

Friday 10th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we pass the midpoint of the half-term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to share some updates on our progress and upcoming events.

The term so far

It has been a busy term so far with students already enjoying a number of enrichment activities. These include:

- A one night residential Bushcraft reward trip.
- A visit from MP James Frith
- Year 9 girls' Rugby tournament at Sedgley Park
- Year 9 boys' Rugby tournament
- Year 10 GCSE Journey evening
- Duke of Edinburgh walks
- MacMillan bake sale
- First Aid training
- Visit to GMP Bury following successful entries to a Bury Schools' Art competition hosted by Chief Inspector Wright

I would also like to express my thanks to all our students who represented the school on our annual Open Evening. Visiting parents commented on how polite and articulate our students are and this makes me feel very proud.

Progress So Far

The term has begun positively, with students settling well into their routines and engaging enthusiastically with their learning. Staff have been impressed by the children's attitude, behaviour, and commitment to their studies. Year 11 students in particular have shown a real focus and determination to make this year their best one yet. Year 7 have settled in well, made new friends and are a shining example of 'The Hazel Wood Way'.

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Our focus so far this term has continued to be about high expectations (behaviour, attendance and uniform) and we're pleased with the outcomes so far. Teachers continue to provide high-quality learning experiences through our 5 part lesson, and we encourage you to speak with your child about what they've enjoyed and learned.

Mock Exams

For students in Year 11, mock exams will begin in November. These exams are an important opportunity for students to experience exam conditions, identify areas for improvement, and build confidence ahead of final assessments. Timetables and revision guidance will be shared shortly. We appreciate your support in encouraging good study habits and ensuring students are well-prepared.

Upcoming Events

We have a number of exciting events planned for the remainder of the term:

- Wednesday 15th October – Year 8 Be safe, be cool day.
- Thursday 16th October – Year 7 Welcome to Year 7 Evening (5.30-7.00pm)
- Friday 17th October – Year 11 Careers Day
- Thursday 25th November – Oak Experience – Year 10 theatre trip.
- Wednesday 10th November – Winter Wonderland (4.00 - 6.00pm)

Further details about each event will be shared closer to the time.

Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance and punctuality are essential for your child's academic progress and overall wellbeing. Every day in school counts, and arriving on time ensures that students start their day calmly and are ready to learn.

We therefore kindly ask for your continued support in:

- Ensuring your child attends school every day unless they are genuinely unwell.
- Making medical appointments outside of school hours where possible.

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- Arriving promptly (by 8.40am) each morning to allow time for students to be organised, equipped and ready to start the day.
- Please note, term time holidays will not be authorised, learning comes first.
- If your contact details have changed, kindly update the school office.

Using the Arbor Parent App

Hazel Wood uses **Arbor** as its central system for managing student information and school administration. We kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure they are actively using the **Arbor Parent Portal or App** to stay informed and up to date.

Through Arbor, you can:

- View and update your child's profile (e.g. contact and medical details)
- Access attendance, assessment and progress data
- See exam timetables and results
- Receive school communications
- View your child's timetable

To activate your account, simply set a password using the email address this message was sent to. Visit <https://login.arbor.sc> and click '**Forgot your password?**' to get started.

If you need support, please contact the school office on **0161 797 6543** or email [**enquiries@hazelwood.oaklp.co.uk**](mailto:enquiries@hazelwood.oaklp.co.uk).

The Arbor Parent App is available to download from the **Google Play Store** (Android) or **Apple App Store** (iPhone).

Road Safety and Parking

I would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of driving and parking safely around the school site. There have been increasing concerns about vehicles travelling too fast past the school gates and parking on double yellow lines, which poses a serious risk to our students, staff, and other families.

Please help us keep everyone safe by:

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- **Reducing speed** when approaching and leaving the school.
- **Avoiding parking on double yellow lines**, zigzag markings, in front of traffic cones or in front of driveways.
- Consider dropping off/picking up away from school

We understand that these times of day can be busy, but safety must come first. We are working closely with local authorities to monitor the situation and may involve enforcement officers if necessary.

Mobile Phone Use

Below is a summary of the school's policy on student mobile phones:

- **Emergency Use Only:** Students may bring mobile phones to school strictly for emergencies. Phones must be switched off and kept securely, such as in a blazer pocket.
- **Permission Required:** If a student needs to use their phone during the school day, they must seek permission from a member of staff.
- **Misuse Consequences:**
 - First Offence: Phone may be collected at the end of the day.
 - Repeated Misuse: Parents/Carers may be asked to collect the phone, and the student may be required to hand it in daily for a fixed period.

Important Note for Parents/Carers:

Please refrain from contacting your child directly via their mobile phone during the school day. Instead, contact the school office or your child's Pastoral Year Leader.

We are proud of the progress our students are making and grateful for your support in their education. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,

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