

December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

### **End of Term Arrangements/Start of New Year 2020**

Year 9 students have made an impressive and mature start to the year. Students are embracing their GCSE option studies and are learning to work more effectively to achieve better outcomes. Our students are now at the halfway point between the start of their Hazeley journey in Year 7 and their GCSE's in Year 11!

In addition to the academic work being produced, students have also embraced new opportunities to develop themselves holistically. In their pursuit to be better versions of themselves, students have been taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, Worktree sessions (for career-based learning), enrichment clubs after school and wellbeing sessions within school.

We are also proud of the achievements of our sports teams this term. The boy's and girl's football teams are progressing well; the Year 9 boys Rugby team is gathering momentum and the Netball squad is dominating across Milton Keynes!

Miss Tyrell leaves her role as a form tutor to 9VY2 to take up role within our Sixth Form and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her support. Replacing Miss Tyrell will be one of our English teachers, Mr McGinn. He is looking forward to being form tutor for 9VY2 from January 2020.

### **Key Dates:**

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| 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020                   | Students return to the Academy.  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2020                  | "Community Matters" event from 6.00pm to 7.00pm – please click on link in covering email to register   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2020                 | Year 9 Parents evening: 4:15pm – 7:30pm  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 | Each night from 6.00-7.00pm Year 9 parents and students are invited to a study skills session. The sessions will build on the sessions held in Year 8 and will support with balancing workloads, effective time management along with developing important independent study skills. |

### **End of Term Arrangements**

The Academy closes for the Christmas break on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15pm** and this is a **non-uniform day** for all students and staff with proceeds going to house charities. To take part students are asked to make a £1.00 contribution. Monies will be collected in tutor groups in morning registration.

On the last day of term students will attend slightly shorter lessons for period 1 and 2 and then spend time with their form group or in end of year assemblies to recognise and celebrate the many and varied achievements of students throughout this year.

As a reminder, students should ensure that their lockers are emptied at the end of term and PE kits and personal belongings are taken home as the Academy will be closed for most of the Christmas period.

### **Start of the New Year 2020**

Students will return on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

We are very pleased with the improved standard of uniform and thank parents for supporting us with this. Compulsory skirts are popular and even though house ties are not compulsory until September 2020 an increasing number of students are opting to wear them now. If you do need to replace a tie in the coming months, we would encourage you to purchase a house tie so you do not need to make another purchase in preparation for the compulsory wearing of house ties in September 2020.

If you need to make any uniform purchases over the Christmas period, you can purchase online or in person via the Academy uniform provider - <https://kedaphschoolwear.co.uk>

Replacement planners can be purchased from our Finance department for £3.00.

The first few days after any school holiday, the roads around the Academy are busier than normal and traffic is heavy so please leave a few minutes earlier for your journey to allow for this.

For safety, students travelling by bicycle to the Academy should ensure they wear a cycle helmet and have lights. They should also bring a padlock to secure their bicycle in the bike racks throughout the day.

Thank you to those of you who have already signed up on ParentPay giving your permission for local trips. We often run local trips within our immediate community including Milton Keynes schools, businesses or parks. Our aim is to make this easier for you by seeking signed permission via ParentPay\* for these local trips along with signed permission to travel. Once permission has been given Parents/Carers will be informed of any such trips via School Comms. When you sign onto ParentPay, you will be asked to tick the consent option for your son/daughter to participate.

- *If you need help with accessing your ParentPay account, please email [finance@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:finance@thehazeleyacademy.com) or call 01908 555620, option 4.*

A new extra-curricular timetable will also be released in the New Year and will be available to view on the Hazeley Website under the tab of "Extra-Curricular". This is a great opportunity for students to take part in activities they maybe haven't tried before and fully embrace Academy life.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I hope you enjoy spending time with friends and family.

Yours faithfully



Mr Soper  
Progress Leader – Year 9