



12<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are grateful to you for investing a few minutes of your time to keep yourself up to speed with what is going on at Hazeley. These key messages help us work closer together for the benefit of your child and their community. Please can we take this opportunity to thank those who are finding safe and considerate drop off and collection points to collect their child/ren from. If you are using our car park, please ensure you are not using a designated disabled car parking space if you do not hold a blue badge, these spaces are very important for our students. Please can we also remind those that are driving through Oakhill, to respect our local residents and refrain from blocking in driveways, parking on the verges and using these busy, residential areas to turn around, potentially causing danger to yourselves, students or residents. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Important messages**

#### **Half term**

The Academy will close at the end of the day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023, due to a staff INSET day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023, all students will return on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

#### **PE Lessons for all Year Groups – Week Commencing 16<sup>th</sup> October.**

All students in Years 7-11 will be doing Cross Country running during their first PE lesson of the week. Please could you ensure your child has suitable footwear for running on the field for this lesson. Depending on weather conditions, students may wish to bring alternative footwear to change into in case the field is muddy. We are hoping to identify students to compete in a cross-country event at Campbell Park. The second PE lesson of the week will be as normal. Thank you for your support with this.

#### **Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 from 5:30-7:45pm. Presentations by Mrs Mayles and Miss Whiteman will take place at 5.45pm and 6.45pm in the gym. We hope that students and parents/carers will use this opportunity to hear about our Sixth Form offer and application process, as well as a time to speak to subject staff about the courses on offer and to hear from our current sixth formers about their experiences and advice about choosing courses and progressing into Key Stage 5. Having topped the Milton Keynes schools with our A level results, we expect the evening to be just as busy as always. **Our application process will go live that evening and will be open until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 4pm.** We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Timetables after October half term**

We are delighted to be able to start our new, improved timetables for students when we return after the half term break. There is now a much greater balance of lessons across the week for all main school lessons and we have been able to remove the number of P6 (after school lessons) for the Sixth Form. We will be running an extended form time for all students on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to issue them with their new timetables. More information concerning this will be sent out next week.

#### **Safeguarding update**

Another month passes and we see safeguarding issues, as ever, on the rise. This has happened progressively across each year of education, and we continue to help, support and challenge where necessary. As ever, the [wellbeing@haz5d.com](mailto:wellbeing@haz5d.com) email address is available for any issues that arise for both parents/carers and students.

This past week, all staff have undertaken training on Misogyny and Incel Culture with signs to look out for, but most importantly for teachable moments and opportunities to address this with students. This has been a growing issue in the UK with young people, particularly online with gaming and chat forums becoming a breeding ground for such negative perspectives. Within this there has been a significant link to far-right perspectives and rhetoric and is often the conception point to this social thinking. As ever, our advice would be for parents/carers to know who their children are talking to online and what platforms and forums that they might be using. The same applies for messaging platforms such as WhatsApp; with its new end to end encryption it allows for not only more privacy but also, sadly, the ease of sharing explicit and unsafe imagery. It's important for parents to know what children have on their mobile phones and devices and who it is they are communicating with.

In Safeguarding we are always aiming to work with families to get the best possible outcome for the child. We aren't here to judge the situation but endeavour to find the best possible way to support the child, as previously mentioned, the [wellbeing@haz5d.com](mailto:wellbeing@haz5d.com) email is always available for any help, advice and guidance that we can offer.

### **Year Group Messages**

#### **Year 7 PR1**

Year 7 will be receiving their first progress review data shortly. Please used the attached guide to explain how to read the data. [KS3 PR Guide](#)

#### **Year 9 DofE Bronze expeditions**

Those students who have signed up for their Bronze DofE Award, 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 second 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 has been sent home with the kit list and FAQs page.

**16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October** Year 9 Bronze expedition 2- Location - The Hazeley Academy

**19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October** Year 9 Bronze expedition 3- Location - The Hazeley Academy

Please note students only complete one of the above expeditions, 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](mailto:egibbons@Haz5d.com)

#### **Year 10 Work experience Information Evening**

Just a reminder that we are holding an information evening for Year 10 parents/carers on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 6pm, in the Academy Gym. The evening is expected to take approximately an hour, it will include a briefing from Mr Laurie, and Proactive our work experience partner will provide an overview of the process and some hints and tips for finding a placement. Work experience is an invaluable experience for students; however, it involves the students making the arrangements themselves, this evening provides you and them the support they need.

#### **Year 11 PPE's**

During the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023, our Y11 students will start their first round of PPE's (mock exams) this year. These will be in maths, English, science, and history. Timetables and revision tips can be found on the academy website. We wish them the best of luck with these examinations.

#### **Year 12 Politics Trip – Parliament & Supreme Court**

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Year 12 Politics students will be attending a school trip to visit the Houses of Parliament and the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom. Students will need to meet in the Sixth Form Hub at 8.15am so that we can promptly leave at 8.30am.

Students will have a tour of the Supreme Court, followed by a tour and workshop in the Houses of Parliament. Students will also have the opportunity to buy lunch – however this is at their own discretion, and they will be liable for their own monies. Students will be expected to wear formal dress code as befitting the destinations of the trip. We are sure that the trip will be enjoyed by all, and we expect to be back by 5.30pm on the evening, traffic dependent. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Dhanji at [sdhanji@haz5d.com](mailto:sdhanji@haz5d.com)

#### **General messages**

##### **P6**

Student participation to P6 sessions this half term has been fantastic. The sessions for after half term will go live on Arbor, where you can book from **6pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. The full list of P6 clubs and sessions will be posted on our Academy's website on Friday: [The Hazeley Academy - ExtraCurricular/P6](#)

When booking for sessions for after half term, we are asking that students initially only sign up for **2 clubs** within one week, this will then allow all students the chance to attend a club. If there are any spaces left to book onto clubs on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, then we welcome students to sign up for further clubs (more than 2).

If your son/daughter attended a club this half term, they will need to still sign up for next half term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email, [llazenby@haz5d.com](mailto:llazenby@haz5d.com)

##### **MK Breakers October Half Term Basketball Camp**

MK Breakers are running their fantastic half term basketball camp again, from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 9.30am-3:30pm (Early drop off from 9am). The sessions will be held at The Hazeley Academy. The cost is £25 per day or £60 for 3 days. Please use this link to book: <https://mk-basketball-foundation.classforkids.io/camp/32>

##### **Lost Property**

We already have a large selection of lost property this half term, please see the lost property [page on our website](#). As well as these items we also have several Hazeley jumpers, blazers, and hoodies. If your child has lost anything, please ask them to take a look. Due to the volume of lost property, we donate any unclaimed items to charity at the start of each half term.

Have a wonderful rest of your week.

Miss T Whiteman  
Head of School