

27th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an exciting week in the academy as we opened our doors to over 1000 visitors at our main academy open evening. As you know, one of our 5Cs is community. We can all grow by seizing opportunities to contribute to our community and our staff and fabulous students played a huge part in the success of the evening and welcoming our community in the best way possible.

Important updates

ICT Acceptable Use

We would like to remind you of a few key procedures that are found within our ICT Acceptable Use policy, to help prevent the overload of the IT systems. This will ensure the smooth running of the day and the potential disruption to any learning.

Please be reminded that students are not allowed to access the IT network with their own personal device, with the exception of Sixth Form. Any unauthorised access to the network is prohibited.

There are some points in the ICT Acceptable Policy that we would like to draw your attention to:

- I will report any accidental access to, or receipt of inappropriate materials, or filtering breach to the Network Manager or Trust IT Director.
- I will not allow unauthorised individuals to access email / Internet / intranet / network.
- Students are not permitted to use staff laptops.
- I will not install any unauthorised software or connect unauthorised hardware or devices to the school's network.
- I will not gain or attempt to gain access to restricted areas of the network, or to any password-protected information, without approval from authorised personnel.
- I will not set up any software, applications or web services on the school's network without approval by authorised personnel, or creating or using any programme, tool or item of software designed to interfere with the functioning of the school's ICT facilities, accounts or data.

Thank you for your understanding, if you require further information or have any concerns, please email Mr Voo, Trust IT Director on enquiries@haz5d.com

Pupil premium

With the increase in the 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 guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're 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@haz5d.com

Safety for young people and social media

The world's most popular instant messaging service is WhatsApp which has been appearing in the headlines more often recently because of its opposition to aspects of the UK government's Online Safety Bill. WhatsApp encrypt messages to protect users' privacy, but this also poses obvious risks to young people. Please find the latest parent guide for using WhatsApp here: [WhatsApp 2023](#)

Mental Health awareness and vaping

In the UK, the proportion of 11 to 18-year-olds who vape doubled between 2020 and 2022 and the numbers continue to rise. Many young people see portrayals of vaping as cool and fashionable on social media platforms however, many of them aren't aware of the risks including unregulated products, toxic ingredients, and future nicotine addiction. #WakeUpWednesday has produced a guide which gives you the essential information which can be found here [#wakeupwednesday](#)

Year Group Messages

Year 11 Parents Evening

We are holding the first of two planned Parents' Evenings for Year 11 students on Thursday 5th October from 4.15-7.30pm. This event will take place **online** and focus on how the year has started and your child's preparation for their up-and-coming Pre-Public Exams (PPE's.) We will be holding the second Year 11 parents evening with face-to-face appointments on Thursday 1st February, following their PPE's. Guidance on how to book an online appointment has been sent to parents via email.

Years 10 and 11 - Berlin trip

Between Monday 2nd and Thursday 5th October, the History Department are taking 38 of our Year 10 and 11 Historians to Berlin. On this trip, we'll be exploring the city's complex History. On the trip, we'll visit the Reichstag (German Parliament), explore East Berlin, and life under Communism, and the complex History of 1918-1945, including a visit of a concentration camp. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to immerse themselves in History and see some of the sites related to their GCSE. We look forward to sharing our day with you.

Years 12/13 External Volunteering Opportunities

At Hazeley, we take pride in our young people helping/volunteering in our local communities as well as in school. Sixth Form students will have their chance to meet and talk to various representatives from Willen Hospice, Milton Keynes University Hospital and KKOTS (Keeping kids off the streets) on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th September. The main aim is for as many of our students to commit to volunteering in their community.

Just before October half term, we will be launching our internal volunteering roles where students will be able to assist in various departments within the Academy.

The roles that they take on will add great depth to any University, apprenticeship, or job application they will be completing in the future.

Year 7 and 8 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) - Focus Week 9th October 2023

As part of developing our students 5C's, all Year 7 and 8 students will be participating in **STEAM Focus Week** starting on the 9th October. Students will take part in one-off STEAM Challenge sessions within each of their STEAM subjects (dependent on the subject that they currently study in the Creativity rotation). The aims of the sessions are to improve students' understanding of STEAM but also to provide them with the opportunity to develop many skills and attributes within STEAM.

Students will take part in the following challenges within their lessons:

	Year 7	Year 8
STEAM Focus	3D shapes, Nets and Volume	Scaling up and down
Maths	Sugar Sugar Exploring nets and volumes of different shapes by using sugar cubes to realise the differences.	Dream Homes Creating floor plans of their dreams homes, to look at scale and measurements but still meeting the requirements needed within a home.
Science	Shapes in Nature Students will explore shapes in nature and how they relate to math shapes, nets and volumes. They will then create their own cell structure related to shapes and nets.	Scale me up Students will look at what scales can mean in different aspects of daily life and different subjects whilst relating to science models. They will then create their own scale model of the digestive system.
Design and Technology	Shape Sorter Puzzle Constructing simple net shapes that must meet certain tolerances to fit through the puzzle.	Build me some Lego Students will explore scales of famous building whilst using Lego to scale down.
Textiles	Geometric Applique In groups students will use applique technique to create a mosaic based on geometric shapes inspired by designer Sonia Delauney.	Micro/Macro World Looking at links to geometry in nature. In pairs students will draw, collage, arrange a micro or macro textile composition.
Drama	Hold It	Big Fish, Little Fish Story telling through growing or shrinking to consider scale.

	Using their imagination and skills to create a story through shapes, outlines, and nets.	
Art	Contain me Investigating and creating decorative nets to contain small possessions.	Circular Prospectus To develop students' imagination and learn how to draw skyscrapers whilst considering perspective.
Catering	How big? Using raising agents to increase the volume in fairy cakes? Predicting which will be the most reactive.	Yeast Power! Learning question – could we power a hot air balloon with yeast? (circumference/chemical reaction).
IT/ Computer Science	Python Polygons Creating codes for 2D polygon shapes.	Scales of Python Creating a program in Python that will be able to calculate Scale factor of 2D Polygon shapes

We hope that your son/daughter enjoys their STEAM focus week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on: isousa@haz5d.com

Year 9 - Key Dates for Bronze DofE

DofE enrichment day – 4th October

Students who are registered for the award via the Arbor trip consent feature, will be off timetable all day on the 4th October. Students should arrive at school at the normal time, in PE kit and sensible shoes for outdoor walking. Students will need a packed lunch and snacks for the day's activities.

The programme for the day will focus on;

- How to prepare and what to pack,
- Cooking with the Trangia's and some food inspiration and well as getting the most calories out of a meal.
- Navigating with the OS maps and walking in different conditions.

In lesson practice walks

5th October – Lesson 1 - in lesson PE walk students should wear normal PE kit, walking shoes/trainers and have a coat with them. **All A band PE classes**

6th October – Lesson 5 - in lesson PE walk students should wear normal PE kit, walking shoes/trainers and have a coat with them. **All B band PE classes**

Expeditions

Students should arrive at school ready for the activities for 8am with all equipment packed and dressed in clothes suitable for the expedition.

Collection time on the 2nd day will be approx. 5pm, this can vary if students have made detours on their walking routes or are walking at a slower pace, an in-depth letter will be sent home with the kit list and FAQs page.

12th & 13th October Year 9 Bronze expedition 1 – Location - The Hazeley Academy

16th & 17th October Year 9 Bronze expedition 2- Location - The Hazeley Academy

CHARACTER CONFIDENCE CREATIVITY CONTRIBUTING COMMUNITY

19th & 20th October Year 9 Bronze expedition 3 - Location - The Hazeley Academy

Please note students only complete one of the above expedition, if you are not yet sure of which date they are doing please check back at the letters sent to you previously or please contact Mrs Gibbons – egibbons@Haz5d.com

General messages

School Photos

Just a reminder that school photos are available to review and order through [kittle](https://www.kittle.com). If you do not have your child's photo slip, please email enquiries@haz5d.com.

Tuesday 10th October - Sports awards

Our annual sports awards return on the 10th of October, this is an opportunity for us to celebrate the considerable sporting success that the Academy has had due to the commitment and talent of our students. It is also a time to celebrate the wider achievements of students outside of the sports we provide, with many students enjoying success up to and including international representation. We look forward to sharing details of the evening with you on our social media channels: [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) and [X \(twitter.com\)](https://twitter.com)

Milton Keynes Teaching Awards 2023

Congratulations to Mrs Williamson for receiving the well-deserved English Teacher of the year award from Milton Keynes Education Awards on Friday 22nd September. We are all incredible proud of her.



National recognition at PiXL

Mrs Soper and Mrs Williamson presented the work of The Hazeley Academy and the 5 Dimensions Trust on metacognition to a national audience of over 900 schools on the stage at the Westminster Hall in Central London. This was a fantastic way to celebrate and share the great practice that has been developed here to enhance the learning of our students.



Cucina Student Survey

Cucina would love to hear students' views on the food served at Hazeley. Please could you support your child/ren in completing the survey by Friday 6th October 2023. Thank you.

- Hazeley Years 7-11 School Survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/ZMxEmpFqTP>
- Hazeley Sixth Form Survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/MAwTithTfE>

Priory Rise Open Evening

If you have a child due to start school in 2024, Priory Rise warmly invite you to their Open Evening on Monday 9th October 2023 from 5pm. There will be a Headteachers presentation at 5.15pm and 6pm, and the opportunity to have a tour of the school and meet other members of staff.

Invitation to local mosque

The local mosque, Zainabiya Islamic Centre, are doing a return of the "Visit My Mosque" event in association with the Muslim Council of Britain. This year, the theme is Faith, Food and Friends. The event will be held at the Zainabiya Islamic Centre on Saturday 7th October 2023 starting at 3:00pm. The day will feature tours, refreshments, and a chance to observe prayer in the mosque and learn more about the Islamic faith. All are welcome, please use the Eventbrite link below to sign up. [Visit My Mosque 2023 Tickets, Sat 7 Oct 2023 at 15:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Kind regards,

Miss T Whiteman
Head of School