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### The Final Countdown

When you think of the approaching Summer Holidays what do you feel? For some families they are looking forward to the break from home learning, for others, they dread the thought of a six weeks of unfilled time. One thing is for certain, we all need a well-earned break. What we have achieved together is remarkable! The support you have given your child and the school has ensured that we have made a challenge a success. I can say with confidence, I don't know of any other state secondary school in the area who has adapted to home learning as prosperously as we have. This has been achieved by the dedication of our staff, the willingness of our students and the support from you, our parents and carers.



I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you all, even when things haven't quite gone to plan, you have been open, positive and encouraging. **Hazeley families really are special!**

### How can I support my child to prepare for September?

- Ensure your child has their own personal bottle of hand sanitizer and tissues.
- Ensure your child has their own pens, pencils, ruler, calculator – students cannot share.
- Ensure your child has their own bottle of water – water fountains will not be in use.
- Top up your child's Parent Pay account so they can pay for meals – cash is not accepted.
- When your child has received their timetable in September, ensure they wear PE kit to school that day.
- [Watch our safety video](#) and [read the information letter](#), ensuring they have clarity about what to expect in September.
- Ensure your child knows exactly what time to enter the school building and what time they are leaving at the end of the day.
- If your child travels to school by car, arrange exactly when and where to meet. Ensure you arrive no more than 5 minutes before their pick up time. Students will be released at different times and must not wait more that 5 minutes to be collected at the end of the day.



### Superb Distant Learning Points – The Final Scores!

Year	Total	Rank
7	22350	1
8	17740	3
9	17135	4
10	20900	2
11	500	6
12	2425	5
13	70	7

House	Total	Rank
Colossus	21895	1
Enigma	18560	4
Victory	19560	3
Cobra	21105	2



Huge congratulations to all students who achieved Superb Distance Learning Points – We appreciate you!



	Info	For Who?	Optional?	Face to Face in School?	Online Live Lessons?	Contact
Summer Homework	To support all students to develop knowledge and skills.	All Year Groups	Required by All Students	No	No	Mrs Williamson gwilliamson@thehazeleyacademy.com
STEAM Challenge	Independent projects to challenge students who are interested in STEAM careers (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths)	Years 7, 8 & 9- All students.  Challenges posted on Go4Schools and Microsoft Teams.	Optional	No	No	Mrs Lazenby LLazenby@thehazeleyacademy.com
Ambition School	Guided online courses to challenge and inspire students. <a href="#">Sign up here by the 15<sup>th</sup> July!</a>	Years 7, 8 & 9- All Students	Optional	No	Yes	Mrs Williamson gwilliamson@thehazeleyacademy.com
Accelerate School	Face to face lessons in school for small groups of students who need additional support and catch up.	All Year Groups – Invite Only	Required for students invited.	Yes	No	Miss Whiteman Twhiteman@thehazeleyacademy.com
Homework Refocus School	Small groups of students working in the academy on their Summer Homework, supported by academy staff.	All Year Groups – Invite Only	Required for students invited.	Yes	No	Miss Whiteman Twhiteman@thehazeleyacademy.com

### **Using Computers Wisely**

**By Mr Rathor – Subject Leader for Computer Science and Information Technology**

Computers, tablets and phones provide students with unapparelled access to information. We must embrace this. The use of online platforms such as Microsoft Teams has enhanced learning of our students. However, there should always be some cautious steps taken by students and by parents.



### **Anyone Can Post Online**

Everyone and anyone can post on the Internet. Ensure the posts you read are valid by cross referencing with another reliable source. It is easy to get lazy, don't always rely on Wikipedia to provide all the answers. It is advised to use multiple sites or mediums. Be sensible, don't just click on the first link that appears on the search engine. Make sure the source of information is valid, unbiased and that other sources can back this up.

### **A Healthy Balance**

Have a healthy balance, spending too much time on computers can also be detrimental on your health and well-being. Make an effort to also go out get some exercise and develop face to face relationships.

### Social Media

Young people should be aged 13 to have most of the social media applications e.g. Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat. Ideally, year 7 student should avoid any having social media account(s). However, if your child does, as a minimum they must understand and appreciate online etiquettes.

### Social Networking

Unfortunately, social networking has led to a lot of cyberbullying and online grooming in recent years. If you have been a victim speak up, tell an adult or email [worried@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:worried@thehazeleyacademy.com). Never befriend strangers or friends who are not friends. Never be afraid to block or report people. As a parent it is essential you friend your child and report issues. Additionally, as a parent you should always be aware of who your child is talking to online.

### Make Computers a Family Experience

Make computers a family experience enjoy the technology. Keep computers in family spaces so you know what is going on. Check your child's social media profiles. Ask them:

- Do you really know all of your friends?
- Have you accepted any friend requests recently?
- Which bits of your personal information are publically available?
- Do you have any photos or posts that you do not want your parents or teachers seeing?
- When was the last time you changed your password?

### Games Consoles

Check your child's profile on games consoles and ensure your child is not purchasing any add-ons or items to be used in games without your consent. Ensure you know who are communicating with if they game online. Computers, tablets and phones are useful tools for learning enjoy them with cautious.

## Before You Post **THINK**



- T - is it True?
- H - is it Helpful?
- I - is it Inspiring?
- N - is it Necessary?
- K - is it Kind?

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### Important Information from Mr Glen Martin, CEO of the 5 Dimensions Trust

At the end of this academic year, I have decided to step down as CEO of 5 Dimensions Trust. My original plan was to lead the Trust in a part-time capacity for next year at the end of which I would retire as CEO, and we had been planning the structure to support this. However, the strength of leadership across both schools and the capacity available means that this can be brought forward to the new school year.



I have been teaching for nearly 40 years and I have worked in Milton Keynes since 2002, working at Shenley Brook End School as Deputy then Headteacher before becoming CEO of the Trust. Collaboration between SBE and The Hazeley Academy started over three years ago, and in 2018 we cemented our partnership by forming 5 Dimensions Trust.

The reason behind the name reflects both schools' belief in providing more than just an excellent academic curriculum as we promote and value our four other dimensions: holistic education, supporting our staff, engaging with our parents, and involvement in our wider community.

I have been proud to be the first CEO of the Trust and I have seen it develop through the ongoing strengthening of the partnership between colleagues across both schools. Success rarely comes through a single person. Yes, individuals may appear to be a solo winner; perhaps a world-class tennis player, a musical virtuoso, an internationally renowned academic. However, alongside these individuals are their support networks allowing them to be successful; coaches, trainers, teachers. By combining their efforts and working together, everyone reaches heights that alone they could not. As I wrote in a previous newsletter, success in our local community comes through partnership.

It is this partnership that has created such strength in my colleagues in all the different roles across the two schools as the Trust continues to put the education of our young people at the centre of everything we do. I wish you and your family all the best.

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### ... And Finally

It's essential that our young people take some time to rest and enjoy being with their families. Our programme of Summer Learning is there to help your child prepare for September, not as a punishment or chore. You and your child may want to embed some structure back into their routine and engage in academic work after 2 or 3 weeks!

Take care and stay safe,

Gemma Williamson