

16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's great to see the daffodils and blossom after the cold winter months, I love the sense of optimism that spring brings, and you will find the latest edition of our updates and reminders full of reasons to be optimistic.

Thank you for your support in taking the time to read it, so we can continue to work together in our 5D Hazeley community.

### **Year Group Messages**

#### **Year 12 - Pathways meetings**

Year 12 are the next year group to benefit from pathways meetings as part of our comprehensive Careers programme. In these meetings they will have the opportunity to have detailed conversation with their form tutor to support their decisions around their next steps.

#### **Year 11 - PPE examinations**

During the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> March, Year 11 will be conducting their final round of PPE examinations before the summer. These will be in maths, English, science, history, and geography. The students will not have study leave during this week and will be expected to attend all other lessons around the examination timetable. Good luck Year 11!

#### **Year 10 - Parents evening - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - online**

Please set aside this date in your diaries and refer to the letter you received directly for detailed information. Thank you.

#### **Year 10 Vaccinations – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 10 students have been invited to have their final vaccinations as part of their NHS childhood immunisation schedule. These vaccinations Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP), Meningitis (ACWY) and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) will protect your child's health and ensure that they remain up to date with all their recommended immunisations. Information about the vaccines is below.

**DTP** [3-in-1 teenage booster overview - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

**Men (ACWY)** [Protect yourself against meningitis and septicaemia - Have the MenACWY vaccine \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

**HPV** [The universal HPV immunisation programme \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

All consent forms have been sent to parents/carers and should be submitted online by 3pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The school immunisation team will be visiting us on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and will be supported by our Academy Matron and staff that your child will be familiar with.

#### **Years 9-13 - DofE parents' evening on the 29<sup>th</sup> March**

We will be hosting a parents information evening for parents of students who are enrolled onto an award of any level to join us to discuss the plans for the expedition section, as well as the Skills, Physical and Volunteering. There will also be an opportunity for parents to ask a member of the PE department about their child's progress with the award and answer any other questions you may have. Due to limited seating, we recommend that only parents/carers join us for this event.

Please use the MS form to let us know if you wish to attend the evening [DofE Event](#)

### **Year 9 - Duke of Edinburgh Enrichment Day on 28<sup>th</sup> March**

To ensure students have as much in-depth knowledge for their expedition we host a full DofE Enrichment Day where students who are enrolled onto the award take part in a full day's training off timetable.

This will cover in depth learning on the essential skills to enable them to have an enjoyable experience, students should wear the DofE expedition clothing of their choosing, Bring lunch and snacks for the breaks throughout the day.

### **Year 9 DofE expeditions in April**

Please see below the expedition dates, we are waiting on students to confirm their walking teams with us and we can then allocate students to the correct dates and inform you of which date they are doing.

We are aware many students will be fasting for Eid in the coming weeks, therefore the expedition date for any student who is fasting would NOT be 20-21<sup>st</sup> April.

- 20th -21st April – Location the Hazeley Academy
- 24th - 25th April - Location the Hazeley Academy
- 27th - 28th April - Location the Hazeley Academy

### **Year 7 and 8 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Maths) Focus Week 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

As part of developing our students' 5C's, all Year 7 and 8 students will participate in their final STEAM focus week of the year. Starting on the 27<sup>th</sup> March, students will take part in one-off STEAM Challenge sessions within each of their STEAM subjects (this is dependent on the subject that they currently study in their Creativity rotation). The aims of the sessions are not only to improve students' understanding of STEAM but also to provide them with the opportunity to develop many skills and attributes within STEAM. To find out more on what students will be doing in each subject area please follow this link: [STEAM](#)

### **Updates**

#### **Easter holidays**

The Academy will close at the end of the day on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March and will reopen for all year groups on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

#### **Uniform update - [The Hazeley Academy - Uniform](#)**

Student Voice have been working with Miss Gardner over recent months and have presented a sound proposal around nose studs. Having listened to their views, our uniform guidance has been amended to reflect the following:

- 1 stud in each ear and 1 nose stud of discrete appearance. Students must remove them for PE / practical lessons for health and safety purposes. Hoops; necklaces; bracelets; rings; all other jewellery/piercings are not permitted.

#### **Ramadan**

We know that some families will be preparing to observe the holy month of Ramadan, and that some children may be observing all or some of the fast.

To support this, we will:

- Ask parents of students who will be fasting to complete this form [Ramadan March 2023 \(office.com\)](#) so that we support the students as effectively as possible
- Have a prayer room available for break and lunch, allowing students to participate fully during lessons, whilst still being able to pray during the day.

- Encourage the families of children observing the fast to check their emergency contact details by updating details on your Arbor App in case we need to contact you.
- PE staff will ensure that students observing the fast have alternative roles if needed, meaning your child can still take part in lessons.
- Students will be encouraged to take part in other lessons as normal.
- Mr Rathor will be taking a Lead Lesson talking about Ramadan.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com)  
Lesley McKenzie - Holistic Education

### **General messages**

#### **Kooth**

Kooth, the online mental wellbeing community for young people will be closing its services at the end of March. Kooth has been of great use for many people and we've been grateful for their service.

As a replacement, Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Health and Care Partnership along with 'shout' have teamed up to create 'REFLECT', a free and confidential support service available 24/7. This is accessible to anyone aged 11-25 in the Milton Keynes area. It is aimed at providing 'in the moment' support and help with issues such as anxiety, loneliness, depression, and suicidal thoughts.

This is a text-based service and trained volunteers will be available at the other end. The aim is to provide young people with the skills to manage and maintain positive mental health. We know that mental health issues are not like having a cold, they won't just go away after some time but will need awareness and skill to help manage.

'REFLECT' will also point young people in the direction of other local support available to them.

#### **MK Cycling event.**

MK Council are holding another fun cycle event for all the family, all the details can be found in the link below. Did you know, cycling can also boost your mood, improve symptoms of some mental health conditions like depression and anxiety. Cycling can also help you maintain a healthy weight and it is a low-impact exercise, meaning it's easier on your joints compared to high-impact aerobic activities like running. [Cycling Egg Hunt ride through CMK 5.30-6.30pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April](#)

Kind regards,

Miss T Whiteman  
Head of School