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### The New Normal

The last month has been a steep learning curve for us all: new ways of living, working and communicating. Facetime has never been so useful in our house! The adjustment to home learning has been monumental for families and it's amazing how our young people have engaged with their teachers and learning. The teaching staff and I have also learnt much and have reflected on the type of tasks that work best with students; the volume of work that is being set and the way we communicate. The dialogue and feedback from parents has been crucial in developing our understanding of how we continue 'to grow a vibrant community of exceptional people' from a distance.

### Developing Home Learning

We are pleased to announce a new phase in home learning as we get to grips with teaching in the virtual world. We will be using a new platform called Microsoft Teams to work with students. This will bring exciting new features such as powerpoints with a teacher voice, videos, online assessments, plus the ability to feedback to their teacher using a virtual class notebook. The platform is similar to google classrooms, but is integrated with the email systems that students already use.

We will be taking a phased approach to the roll out of Microsoft Teams:

Year 10 and 12 - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 20

Year 7, 8 and 9 – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 20

Over time this will developed even further, and we look forward to your engagement with this. To help we have put together a guide that will show you how to install the free app. It will be attached to this email. It works best on a laptop or computer, however, can be downloaded on a tablet or phone.



### Need Help?

1. Please refer to the guide attached to this newsletter.
2. Support videos for parents can be found here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqa7N83LLptzOR1objpBPH7wdRm8yZR8A&app=desktop>
3. Email your child's tutor or [enquiries@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:enquiries@thehazeleyacademy.com)



### Where can I go to get support to help keep my child safe online?

- Think You Know – Advice for young people <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>
- Internet matters - support for parents and carers <https://www.internetmatters.org>
- Net-Aware – Advice safety of different apps and websites <https://www.net-aware.org.uk>

### Connecting with Our Community



Our parent Facebook group is growing rapidly, join us! Search for 'The Hazeley Academy Parent Portal' on Facebook. Alternatively, click this link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1158348127835751/?ref=share>

As with all social media, it's important that we respect the privacy of all parents and staff. Please agree to the privacy guidelines when you join.

## Guided Hours for Home Learning

Following parent feedback, we have put together guidance about how long your child should study for per fortnight. The challenge going forward will be striking the right balance between supporting your child to make academic progress and ensuring their wellbeing is a priority. Please do reach out to your child's form tutor should they need any support or motivation.

Year 7 and 8 – Hours Per Fortnight		
Subject	Suggested Minimum	With Extension Work
English	4	5
Mathematics	4	5
Science	4	5
Computer Science	1	1
Geography	1	2
History	1	2
Philosophy and ethics	1	1
Languages	2	3
Creativity	2	3
Drama	1	1
Music	1	1
Art (Year 8)	1	2
PE	5	8
Character and Well-being	1	1
<b>Average per day</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.8</b>

Year 9 and 10 – Hours Per Fortnight		
Subject	Suggested Minimum	With Extension Work
English	4	5
Mathematics	4	5
Science-combined	4	5
Science-separate	7	8
Geography/History	3	4
Option subjects	3	4
PE-theory	1	2
PE-being active	5	8
Character and Well-being	1	1
<b>Average per day</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.2</b>

- Year 11 are to follow Mrs Mayles' programme of study – see Go4Schools.
- Year 12 are to complete 12 hours per subject per fortnight but this includes 1 hour of self-directed reading.
- Year 13 are to follow Mrs Mayles' programme of study – This has been emailed to students directly.

## Superb Distance Learning Update – From Mr Healy, Deputy Principal for Personalisation

Although we are writing the manual as we go along, students have risen to the challenge and staff are already awarding our SDL's in recognition of effort and going over and above with their work. A staggering 1000 points awarded for Yr 7 alone in the first week! We expect some certificates for Bronze award to be issued for the first time ever by the end of the first week back after Easter.

Colossus house have just edged in front so far but its early days... all to play for!

First Place → Colossus with 1005 points  
 Second Place → Cobra with 900 points  
 Third Place → Victory with 840 points  
 Fourth Place → Enigma with 725 points

Year	Total Superb Distant Learning Points
7	1000
8	420
9	645
10	960
11	165
12	210
13	70

## Focus on... Mathematics From Miss Wong

### Daily KenKen Challenge

Challenge yourself to complete a sudoku with a twist: as well as normal sudoku rules of each number appearing in each column and row once; the numbers in each heavily outlined set of squares, called cages, must combine (in any order) to produce the target number in the top corner using the mathematic operation indicated (+, -, ×, ÷).

<http://www.kenkenpuzzle.com/>

### Where is the Maths in that?

Maths is everywhere! Use the photographs and pictures on the link below to stimulate creativity, discussion and debate. Maths is not always about right and wrong answers!

<https://amsp.org.uk/uploads/files/23edf93310abaa8e34a87ebb178b67a1.pptx>

### Fun Challenge: Walking Through a Playing Card

In this activity you are going to try to cut up a small sheet of paper (or an old playing card) and make a hole big enough to walk through. You will need paper, pens and scissors. Stuck? Look here! <https://nrch.maths.org/5385>

### Something to Read

It is fairly common for students to feel anxious when they take a Maths test or any tests. So what strategies can be implemented to help students throughout their time at school?

<https://www.mathgoodies.com/articles/how-to-reduce-math-test-anxiety>

### Life Lessons

As Hazeley we aim to grow your child's character, confidence and creativity, not just their academic abilities. With that in mind, I would like to set your child three weekly challenges to complete to help develop each of these areas. The staff and I would love to see photos of these challenges in action! Feel free to email your snaps to [enquiries@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:enquiries@thehazeleyacademy.com)

Character Challenge	Confidence Challenge	Creativity Challenge
		
Research the history of Milton Keynes – what makes our town so unique?	Take control of your financial future! Look here: <a href="https://natwest.mymoneysense.com/students/students-12-16/">https://natwest.mymoneysense.com/students/students-12-16/</a>	Learn a new dance with your family. Do you know the Macarena or The Twist? Look here: <a href="https://www.familiesmagazine.com.au/songs-with-dance-moves-to-teach-kids/?fbclid=IwAR20dWrW7z1uHCHV0AmITU TmptuifQhdCGpQat-Ka_Irmv9apFm92L1eTFI">https://www.familiesmagazine.com.au/songs-with-dance-moves-to-teach-kids/?fbclid=IwAR20dWrW7z1uHCHV0AmITU TmptuifQhdCGpQat-Ka_Irmv9apFm92L1eTFI</a>

### Speakers for Schools



From 20<sup>th</sup> April Speakers for Schools are offering **free live streamed** talks from leading figures in their fields. Students can watch masterclasses and interviews from speakers across business, arts, academia, media and more.

Speakers will be sharing their own stories and expertise on a variety of subjects. Talks take place at 10am or 2pm each day, a schedule will be available at the start of each week for students to decide which one they might like to join. To take part in this excellent opportunity, click here: <https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/upcoming-vtalks/>

### ... And Finally

As we return for from the Easter holidays, embedding routines will be vital for us all. The days seem to be merging into one at times! Please encourage your child to begin by reading their school emails, reviewing Go4Schools and downloading Microsoft Teams. Take care and, as always, stay safe.

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