

20th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe a year has passed since my role as Head of School began. As we reach the end of the academic year, I would like to say how extremely proud I am of all our students' achievements, particularly our Year 11's and 13's. I would like to wish them the best of luck in whatever their next stage may be, and I feel confident that their time in the academy has equipped them well to successful future. You have been a pleasure to have in the academy.

We have enjoyed welcoming our new students for 2023/24 into the Hazeley community, with our many transition events. Sleeping overnight in the academy with 220 Year 6 students for Hazeleyfest has to be one of the more interesting highlights of the year with equal parts of amazing fun and chaos! Many of our events and achievements can be found here, in our celebratory newsletter. [Celebration Newsletter – July 2023](#)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students and their families for your continued support, have a wonderful but safe summer and I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Important updates

End of term and September ready

Please be aware that on Friday 21st July we will close for this academic year at 1pm. Students return to us for a staggered start as below:

- Tuesday 5th September Y7 and Y12 return.
- Wednesday 6th September all year groups are in the Academy.

Entry to the Academy during the summer

We have been informed that there will be no entry to the Academy at all from the V2 from Saturday 22nd July until Monday 4th September as the contractors finish the road layout outside the Academy. During this time, we are swapping our school car park so if you need to enter the school for example, for results days, you will need to enter by the Walnuts entrance to the school – see the map linked here: [The Hazeley Academy - School Communications](#)

V2 road on return

We have been advised that the V2 building works will be finished by **Monday 4th September**. We do advise parents to continue to use the alternative drop off points until we are sure that all works will be finished. Once confirmed, we will allow parents to return to the carpark if **absolutely necessary**, although we strongly recommend that students continue their good practice of walking or cycling to school.

The new pedestrian walkway will be open, but for safety, we are encouraging that students continue to use the current entrance near the canteen, so they can safely walk under the underpass rather than waiting at the crossing of the new busy road. The pathway from the redway will remain open to support this.

School uniform

School uniform is an important part of the academy's identity and sense of community. It also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work or follow uniform expectations.

As we reach the end of the academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to revisit our uniform expectations, and in particular our sports uniform. This will ensure that you are able to purchase the correct uniform for your child ready for September.

Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in very short cycling shorts. From September, cycling shorts are permitted for PE, however **they must be just above the knee**, as shown in the examples to follow. From September, any student wearing cycling shorts that do not follow our uniform expectations will be sanctioned in line with our behaviour policy, which is something we are keen to avoid.

The longline shorts below are permitted as part of our Sports uniform, and can be found from Primark, Asda, Amazon, Sports Direct, New Look and H&M, all ranging from £2-£6 per pair.



The photos below are an example of shorts that are **not permitted**. Key features are very short in length, not near the knee.



Students can of course wear the traditional school style black shorts, plain black leggings or plain black tracksuit bottoms, which are sold at our uniform supplier Kedaph, or most supermarkets and shops. By opting to have many items of our sports uniform accessible for purchase at a variety of shops to keep costs as affordable as possible, we thank you for keeping your purchases aligned to our uniform expectations. This includes a plain, white polo top for PE, black and other colours are not permitted.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us, or refer to the uniform policy and guides on the website [The Hazeley Academy - Uniform](#). If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable, please consult the academy before buying. We look forward to your support in ensuring our uniform expectations are followed.

Exam results Y11 and Y13

On Thursday 17th August, Year 13 will be able to come to the Academy to collect their A Level results from 8am. Year 11 can collect their GCSE results from 9am on Thursday 24th August. Further details have been sent out in a more detailed letter to each year already – [A Level Letter](#) / [GCSE Letter](#)

Goodbye to staff

As we finish this academic year, it's time to say goodbye to some amazing Hazeley staff. Miss Wong, Miss Williams, Miss Wiczorek and Mr Woodruff are moving abroad. Mrs Furlong, Miss Ellison, Mr Nassor, Mrs Bilkhu and Miss Maslin are moving onto exciting new careers outside of the classroom and Miss O'Sullivan, Mr Robins, Mrs Pritchard and Miss Bevilacqua are moving to promoted roles in new schools. We will certainly miss them all and wish them all the best.

General messages

P6 Provision

What a fantastic year of P6 we have had at Hazeley. Students have demonstrated their 5'Cs by participating in a wide range of after school activities. As a collective, our students have attended an amazing 11,558 hours' worth of P6 which is a real achievement.

A special well done to the following students who have attended the most sessions within their year groups. Jasmine, Daya and Mahi in Year 7, Isabella, Hoi and Corliss in Year 8, Faith, Harrison and Christopher in Year 9 and Julia, Merissa and Jake in Year 10.

The new P6 calendar for next academic year will be loaded onto the Academy website in September. Please note that P6 clubs will only be available to the new Year 7 students during the first full week back after the summer holidays. After this, the sessions will then be open for the rest of the school to attend.

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](#)

Please also find our latest 5DT Safeguarding newsletter. [5DT Safeguarding Newsletter July 2023](#)

Arbor

The Arbor App now supports biometric login. Arbor have taken onboard your feedback and from today, logging into the [Arbor App](#) will be a lot easier for your parents and carers.

Updates include:

- No more entering login details every time - the App will now save parents' email address and password, eliminating the need to re-enter them each time they login.
- Parents can use their existing login method - whether that's face or fingerprint recognition, or their device's pin code.
- For parents with children at different schools, it's now easier and faster to switch between them.

We hope this makes the Arbor App easier to use, as it is a really important tool to use to keep up to date with your child's day, topping up lunch accounts, and checking exam timetables and much more.

Summer Homework

Summer homework helps students learn independently and helps them retain the important information they may otherwise forget a few short weeks after they have been released from school. You child has been set Summer homework assignments based on their age and stage of development.

Year Group	What is the Summer Homework?	How Long Should Students Spend On This Work?	Deadline
Year 7	Seneca Online Bridging Course available as a Microsoft Teams Assignment	3-4 hours in total	Friday 8 th September 2023
Year 8	Seneca Online Bridging Course available as a Microsoft Teams Assignment	4-5 hours in total	Friday 8 th September 2023
Year 9	Seneca Online Bridging Course available as a Microsoft Teams Assignment	4-5 hours in total	Friday 8 th September 2023
Year 10	Microsoft Teams Assignments for Each Subject and A Seneca Online Bridging Course	6-8 hours in total	Friday 8 th September 2023
Year 11	Individual subject homework, available on the Hazeley Website	Circa 4-5 hours per subject.	Friday 8 th September 2023
Year 12	On Microsoft Teams and copies distributed in class	Circa 9 hours per subject	Monday 11 th September 2023

Additional Optional Tasks

1. Research Courses and Careers on Unifrog. <http://www.unifrog.org/>
2. Read for pleasure! The Hazeley virtual library is open for all students. <https://thehazeleyacademy.eplatform.co/> Log in using your school username and the password hazeley1
3. Try an online course – OU or Future Learn

If your child needs help logging in, please email Mrs Harrier-Wilson: jharrier-wilson@thehazeleyacademy.com

Mental Health webinars

The Anna Freud Centre for Young People Mental Health and Research is holding three free webinars over the summer holidays to support young people with the milestones and transitions that happen at this time of year. Two of the webinars will be for parents and carers, sharing tips and advice to help them support their children with important milestones. The first webinar will be for parents/carers with children waiting for their exam results, and the second will be for those with children about to start Year 7. The third webinar will be for young people

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themselves, helping them look after their own wellbeing as they start at university.

Each webinar will be run by Anna Freud education and mental health experts, sharing practical tips and advice for supporting wellbeing and dealing with potentially stressful situations.

Book your place:

- **Supporting young people with anxiety before results day** - 8th August, 2pm
- **Transition to secondary school: supporting your Year 7 child** - 9th August, 2pm
- **Managing your wellbeing when transitioning to university** - 22nd August, 2pm

Have a fantastic summer and see you on results day or in September.

Kind regards,

Miss T Whiteman
Head of School