



Thursday 14th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find below some important updates and reminders, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a peaceful, enjoyable and safe Christmas time.

End of Term Arrangements

The Academy will close at 1:15pm on Friday 22nd December for the Christmas period. Students return after the Christmas holiday Monday 8th January 2024. Year 11 return to lessons on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

Friday 22nd December is non-uniform day, in return for a £1 donation which will support our Hazeley house charities. Donations need to be paid in advance of the day and can be found on Arbor under 'School Shop Products'.

Students and Parents are reminded that clothing choice needs to be appropriate for school, no short skirts, bare midriffs or shoulders. If students have a PE lesson on the day they should wear clothing suitable for sports. School rules regarding jewellery and hats/hoods/headwear still apply.

Lost property

Has your child lost their coat? Please do get them to check our lost property before you buy another one, we currently have over 40 coats that have been left around the building in the last week. They can collect them from the foyer. If you do name them the team will always try reunite an item with a child if it is found.

5 Dimensions Trust, reflections from 2023 and hopes for 2024

Our Trusts exists to "grow a vibrant community of exceptional people" and 2023 has provided us with lots of opportunities to make that vision a reality.

On a practical level, students have been able to access a broader range of opportunities from the national championship winning basketball academy to maths master classes and inspiring literacy work.

Staff have grown through joint training and reviews led by our Secondary and Primary Chief Education Officers, Chris Holmwood and Ruth Seagar in conjunction with Jez Bennett, Principal of our Leadership and Training Centre. The lessons every child/ young person experiences on a daily basis are better due to the way staff work together across our Trust, shaping and sharing best practice.



Working together helps us to provide the best quality back-office support for our schools in areas such as IT, HR, operations, and finance. Our central team led by our Chief Financial Officer, Jeanette Willson-Smyth and our Chief Operating Officer Julia Strong are at the heart of this.

Next year will see several key initiatives which will enrich the experiences of our children/ young people. These include,

the further development of the 5D Baccalaureate, evolving literacy and our curriculum to the next level while also adapting our SEND support to better meet the needs of our community.

If you want to find out more about the Trust which supports your child's school then please visit our website [5 Dimensions Trust - Home](#)

Or if you want to see some of the ways it has shaped our young people then why not watch this video [5 Dimensions Trust - Our Schools](#)

Thank you for being part of our vibrant community.

Mr Nelson

Keeping our children safe

We have been made aware that some cars are not driving carefully outside the school and using excessive speed. We know the frustration of having to drive up to the roundabout to come back on yourself, but could we remind everyone who comes to the Academy that its vital we all keep our children safe. The last thing we want is to have an accident out there involving a Hazeley student. Thank you for your consideration concerning this.

Flu Vaccinations

Milton Keynes and Bedford are both running catch-up sessions for students in years 7-11, who missed out on the flu vaccinations. Please see the flyers below for further information.

- [Milton Keynes](#)
- [Bedford](#)

Drop Down Day 11th of January.

The new year sees the return of our Drop Down Days where the curriculum is collapsed for the day to enable us to provide a range of different activities for each year group that we would not otherwise have space for in the curriculum. The table below gives a broad overview of what each year group will be doing on the day. Students will receive further instructions and details about the specifics of their day through their form tutors.



Year 7	Working with the science team on a range of STEM activities including working with NiftyLift
Year 8	Preferences Taster day - students will experience a range of new and existing subjects to make better informed choices when selecting their preferences.
Year 9	A series of activities under the Theme of Character, focusing on developing mental toughness, resilience and learning how to look after their mental health.
Year 10	Students will be based with either Geography or History to support the unique aspects of these courses.
Year 11	A morning focusing on understanding the world of finances before working with Anglian Water in the afternoon.
Year 12	Careers. A range of activities to support students as they look ahead to the next stages of their career pathways.
Year 13	Past Paper Day (not in school)-an opportunity to focus on exam technique with subject specific guidance and tasks.

Year 8 Progress Review

In the New year, Year 8 parents will be receiving the first progress review data for their child. Please see the [attached link](#) to support you in understanding our data.

Our Year 8 Parents' and Preferences evening will take place face to face on 18th January 2024. Further Information will be sent shortly regarding this event.

Kind regards,

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