Home Learning Parent Newsletter No. 9 – Week Beginning 15/06/2020

The Hazeley Academy







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# Knowing Me, Knowing You

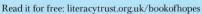
In my whole career, I have never felt such a connection with the families that I work with than I do now. This situation has forced us to strengthen relationships with others and it feels like we are in a real partnership together. We are all on the same team because we want the best for our young people. Like any successful team, we are open, honest and unafraid to give and receive honest feedback, knowing that we have each other's backs!



### Competition Time! The Book of Hazeley Hopes



'Real true hope isn't the promise that everything will be all right - but it's the belief that the world has so many strangenesses and possibilities that giving up would be a mistake'



Inspired by The Book of Hopes created by the National Literacy Trust, we are inviting <u>all</u> students in Years 7-9 to enter our House Competition to create **'The Book of Hazeley Hopes.'** 

Students should submit a creative entry on the theme of 'hope' inspired by one or more of their subjects. This could be a story, poem, photograph, drawing, cake, sculpture, dance routine, piece of music or anything that defines 'hope' to them.

So far, we have had some fantastic entries, ranging from home-

made gifs, to cakes, to posters, to poetry, and even dance routines. The quality has truly been excellent, and demonstrates the character, confidence and creativity of our students. At Hazeley we thrive on turning challenges into opportunities and what better way than through the theme of hope? Something for us all to look forward and aspire to.

A reminder of all the important information can be <u>found here!</u> and on your Microsoft Team for English. Completed entries should be emailed to Mrs. Goodger and Miss Clarke on <u>ngoodger@thehazeleyacademy.com</u> and <u>aclarke@thehazeleyacademy.com</u> by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Prizes of Amazon gift cards will be awarded to the winners! Plus, House Points for each entry. Looking for inspiration? <u>Read The Book of Hopes online!</u>

# Character - Confidence -Creativity



## Hazeley ED Talks

Our first week of Hazeley ED Talks was incredible, with students across Years 7, 8 and 9 taking part in over 2000 hours of home learning! The topics ranged from globalisation, fake news and the evolution of computing to learning large numbers in French and degree level philosophy! The feedback from our students has been really positive and their questions have been really impressive.

The schedule and links for next week's ED Talks have been emailed to all students in Years 7, 8 and 9. They take place every **Tuesday**, **Wednesday**, **Thursday and Friday at 10.00am and 2.00pm**. We strongly recommend that all students attend these live, online lessons.

### How I've Become an Amazing Home Learner! By Our Fab Year 10 Students.



Archie says, 'I chose two subjects to do per day so I have longer to focus on them. The communication I have with my teachers has been very good because I have been able to ask any questions and get feedback on my work. At home, I have my parents and all my revision guides/books to help me before I ask a teacher. I work in my bedroom so it's quiet and nobody can disturb me allowing me to get work done efficiently. I use all of the websites that the school provides (Seneca, Hegarty etc) plus Bitesize and Collins Online Dictionary for English and Spanish.

Harri says, 'I find it easiest to avoid all distractions. Personally, I find it easiest working alone at my desk where no-one is walking around. When planning my day, I look at all my tasks due in, evaluate the due date and then estimate the time that it will take to complete. I then create a general plan accordingly. Whenever I'm stuck, I can contact my teachers as they always reply promptly with detailed advice.





Kenzie says, 'I usually start my day by looking at all the tasks I have due within the next few weeks and I then compile a list of 3-4 tasks to do within the school day. Doing this make's completing my tasks more manageable. When starting my work, I find a quiet working space and will listen to music as it helps me concentrate. I also like to make sure that my workspace is tidy so I don't have to worry about cleaning up whilst doing my work. If I ever do get stuck with my work, I always know that my teachers are there to help. They always offer great advice and respond quickly.'

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### Focus on Physical Education By Mr Cole, Learning Leader for PE

#### Something to Read:

There are a huge range of online blogs, magazines and articles to look over in terms of reading about sport, not much new content is being produced but still very interesting! There are websites about every sport imaginable. Here is a selection: Fitness and Nutrition

Women's Sport Football Dancing Cricket Athletics Fishing



#### Something to Watch:

Some classic matches being replayed on both <u>the BBC</u> and <u>Sky Sports</u> currently so take some time to re-live what some of your parents experienced at your age. The 2012 London Olympics is a great watch, see Jessica Ennis-Hill winning <u>gold here!</u>

#### Something to Do:

Being physically active can improve your mood, decrease the chance of depression and anxiety and lead to a better, more balanced lifestyle. Try to learn a new skill from your favourite sport. Practice the skill to see if you can get better. For example:

- 1. Try improving your netball passes with a family member
- 2. Work on your yoga poses
- 3. Try some skipping rope tricks



Whatever you do, be safe doing it and keep working towards a goal.

# Competition Time! Style My Plate! From Miss Snelson, Subject Leader for Hospitality and Catering

Have you ever looked at a picture of a meal and it's made your mouth water because it looks so good? That's food styling! Food styling is about making food look the most **stylish**, **delicious and appetising** it can be!

Your challenge is to style your dinner plate like it's in a food magazine and submit a picture. Be as creative as you can be! Email pictures to Miss Snelson on <u>Asnelson@thehazeleyacademy.com</u> by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July! Superb Distance Learning Points for the winners!

# Click and Collect Success!

On Friday and Saturday over 350 packs of stationery were collected and delivered to Hazeley families during our 'Click and Collect' event. Mrs F, parent of a Year 7 girl emailed, 'I just wanted to say a big thank you for the stationery goody bags your school has provided today. It's a very thoughtful and helpful gesture'. We really appreciate that our families reached out to us to ensure that home learning is the best it can be!



### The Hazeley Orchard

Earlier this year we planted fruit trees donated by our school caterers Cucina. Year 7 students planted apples, pears, peaches and plums around the school gardens. The students who are attended the Key Worker School have looked after them since the beginning of lock down. With the hot weather in May, we continued to water them, and they did struggle a little however, the recent rain has brought them back to life and some are already bearing fruit. Hopefully we will have many years of using the fruit in school for baking and catering!



### ... And Finally

Please encourage your child to make those all-important connections with their teachers and classes through Microsoft Teams. This will help to maintain their relationships and feel part of our community. Take care and stay safe,

Gemma Williamson



