

22nd September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you as always for taking the time to read our important updates and reminders communications. Please notice the early closure on Tuesday 27th September.

Important messages

Ruby Tuesday – 4th October

'Ruby Tuesday' is a road safety event aimed at pupils at schools across Milton Keynes. Pupils across Milton Keynes will all be undertaking a lesson on road safety activity. This event is in memory of Hazeley's Ruby Deeks, a 15-year-old who was sadly hit by a car while crossing the Monks Way grid road in April of 2022. The day will be a celebration of her life, highlighting road safety awareness and fundraising. The day will be a non-uniform day, with donations of £1. If any parents or carers would like to donate, please visit reception. In addition, if any members of our community work for Santander or any company that support with fundraising schemes, please email egoody@thehazeleyacademy.com. Thank you for your support.

Open Evening – Tuesday 27th September – Early closure

We cannot wait for our annual Year 6 Open Evening, where we expect over 1000 visitors to the academy.

The academy will close at 2.15pm on this day. – please make arrangements for your son/daughter to be picked up/walk/cycle home immediately after.

For students participating in the evening, we will require permission and this will be sent to parents via ParentPay. Participating students must also leave the academy at 2.15pm and return at the time specified to them.

Due to popularity, we are holding four presentations throughout the evening, details can be found on our website [The Hazeley Academy - Home](#) or Facebook page [The Hazeley Academy | Facebook](#). Please share this message with any interested friends and families. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Sports Awards – Thursday 29th September

Our annual sports awards return, following an enforced break due to covid restrictions. 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. Refreshments will be available from our fantastic prom committee students, both on entry and during the interval, so bring your spare change, thank you!

Year 11 parents evening – Thursday 6th October - Online

This event is the first of two parents' evenings for our Year 11 students as we review the progress in the first term. This takes place virtually and details on how to book appointments have been sent to all parents/carers today.

General messages

Safeguarding

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. In order to fulfil this, we have a child-centred approach in providing a safe environment in which children can learn.

In addition to the national feedback and requirements of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022' we are aware of the needs within a more contextual setting. We understand that Milton Keynes has its own unique issues and will continue to work with outside agencies to tackle them.

This year our Sexual Respect agenda continues in force, whilst we have had positive feedback on its initial impact, we will further develop this throughout the academic year in response to the national 'Review of Sexual Abuse in Schools and Colleges'.

We have responded to our annual: student, staff, and parent surveys to ensure, among other things, a heightened focus on unkind behaviour and tackling bullying-like behaviour to ensure that not only is it addressed in an open fashion, but the support is unequivocal when required. We hope that by making it integral to our daily dialogue we will address any of the concerns raised.

If any parent or student has a concern, they can email wellbeing@thehazeleyacademy.com and we will get back to you with any support or help that we can offer.

5Cs Passport

Year 7 and 8 students will be completing their 5Cs Passport which can be found in the back of the Student Planner from page 113. The aim of the 5Cs Passport is to develop holistic education including developing social skills, building confidence and resilience, and getting involved in the school and local communities. There are a number of different sections, details can be found here [5C's](#). Please can parents and carers sign the boxes as and when activities, such as volunteering are completed at home. If you have any questions, please contact lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com

Mayor's Cycling Awards

Every year MK Council supports schools with promoting sustainable travel such as walking and cycling instead of using motorised transport. There will be several initiatives running this year at Hazeley to support safe and sustainable travel to school. We are supporting the Mayor's Award by encouraging our students to sign up to the Better Points app which rewards individual cycling, walking and use of other sustainable travel modes. Please encourage your child to sign up and log their miles, the link is here: [Better Points](#) Any questions please contact lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com

Volunteering

At the Hazeley Academy we encourage volunteering which brings significant benefits to young people including improved communication and social skills, an improved sense of community and widening horizons. Please see below details of the volunteering opportunity at MK Museum where they are having an open day to explain what will be involved.

Volunteer Open Day at Milton Keynes Museum

When? - Tuesday, 4 October from 2-4pm and Sunday, 9 October from 4-6pm.

Where? - Granary Tea Room at Milton Keynes Museum (McConnell Dr, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5EL)

Who? - Anyone from age 13 upwards

What? - Are you interested in volunteering at a local heritage site? Want to put your skills to good use and pick up some new skills? Looking to make new friends in your community? Do you have some spare time on your hands, whether it be an hour or a day? You will get a chance to learn more about the Museum and its story from Museum Director, Bill Griffiths, and to learn about our available Volunteer Roles from Museum staff and Team Leaders – there will be plenty of behind-the-scenes views and opportunities to ask questions! Light refreshments and hot drinks will be available. **To contact, please email volunteer@mkmuseum.org.uk**

Organisation and lost property.

We have seen an increase in items being dropped at reception during the day. We would like to avoid disturbing valuable learning time so thank you for supporting us with this. The items we can deliver to students during the day are keys, money, phones and/or medication for the academy matron. Sports kit and homework is often not collected and can result in becoming lost. We already have a vast amount of unclaimed lost property, including blazers and Hazeley branded hoodies. If your child has lost anything this term, please remind them to check the lost property rack in the foyer.

Kind regards,

Miss Whiteman
Head of school