



8 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below some important updates and reminders.

Last Day of Term

The Academy will close at the end of the day on Thursday 15 February. This is because Friday 16 February is our designated INSET day. All students will return to school on Monday 26 February. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a great half-term!

Punctuality to School

A polite reminder that the academy gates close 8.35am and after this, students must walk to Reception and sign in as late. For parents driving to school each morning, please make allowances for heavy traffic and leave a little earlier.

Ski trip

We are delighted to be taking 34 students from Years 10-13 to Vallnord in Andorra over the half-term holiday. The students will experience 4 hours of ski-school lessons each day in their choice of either skiing or snowboarding. We have beginners, some of whom haven't tried on a pair of ski boots to the more experienced skiers who will be looking forward to taking on some black runs. In the evenings, we will be enjoying a range of activities from bowling to trying the local cuisine. There will be some very happy but tired students and teachers making the return trip home! We will enjoy keeping you updated of our triumphs on our Facebook page with all the latest information on the beginners' progress as well as all the other fun.

Year 13 PPEs: 26 February- 8 March 2024

All students are expected to take part in pre-public examinations for their A-Levels as part of their preparation for successful outcomes in the summer public examinations. These will take place during the above dates. Students will not be required to register with their Form Tutor during this period. They are expected, however, to be in the Academy fifteen minutes before the start of any PPE and must sign in and out of the Academy using the academy inventory system to register their presence for health and safety purposes. Please be aware if students do not attend exams, they will be awarded a U for that paper, which will be included in their



overall mark. Students will not be given the opportunity to sit the paper at an alternative time, unless we have confirmation of a valid reason for their absence from their parent/carer. Students are expected to be in normal sixth form business dress code. In addition, for students' external exams in the summer they are expected to have their ID card with them, failure to do so could result in them not being able to sit their exam. To ensure students get into the habit of this, they will need their ID card with them for their PPEs, which they also need for signing in and out with as well.

All A-Level lessons, apart from Art, will not take place during this period unless arranged on an individual or group basis by the subject teacher direct with the learners. ICT, HSC, BTEC Business, PE and Finance lessons remain unaffected by this process unless students have to miss lessons for an examination. Therefore, students should attend subject lessons and independent study lessons.

P6

We congratulate our Hazeley students on another amazing half-term of participating in the wide range of P6 clubs that are on offer. Just a reminder that all bookable clubs go live on Arbor at 6pm, on the last day of every half-term. Please do make sure that you confirm the booking with your son/daughter as we have had a few cases where students did not attend as they didn't know that they were signed up. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact: llazenby@haz5d.com

Clubs for HT4 will be posted on our website on Thursday 15 February. [The Hazeley Academy - ExtraCurricular/P6](#)

Free GCSE Maths Revision

Oxford and Cambridge Tutors are offering their support to our Year 11 students who are preparing for GCSEs. Their experienced tutor team will deliver high-quality revision sessions to explain key concepts of the specification and work through past paper questions live on Zoom. Participating students will be invited to join teaching groups according to their target GCSE grade. Students can sign up using the link below:
oxfordtutors.com/workshops

FREE GCSE Maths Revision Workshops will take place every Thursday from 22 February to 21 March, 6pm – 6.45pm.



6th Form Applications

We are delighted to share with you that on the closing date of 26 January, we had 738 applications from students wishing to join our 6th form next academic year, this was up from the 607 in 2022-2023. We want to thank all our parents for their continuing support to make The Hazeley Academy continue to thrive. A great example of a 'vibrant community of exceptional people'.

Cucina Update

The food on offer remains delicious and nutritious and we have an upcoming themed day on Tuesday 13 February which is Pancake Day.

Occasionally, students' accounts can run out of money. No student will go hungry and can access a main meal or Blue Dot Meal deal. However, several students have run up a bit of a debt. Therefore, moving forward after half-term, we are only permitting students to go into debt up to £5.00 which is equivalent to two Blue Dot Meals or two main meals. After this, we expect students to speak to parents to top up their account or alternatively, bring packed lunches. Please support us by checking your sons' or daughters' balances and top these up using Arbor pay.

Change of Leavers Lead Lessons for Year 11 & Year 13

Now we have the final exam timetables released by the examinations boards we have had to rearrange the dates and times of the leavers' events this year. These will now both take place on Wednesday 8 May.

Year 11

Students will be in normal lessons during Periods 1 and 2, then after break we will commence our leavers' celebrations. Students will then leave site afterwards to allow for some independent work ready for the examinations which start the following day.

Year 13

Students will be in normal lessons during Periods 1 to 4 and the leavers' event will take place during Period 5.



Measles Update

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is seeing an increase in cases of measles, among unvaccinated children in England. They have warned that urgent actions should be taken to reduce further outbreaks by increasing uptake of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination. We encourage you to check if your family is up-to-date with the MMR vaccination. Here is a link to a letter from the Director of Public Health to all parents: <https://bit.ly/3UvFUR7>

Year 9: Virtual Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 7 March from 4.15pm to 7.30pm.

A letter went out to all parents/carers this morning with full details on how to book an appointment. In brief, appointments become available to book from Tuesday 13 February at 6pm until Thursday 7 March at 10am. Appointments can be booked in the usual way via <https://hazeley.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Kind regards

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Head of School