

5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The year has started off fabulously with Year 7 and Year 12 joining us today. It is great to see the students in the building and engaging with their learning. We are looking forward to welcoming back all our students tomorrow. As we advised in our previous updates and reminders communication, we strongly advise students to use the student entrance from the redway near the canteen, rather than the new crossing near the entrance to the car park, to avoid any potential dangers. Please be reminded that all year groups return tomorrow, so continuing to use the suggested drop off points or encouraging your child to walk or cycle is recommended. Please be courteous of our community when dropping off or collecting your child/ren.

Please see below for important updates for this week:

#### Timetable

Over the Summer, we have experienced a fault with our timetabling software meaning that we are implementing a temporary timetable until this is resolved. You may notice that your child's timetable on Arbor may have gaps, clashes or other anomalies: please ignore these. We are liaising with the software provider and have a team of staff currently working on creating a substantive timetable. Your child may have their timetable adjusted and classes changed in the coming weeks.

We will keep you updated with any further developments. Thank you for your support and patience with this unexpected issue. Whilst this is not an ideal start to the term, we are confident that the new timetable being created will work well for your child. If you have any concerns, please email your child's tutor on their new email address ([initialsurname@haz5d.com](mailto:initialsurname@haz5d.com))

#### Uniform change to accommodate the hot weather this week.

With the predicted temperatures heading towards 30 degrees plus for the rest of the week, we have taken the sensible decision to **allow students to attend school in their full Hazeley PE uniform on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week**. We are hoping to return to full school uniform on Monday, as always, we will monitor this closely and communicate this to you and your child/ren.

Please ensure students attend in correct Hazeley PE uniform, details can be found on our website. [The Hazeley Academy - Uniform](#).

Cycling shorts are permitted for PE, however **they must be just above the knee**, as shown in the examples below.



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



Students must ensure that they attend in their white PE polo shirt. Black or coloured PE tops are **not** permitted. We also recommend that your child attends with a suitable water bottle which can be refilled in between lessons and social times.

If in doubt, please contact your child's form tutor or Progress Leader.

## PE AND SPORTS UNIFORM

### OUTDOOR

- White PE Polo shirt
- Black shorts/skort (plain black tracksuit bottoms/sports leggings in the winter)
- Cycling shorts must be just above the knee.
- Black outdoor socks
- Training shoes/boots as appropriate
- Black Hazeley hooded top with Hazeley logo (optional)
- Shin pads/Gum shields as appropriate

### INDOOR

- White PE Polo shirt
- Black shorts/skort. Cycling shorts must be just above the knee.
- White ankle socks
- White trainers / footwear as appropriate (non marking soles)

## RAAC

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub.

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I hope that this offers reassurance.

We are really looking forward to having an academy full of excited and eager students tomorrow. Enjoy the sunny week that is ahead of us.

Kind regards,

**Miss T Whiteman**  
**Head of School**