



December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

End of Term Arrangements/Start of New Year 2020

This has been a great first term for Year 10 students. Students have successfully undertaken work experience, completed the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and the boys’ football team continue to impress with their recent progression into another county cup quarter final.

Work experience took place the week before October half term and the year group gained a keen insight into life beyond Hazeley. For some students this has ignited an impressive work ethic with a desire to achieve in order to access a chosen profession; for others some clarification of an area of work they no longer wish to pursue, allowing us to tailor our careers guidance in the future.

Students who have taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award have flourished from all they have learnt. They recently received their certificates recognising their hard work and commitment to the completion of the course with many looking to progress and take on the challenge of the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award.

The year group are persistently progressing, and we will look to continue this into the New Year. Whilst there may be challenges along the way to the GCSE exams, the year group are in an excellent position and we will continue to support and challenge our students’ Character, Confidence and Creativity in working towards fantastic outcomes for each of them.

Some key dates for your diary for next year are:

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- 15th January 2020 “Community Matters” event from 6.00pm to 7.00pm – please click on link in covering email to register
- 19th March 2020 Year 10 Parents evening: 4:15pm – 7:30pm. An invaluable evening to discuss successes and areas of improvement as well as discussing interventions and possible routes for the future.
- 1st June 2020 This sees the commencement of our Pathways conversations where we take the time to discuss, on a one to one basis, the future outcomes and progression with our students giving guidance for the next steps after GCSEs.
- 22nd June 2020 Students will finish the year with a comprehensive set of GCSE PPEs (Pre-Public Exams). Students will undertake an exam for each of their subjects after another year’s worth of study.

End of Term Arrangements

The Academy closes for the Christmas break on **Friday 20th December at 1.15pm** and this is a **non-uniform day** for all students and staff with proceeds going to house charities. To take part students are asked to make a £1.00 contribution. Monies will be collected in tutor groups in morning registration.



On the last day of term students will attend slightly shorter lessons for period 1 and 2 and then spend time with their form group or in end of year assemblies to recognise and celebrate the many and varied achievements of students throughout this year.

As a reminder, students should ensure that their lockers are emptied at the end of term and PE kits and personal belongings are taken home as the Academy will be closed for most of the Christmas period.

Start of the New Year 2020

Students will return on **Tuesday 7th January 2020**.

We are very pleased with the improved standard of uniform and thank parents for supporting us with this. Compulsory skirts are popular and even though house ties are not compulsory until September 2020 an increasing number of students are opting to wear them now. If you do need to replace a tie in the coming months, we would encourage you to purchase a house tie so you do not need to make another purchase in preparation for the compulsory wearing of house ties in September 2020.

If you need to make any uniform purchases over the Christmas period, you can purchase online or in person via the Academy uniform provider - <https://kedaphschoolwear.co.uk>

Replacement planners can be purchased from our Finance department for £3.00.

The first few days after any school holiday, the roads around the Academy are busier than normal and traffic is heavy so please leave a few minutes earlier for your journey to allow for this.

For safety, students travelling by bicycle to the Academy should ensure they wear a cycle helmet and have lights. They should also bring a padlock to secure their bicycle in the bike racks throughout the day.

Thank you to those of you who have already signed up on ParentPay giving your permission for local trips. We often run local trips within our immediate community including Milton Keynes schools, businesses or parks. Our aim is to make this easier for you by seeking signed permission via ParentPay* for these local trips along with signed permission to travel. Once permission has been given Parents/Carers will be informed of any such trips via School Comms. When you sign onto ParentPay, you will be asked to tick the consent option for your son/daughter to participate.

- *If you need help with accessing your ParentPay account, please email finance@thehazeleyacademy.com or call 01908 555620, option 4.*

A new extra-curricular timetable will also be released in the New Year and will be available to view on the Hazeley Website under the tab of "Extra-Curricular". This is a great opportunity for students to take part in activities they maybe haven't tried before and fully embrace Academy life.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I hope you enjoy spending time with friends and family.

Yours faithfully



Mr Mortimer
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