeability. Instructors from MK Council taught students practical skills on how to cycle on the road safely and understanding the rules and responsibilities of safe road use. Bikeability enables our young people build confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life with an increased ability to judge risks on the road and actively help tackle climate change.

Students master key skills as part of the course including:

Check. Our students learn how to perform an "ABCD" safety check of air, brakes, chain, and direction before every ride.

Look. Students learn the importance of being aware of the surroundings at all times.

Move. Taking the most suitable riding positions and own space on the road is an important skill and students develop confidence in doing this e.g., keeping out of the gutter and using the middle of the lane at junctions.

Communicate. Riding position, arm signals and eye contact are all useful ways to show intentions.

Ride! Stick to the rules of road, remembering who has priority at each stage.

Online Safety advice for parents

The National Online Safety charity has produced a guide to support parents with keeping their child safe online, the information can be found here [NOS - Snapchat Guide](#)

This is in light of the ever-increasing influence that celebrities have and some such as Cristiano Ronaldo, Kylie Jenner and Selina Gomez all have hundreds of millions of followers and some estimates suggest that they can earn over £100,000 per post. This influencer market may at times be materialistic and superficial and at other times inoffensive fun however, some popular figures on social media have views and beliefs that are not what most parents would prefer their child to be exposed to. The attached information gives some of the potential risks and how to mitigate for these.

Windrush 75 Family Fun Day – 25th June



To celebrate 75 years since the Windrush, there will be a special cricket game and family fun day with food, bouncy castle, face painting etc. The event will be at the Milton Keynes Village Cricket Pavilion, MK10 9AD from 10am – 7pm on Sunday 25th June and all are welcome. Details can be found here [Windrush 75 Special Cricket Match](#)

Have a wonderful half term break,

Miss T Whiteman

Head of School