



# HOME LEARNING



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## Ever Evolving

We continue to evolve how we are delivering home learning at Hazeley. Although the rate of change has been rapid, it's been impressive how our community has embraced new things with an opening mind, asking for help if needed.



Live lessons have been a resounding success for our exam year groups with over 80% of Year 10s and Year 12s attending. We have also launched live, online lead lessons (what we call assemblies), which have been really great in helping students maintain social relationships with their year groups. Also, this week Year 7, 8 and 9 begin their exciting programme of 'ED Talks', Hazeley's version of the popular TED Talks. More info below.

One of my favourite phrases from the Hazeley values is '**we relish taking calculated risks**'. It's inspiring to see our community evolving and developing, knowing we have the trust, support and honest feedback from our families.

Character - Confidence - Creativity



## Hazeley ED Talks

A programme of live, online lessons is scheduled for all Year 7, 8 and 9 students. The lessons explore a range of topics from the curriculum, culture and beyond. Lessons take place twice a day at **10.00am and 2.00pm every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday** lasting from 30-45 minutes. A full programme of topics and instructions on how to attend have been emailed to all students. We highly recommend all sessions are attended, even if students have not selected the subject for their GCSES.

## Duke of Edinburgh Award for Years 9 and 10 From Miss McKenzie

The Duke of Edinburgh scheme has updated us with how young people can continue to complete the award from home.

**Volunteering, Physical and Skills** – The Duke of Edinburgh team are really keen for students continue with their activities at home if at all possible. Students may have been doing a volunteering or skill before lockdown and their time will still count. Please support your child to log onto their D of E account and record the volunteering, physical or skill activities they have done at home.



**Expeditions** – The planning for these will resume in the autumn term. Please reassure your child that once the restrictions are lifted we will plan for these and they haven't been forgotten!

If you have any further questions about the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, please do not hesitate to contact me at [lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com](mailto:lmckenzie@thehazeleyacademy.com)

## The Hazeley Online Library

Students are now able to borrow eBooks and audiobooks from our exciting new eBook library, [found here!](#)

The library catalogue is full of bestselling, popular fiction titles giving your child a 24/7 library. Students can virtually borrow one book at a time. Books will automatically be returned after two weeks and can be returned early. Settings can be customised to support students with reading challenges.



To access the eBook library students need to **login using their school username and hazeley1** as a temporary password, through the link above.

## Focus on... Chemistry

By Mr Rowlingson

### **Something to Read:**

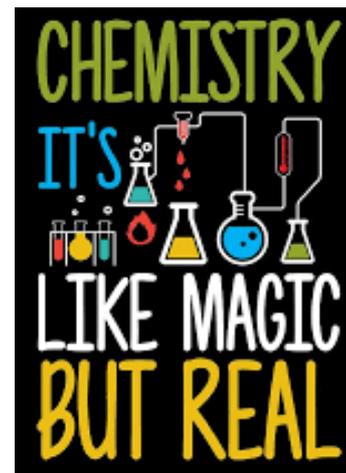
For any child aspiring to do a Chemistry related career, the best website for information is the [Royal Society of Chemistry](#). It has all latest news on ground-breaking chemistry, published works from professional chemists, resources for students to practice their chemistry skills and careers information. If you love Chemistry, this is a gold mine!

### **Something to Watch:**

Cody is a chemist and a Youtuber who uploads videos of himself carrying out all sorts of crazy experiments. My favourite is of Cody inhaling the different Noble gases (such as Helium) and observing the impact on his voice. Don't try this at home! [Cody'sLab](#)

### **Something to Do:**

Why not try out some Chemistry experiments at home? This website provides 12 ideas for experiments that you can do with household items. These help develop critical thinking skills and are enormous fun! Just click on the underlined phrase from each idea to access more information on how to do it. [Home Chemistry Experiments Here!](#)



## Netflix - Safeguarding Update



Netflix have introduced some new parental controls; these controls allow you to PIN protect profiles, restrict certain titles, disable autoplay and look at viewing history. This blog contains More information advice on managing your child's [viewing habits here.](#)

We would like to draw your awareness to a new series of '13 Reasons Why' on Netflix, a show that deals with the issue of teenage suicide and may be something that you would prefer your child to view with the family or not at all. More information about the concerns around [the show is available here.](#)

## National Home Learning Providers

The two national providers of live, online lessons have resumed their lessons this week. The [Oak National Academy](#) was created by the Department for Education and [Bitesize](#) was created from the BBC to support home learning during this challenging. Both provide excellent programmes!



## Young Enterprise Update

From Mrs Cuthbert, Subject Leader for Economics, Finance and Enterprise

Young Enterprise (YE) allows students to set up and run their own businesses. Our 2020 Young Enterprise cohort has been memorable for several reasons; the participation rate of 4 teams of over 50 students has been the highest recorded, and students have had the opportunity to showcase their creativity and initiative. The enthusiasm has been unrivalled. Imaginations have been expressed. Creativity has been shown in the diverse range of products: sign language books, battery chargers, mythical card games and key finders. The “Hands Up” sign language book and “Decked Out” card game have both been borne out of the students’ own imagination. Products have been researched and sourced from far away shores. The entrepreneurial flair of the students was never more obvious than at the YE Trade Fair on a cold January Sunday morning in Middleton Hall. Our students stood out with their unbounded enthusiasm and determination.

Each of the four teams managed their own affairs, supported by business advisors. YE 2020 teams continued to work virtually after lockdown culminating in two notable successes. “Quip & Keep” won the area final and proceeded to be awarded ‘Best Product Design’ in the East of England regional finals for their sign language book which they created, illustrated and produced themselves. The book will be stocked in the gift shop of the Milton Keynes Museum, and has won the praise of the audiology department at Milton Keynes University Hospital.

Young Enterprise 2020 at The Hazeley Academy has been a memorable year and all of the participants have gained a great deal of experience. I am looking forward to welcoming the next cohort in September!



### ... And Finally

We are responding to the new government guidance as it is published to us all during the daily briefings on BBC 1. We will keep you updated with the latest information we have as we evolve. Take care and, as always, stay safe.

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