

6th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to the 414 Hazeley parents who invested their time to complete the recent parent surveys, your feedback is helpful and appreciated. As always you have provided us with plenty to celebrate and some reassurance that our improvement plans are focussed on the areas you value most.

The headline strengths of Hazeley described in the surveys:

- Parents described Hazeley as having high expectations and their children doing well.
- Support for the wider personal development of the children is seen to be strong at Hazeley.
- Children are seen to be happy and safe.
- The range of subjects and extracurricular activities is viewed as impressive.
- The school is viewed as placing a strong emphasis on equality.
- Communication is seen as good.
- Strong links with the community are recognised.
- Being part of the 5 Dimensions Trust is perceived as beneficial to the school.
- Parents said that the school is well led and managed.
- Hazeley was reassuringly above national average **all** of the headline areas.
- Notably, overall feedback has improved from last year, this is impressive and goes against the national trend where survey results of this kind are on the decline.

Key actions from the feedback

- Although strong compared to other schools, Hazeley will continue to work with students and parents/carers to improve behaviour through its 4 Rs of Relationships, Routines, Recognition, and a Restorative approach. Thank you in advance for your support.
- Hazeley will continue to build on its strong work in relation to anti bullying.
- Support for students with SEND will be reviewed by the Trust team.

Next steps

- Staff will be calling a broad sample of the parents who opted to for follow up calls so that they can understand the stories behind the responses, helping further sharpen plans.
- School Governors will support and challenge school leaders with the improvements.
- We will have a series of open days to allow parents to look at Hazeley in action, we suspect what you see will be even better than what your teenage children describe to you! Please contact our main reception to book!

Please don't hesitate to drop the relevant member of staff an email if you have any questions or comments, we will always try to get back withing two school days.

Thank you again, supporting Hazeley is one of the best ways to support your child and the community they are part of.

Dates for your diary

DEAR – Tuesday 11th July

On Tuesday 11th July during Period 5, students will be partaking in the last DEAR day of the year. DEAR stands for: Drop Everything And Read and all lessons are adapted for one hour so that students and staff can lose themselves in a good book.

Although the library is open as normal leading up to DEAR Day and students are welcome to choose books from there, we also encourage reading for pleasure in many forms: non-fiction texts, magazines, comic books, graphic novels, short stories – whatever interests your child at home, they are welcome to bring into school with them. We cannot permit students to read on electronic devices but would love to see a range of texts from all interests, topics, and genres. So, remember to pack something good to read on Tuesday 11th July!

Sports day – Thursday 13th July

Sports Day, it's back and bigger than ever! On Thursday 13th July, the PE department will be holding an exciting and inclusive day for all students in years 7 - 12. This is a non-school uniform day with students encouraged to wear their house colours as a t-shirt. Cobra blue, Colossus red, Enigma yellow and Victory green. The day will be packed with competitive athletics in the morning with students competing for house points in both track and field events. The afternoon is saved for the fun tutor activities, such as Welly Wang and hoop attack. We are looking forward to this being the best sports day yet.

Transition event - Hazeleyfest – Friday 14th July

On Friday 14th July we are delighted to be running our annual Hazeleyfest event to welcome our new Year 7's into the Academy. The event runs from 5pm on the Friday evening until 8.30am on Saturday 15th July.

Non-Uniform day – Friday 21st July

The last day of term is a non-uniform day in school. Students are given guidance on appropriate clothing e.g., no short skirts, students should not have any midriff showing, and they should not wear strappy tops. Students will also have lessons on the last day of term so should have their bags and equipment with them. Please can the donation (£1 recommended) be made on Arbor Pay. Please go to 'My dashboard' then in the 'School Shop Item' section there is a section for 'non-uniform day'. All donations are given to our four House charities. Please see the presentation with all details here: [Non-Uniform Day](#)

End of term – Friday 21st July

On Friday 21st July we close for this academy year at 1 pm. Students return to us for a staggered start. Year 7 and Year 12 return on Tuesday 5th September. On Wednesday 6th September, all year groups are in the academy.

General messages

Banned Items

Whilst we understand that a water fight during a lovely spell of warm weather is an ideal way to cool off, it's a timely reminder that water guns, of any description, are not appropriate to be brought into school. Thank you for supporting us by not allowing your child to bring them into school.

Life Skills - Monday 10th July

All students will be engaging in a reflective exercise exploring how they have grown and developed this academic year. We will also be learning about the most effective ways to learn more and remember more for longer. A resource booklet can be [found here](#). Finally, students will be introduced to their summer homework. To support this session, it would be great if you could discuss the session with your child(ren), asking these questions:

- What has been the highlight of this school year?
- How have you grown, as a person?
- How can you be a more effective learner next year?

Preloved uniform



Has your child outgrown their uniform, is their blazer becoming too small? We would love to swap this for a larger size for you from our preloved stock however our stock is very low after our transition event. Please could we ask you to consider donating any uniform, shoes, bags and/or coats to us. They will be washed and ironed before going to their new home. Once our stock is replenished, should your child need a swap, they can visit the science prep room or you can email enquiries@thehazeleyacademy.com to coordinate the changeover.

Summer Safety

Summertime means lots of fun and adventures during the six-week break and in order to keep our young people safe we have prepared an information package for students which they will go through during form time. Please see the presentation which has useful advice and links for support should they be needed whether they are at home, at play or out over the summer break. [Summer Safety](#)

Kind regards,

Miss T Whiteman
Head of School