



8th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we look ahead to the Summer holidays, we may have a sense of worry, fear or maybe even a sense of relief. It is essential that our young people take a break from home learning, slow down their pace of life and enjoy some time without academic study for two or three weeks. However, research has found that student's progress can take a backward step over the long summer holiday. This could be more prominent this year as COVID-19 has meant that students have had much less face to face learning.

Therefore, it is our responsibility to support our young people continue to progress over the Summer. We have a range of opportunities to help, inspire and challenge your child, as well as Summer homework that is appropriate to their age and ability.

Please read the following information regarding our offering and please do not hesitate to email me should you have any questions. My email address is gwilliamson@thehazeleyacademy.com.

Kind regards,

Mrs Gemma Williamson
Deputy Principal of Teaching and Learning



Summer Homework for All Students

All students have been set Summer homework by each of their subjects. It is important that our students take some time off to relax and recuperate in the first two weeks of the Summer holiday. However, it is also important that students look ahead to the new year and prepare by completing their Summer homework.

Why is it important that students undertake learning over the Summer?

- To help bridge the gap from any lost learning time
- To make ensure students avoid any loss of skills or knowledge
- To prepare for the next school year
- To keep home routines and structures over the Summer
- So students don't get bored!

Tasks will be set on your child's Microsoft Teams. Teachers will be available to email for support from 24th August 2020.

N.B. Year 8 students should complete the work for their new preference subjects as well as their core subjects, this is can be found on their year group team. They do not need to complete the work for the subjects they are not continuing in September.



Hazeley STEAM Challenge

In recognition of the critical role that Milton Keynes plays at the heart of the Oxford to Cambridge Innovation Corridor, we are proud to present the Summer 2020 Hazeley STEAM Challenge to inspire pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 to successfully complete an optional structured STEAM project.

Students will have a choice of four projects: Bee Garden, Marble Run, Microflats and Minigolf. The best projects will focus on design, research, creation and evaluation, which leads to an improvement.

Each optional project takes between 2 and 5 hours to complete and students can work through them independently at their own pace. Completed tasks are emailed to a dedicated email address by Friday 11th September and the best projects will be selected for a STEAM exhibition.

The projects are available on Go4Schools and your child's Microsoft team for their year group.

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HAZELEY AMBITION SUMMER SCHOOL

The Hazeley Ambition School is a Summer programme of optional online courses to inspire and challenge Year 7, 8 and 9. Students will work with a teacher on Microsoft Teams to learn, research and plan a project at home. These courses take place from Monday 27th July until Friday 21st August, with normally one or two sessions a week. Some courses are run over a shorter period of time. Students will be challenged to develop knowledge and skills in a wide range of areas.

You can sign up your child by Wednesday 15th July using [this Microsoft Form](#).

Additional Information

- Numbers are limited so students will be allocated to courses on a first come, first serve basis. Sign up now!
- Students can do up to two courses if they feel they have the time.
- Students will be added to a Microsoft Team called 'Ambition School' where they can join their online lessons.
- Students should attend every session that their course leader is offering.

Our courses:

1. Maths: How do sundials work? Exploring the maths behind the ancient form of time telling. Lead by Miss Wong.
2. Science: How do we help biodiversity? Researching how we protect the variety of life on planet earth. Lead by Mrs Sousa.

3. Science: Chemistry in your Kitchen Cupboard. Explore a range of chemistry experiments using what you have at home. Lead by Miss Chamberlain.
4. Science: Astronomy: From Telescope to Image. Create an astronomical image using the Liverpool telescope! Lead by Mrs Harrier Wilson.
5. Computer Science: Learn to Code! Learn coding language create a portfolio of programmes. Lead by Mr Rathor.
6. Art: Be A Lockdown Artist. Learn a range of techniques to create a piece of artwork from home. Lead by Mrs Buckland.
7. Psychology: Be a psychologist! Conduct psychological research and create your own case study! Open to students in Year 8 and 9 who are doing GCSE Psychology. By Mrs Harrison.
8. English: Be a book blogger! Read and analyse the fantastic novel 'The Help' by Kathryn Stockett. The Help deals with issues such as racism, class and identity. You will be blogging your journey. Lead by Miss Clarke.
9. English: Be a Scriptwriter. Write a script for your own play, film or TV programme using current issues as inspiration. Lead by Miss Burrows.
10. English: Creative Writing. Look at a range of great creative writing pieces and create your own. Your entry will be submitted to the BBC 500 words competition. By Miss Capell.
11. English: The Great Harry Potter Debate. Learn to debate professionally and take part in a challenging debate. Lead by Mrs Goodger.
12. History: Levellers, Diggers and the Growth of Radicalism in Seventeenth Century England. Explore this incredible time in British History! Lead by Mr Malloy.
13. History: Leading Figures in the Fight for Equality. Lead by Miss Evans.

Skills and knowledge developed in the Hazeley Ambition Summer School:

- Knowledge of the selected topic
 - How to do academic research
 - How to plan a project and create something to share with others.
 - Communication and teamwork.
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Hazeley Accelerate School

Our Accelerate School is available for a small number of students who need face to face support in engaging with home learning and studying. This will be via invite only from Miss Whiteman. Accelerate School will run in school from 27th July 2020 until Friday 21st of August. Students will be working on English, Maths and Science with some sport and creativity activities.

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Hazeley Homework Refocus School

In the last week of the Summer holiday we will be inviting small groups of students from each year group into the Academy to work on their Summer Homework, supported by Academy staff. This will run from the 24th August to 28th August from 10.00am until 2.00pm. This will be via invite only from Miss Whiteman. This will support students to make the best possible start in September.

Summary of Summer Learning

	For Who?	Optional?	Face to Face in School?	Online Live Lessons?	Contact
Summer Homework	All Year Groups	Required	No	No	Mrs Williamson gwilliamson@thehazeleyacademy.com
STEAM Challenge	Years 7, 8 & 9- All students	Optional	No	No	Mrs Lazenby LLazenby@thehazeleyacademy.com
Ambition School	Years 7, 8 & 9- All Students	Optional	No	Yes	Mrs Williamson gwilliamson@thehazeleyacademy.com
Accelerate School	All Year Groups – Invite Only	Required for students invited.	Yes	No	Miss Whiteman Twhiteman@thehazeleyacademy.com
Homework Refocus School	All Year Groups – Invite Only	Required for students invited.	Yes	No	Miss Whiteman Twhiteman@thehazeleyacademy.com