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Building Connections



In my meetings with the Subject Leaders, I have asked them what they were missing about school. I expected them to respond with variety of answers ranging from missing the routine of going work and teaching their subject. On the contrary, all 22 of them spoke passionately about one theme: connection. I was encouraged to hear comments like, 'I miss my sparky Year 9 class', 'I'm so sad I didn't get to say a 'proper' goodbye my Year 11', showing that they feel emotionally connected to our school. This is the same for our young people, therefore we must make a conscious effort to help them build connections with their teachers, their friends and classmates during this period of lockdown.

The move to Microsoft Teams has really helped to build connections, students are asking each other questions and complimenting each other's work proving that even in an online world we still are **'a vibrant community of exceptional people'**.

Parental Workshops

We are trialling a series of new online workshops open to all Hazeley parents and carers. The purpose of these informal sessions is to give parents tips and advice to support home learning. The first session will focus on setting up routines for home learning for the benefit of all the family. This will take place on **Thursday 14th May at 5.30pm via Microsoft Teams**. Don't worry, you won't need to speak if you don't want to!

If you would like to join in please email Miss Whiteman at twhiteman@thehazeleyacademy.com. Please email from the email address that you intend to use to connect to the meeting. You will receive a confirmation email and then a Microsoft Teams invite on the day to sign in. If this workshop is popular, we will offer more workshops on a variety of topics.



Thank a Teacher Day

We're delighted to support National #ThankaTeacher Day taking place on 20th May to celebrate all teachers and support staff.

Find out how you can get involved: <http://bit.ly/350bLhe> You can even send them a free e-card! #HowWillYouSayThankYou





Reach Out

A Message from Mr Healy, Deputy Principal for Personalisation

Is your child having difficulties at home with the work, meeting deadlines, or simply not having access to a computer? Perhaps multiple family members need access to the devices during the day. If so, please do share this concern with us. Whilst our expectations for home learning are high, they are not unrealistic. The wellbeing and support of our families is our priority. Please contact your child's form tutor or use our worried@thehazeleyacademy.com to share any concerns and we will be straight back in touch. Should an urgent, critical situation arise, please call **07923 866007**.

Focus on... Drama

By Miss Tyrell, Subject Leader for Drama

Something to Read:

LazyBeeScripts provides a range of plays that can be accessed for free. The best way to read a script is out loud, so why not enjoy reading a play together? Read the script for the stage version of 'Adventures in Wonderland' [here](#).



Something to Watch:

'Frankenstein' – The National Theatre is airing their version of Frankenstein featuring Benedict Cumberbatch. This is a must-see production and will only be available for one week! [Watch it here!](#)

'The Goes Wrong Show' – A televised spin-off from 'The Play that Goes Wrong'. In each episode the audience are introduced to complete theatrical mischief, slapstick comedy and utter mayhem. It's hilarious! Audience recommendation: the show previously aired at 8.30pm so may not be appropriate for younger children. [Watch it here!](#)

Something to Do:

Playing drama games can be a really good way to get you thinking actively, working on your feet, getting focussed and interacting with others. [Here is a website](#) which suggests a good range of drama games you could play at home! I'd recommend 'What are you Doing' if you want to do something active, or 'Count to 20' if you want to re-focus.

Life Lessons

Here are three challenges for your child to help develop their character, confidence and creativity! Please email photos of these challenges in action to enquiries@thehazeleyacademy.com

Character Challenge 	Confidence Challenge 	Creativity Challenge 
How does our government really work? Research it here!	Learn how to do the washing without shrinking socks or turning pants pink! Understand what the care symbols mean here!	Upcycle some old clothes into new items that are useful. Could you make a toy from old mis-matched socks? Ideas here!



Future Learn

FutureLearn is a new initiative that gives millions of students aged 13 and above free access to over a hundred relevant short courses, in order to support their learning and expand their horizons.

FutureLearn Schools will be available free from May until September 2020 to every eligible student in the UK!



Young Enterprise Success!

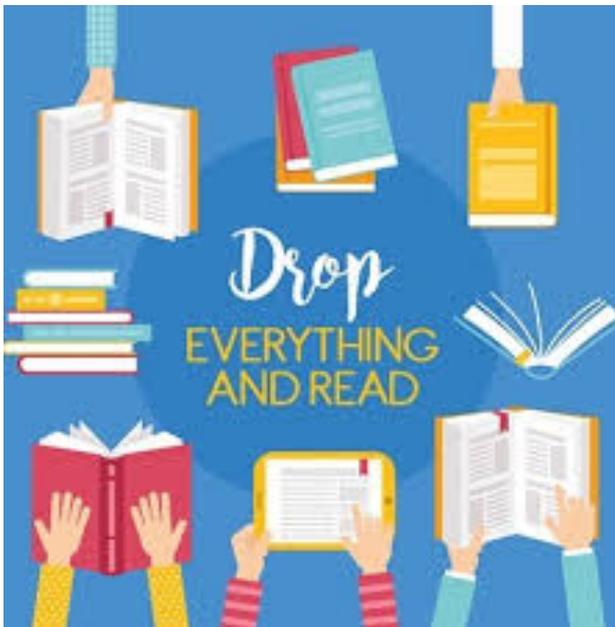
We are thrilled to announce that one of our five Year 12 Young Enterprise teams won the regional final with their business 'Quip and Keep'. Students designed, published and sold a fantastic book that teaches British

Sign Language to young children! What a brilliant idea!

We are immensely proud of our young entrepreneurs! [Watch the video here!](#)



Our first virtual DEAR Day Event - Monday 11th May



From Miss Stapleton, Director of English

On Monday 11th May, we will be hosting our first virtual Drop Everything and Read event!

Students will be emailed a link to the 'Hazeley Virtual Library' Team- where lots of Hazeley staff have recorded their own audiobooks for students to enjoy. We have tried to pick books that have free texts version online, so that your child can carry on reading after the DEAR hour is over. There are also some secret challenges hidden in the videos, so make sure you're listening closely!

In addition, we are also launching other DEAR challenges through the Hazeley Virtual Library, including sending photo competitions, virtual book reviews, book polls and the opportunity to record your own podcast!

We look forward to 'Dropping Everything And Reading' with you, in this new virtual way!

... And Finally

Building connections with others is an active process. Please encourage your child to engage with their classes on Microsoft Teams, check in with their tutor and take part in some of the activities on offer outside the subjects they study. They may even enjoy it! Take care and, as always, stay safe.

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