



Dates for your diary:

Tues 13th Sept 2022:
Open Evening

Mon 31st Oct 2022:
Deadline for school
place preference
procedure

Wed 1st March 2023:
Offer date

Mon 10th July 2023:
Hazelwick New Intake
Parents'/Carers'
Meeting

School Tour Dates:
Sessions will be at
9.00am & 11.20am

Tues 20th September
Thu 22nd September

Mon 26th September
Wed 28th September

Tues 4th October
Thu 6th October

Mon 10th October
Wed 12th October

Please visit the
"Open Evening"
section of our
website for all the
details that you
need.

**Special
Edition**

Hazelwick School Newsletter

September 2022

**STOP
PRESS**

The Ofsted report from our recent inspection has now been released. View it on the school website and attached to this newsletter.

Headlines

Mrs A Fearon, Headteacher

Welcome to this special edition of our Hazelwick School Newsletter!



Our newsletter, celebrating the huge number and range of activities that our students are involved in and their many successes, is produced at the end of each month. Past issues can be found on the school website (www.hazelwick.org).

In this special edition, we have put together a selection of articles to illustrate the breadth and variety of opportunities open to our students here at Hazelwick.

We have also included some information about various aspects of school life that we hope will be of interest to you. There is a great deal more information on our website, or please do ask questions at the Open Evening.

You are also welcome to come to one of our Open Mornings, where you can see the school in action and talk to senior staff. To arrange a visit, either email thowland@hazelwick.org.uk or phone Mrs Howland on 01293 403344.



I do hope that you enjoy reading our newsletter and take the opportunity to discover about all the wonderful activities and opportunities that are offered at Hazelwick.

Year 7 students on their first day at Hazelwick:



Year 8 look back at the highlights of their first year at Hazelwick:



"Learning to ski at Calshot. I also got to know my form better and make loads of new friends."
 "Xmas Factor. My form got first place!"
 "Making new friends, settling into school and having nice teachers."
 "I used to have Intermediate grades. I now have Higher grades. I have made up one whole grade."
 "Making lots of new friends. Sports Day. Going on trips, getting Achievement points. These things are really, really fun and amazing."
 "Going to Lewes Castle on a History trip."



What has been your biggest achievement to date?

"My biggest achievement was receiving over 200 Achievement points and earning my Bronze, Silver and Gold Award certificates. Year 7 has been amazing."
 "Having 100% attendance and making loads of new friends."
 "Getting 15 Congratulations on my Year 7 report."
 "Playing for the school Football Team."
 "Becoming a reading word millionaire."
 "I got a good result in Maths!"

Key Stage 3 Curriculum (Years 7 and 8)

All students at Hazelwick follow a broad and balanced curriculum at KS3, studying a wide range of subjects, all taught by specialist teachers.

The aim of the curriculum at KS3 is to excite and engage children, to broaden their experience, open up new areas of knowledge, develop their independent study skills and lay down strong foundations for success in examination work at KS4.

Students are grouped in a variety of ways that we feel are most appropriate to their age and ability.

Full details of the KS3 curriculum can be found on the school website.



Lewes Castle Visit

Year 7 students took part in 4 sessions whilst visiting Lewes Castle including a drama session where they dressed up as medieval people and took on various roles and jobs of the time.

Design & Technology

Year 8 Design & Technology students learn many new processes. They use CAD (Computer Aided Design) software to create their designs. Some designs are cut out of acrylic and mounted ready to cast.



Food Technology

Students have lots of fun in the kitchen producing bread rolls.



Accelerated Reader Students

Year 7 celebrating their success as part of our Accelerated Reading Programme.

Drama Production Little Shop of Horrors

Mr Bayliss and Ms Grubb were thrilled to be able to join forces for the first time, bringing together the Music and Drama departments to produce the kitsch and wonderful 'Little Shop of Horrors'. A huge number of students from across all year groups uploaded audition tapes and two casts were chosen to perform. Mr Hone and Noor Azim from the Art department created an astonishing set and five, fully operational Audrey II puppets. Despite having to cancel two shows due to the unprecedented heatwaves in July, the show went on 'for one night only', with both casts able to perform to packed audiences. Reviews were rave, with comments such as "better than the Broadway version", amongst them. On the last day of term, Mushnik's Flower Shop was dismantled, and Audrey II was recycled, leaving us all excited to plan the next show.





Creative Arts

Our annual summer Art Show exhibited the high-quality work of our students across the specialist areas of Fine Art and Photography.

Festive Fayre

Our wonderful choir performed carols at the Festive Fayre in Crawley High Street last December and enjoyed drinking hot chocolate between carols!



Voices Together 2022

In March, our school choir visited Chichester Cathedral to sing as part of the Voices Together day with West Sussex Music.

23 of our singers joined other schools from the local area for the day which culminated in a short concert.



The Wonder of Science

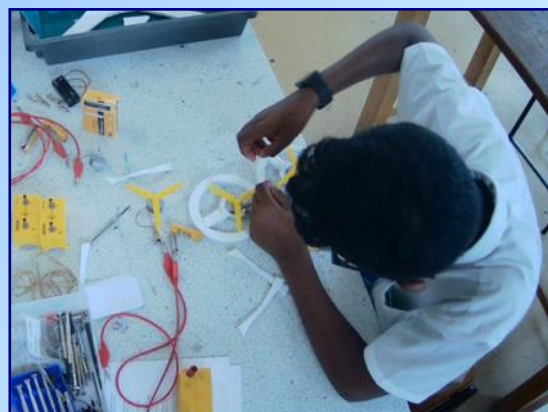
STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths

Students enjoying scientific discovery.



STEM@Hazelwick

STEM@Hazelwick ran a number of workshops exploring programmable robots. We have been very fortunate to have our friends from Thales, based on Manor Royal, supporting us. STEM@Hazelwick also visited the Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham. Students had the opportunity to visit a number of exhibits and get some hands on experience of the sort of skills and practices required in STEM careers.



Annual Maths Challenge

Hazelwick competes against teams from across the region. The last team to enter performed tremendously well, working together to solve some very demanding mathematical challenges.



Charities and Community

Year 7 Harvest Festival collection for Crawley Open House



Sixth Form Festive Friday



St Catherine's Hospice Youth Enterprise Challenge

Led by six of our Year 10 students, the team organised a wide range of fund-raising activities, including cake sales, a fun run, a hot chocolate stand, and non-uniform days, to raise money for St Catherine's Hospice. For the tenth year running, the Hazelwick team won the award for the most money raised with the absolutely incredible total of **£8000.50**. This was a truly amazing result; their target was £1500, so to exceed that by over £6,500 was phenomenal.

House System

The Hazelwick House System runs in addition to the well-established and highly effective Year Team pastoral system, to increase students' leadership opportunities and encourage further participation between different year groups. All students belong to one of 6 Houses, which are named after great British achievers - Duleep Singh, Equiano, Fry, Seacole, Turing and Winton. All students earn points for their House across all aspects of school life. There are regular events that take place throughout the school year, giving students the opportunity to compete together, often with other year groups, to earn points for their House. Events in the last year have included: Music quiz, Bake Off competition, Black History Month quiz, Benchball, Languages quiz, Taskmaster competition, Chopstick challenge, Winter photography and Sports days. Each House also has a nominated House Charity for which they raise money throughout the year.



As well as taking part in events, students are key to the leadership of the House system with Charity, Sport and Student Voice representatives in every form, led by House Leaders and House Captains from the 6th form. It is excellent to see students from across the age range of the school working together to organise, deliver and enjoy events for other students.

The winning House this year was Turing House.

Results

A-Level

At A-Level this summer, Hazelwick students achieved truly outstanding results. An amazing 37% of all A-level grades were A*/A with a spectacular 63% of all grades between A* and B, which is testament to students' hard work and determination.

Amongst these fantastic results were our highest attainers: Amy Hill with an immensely impressive A*, A*, A*, A* A* and Distinction; Hasaan Khan and Nicholas Ward both with A*, A*, A*, A*; Matthew Godsmark and Nana Agyemang both with A*, A*, A*; and Mariya Awan and Udit Agrawal both with A*, A*, A*, A.



Amongst our many high-achieving students, three have been accepted onto Oxbridge courses: Amy Hill (Maths at Cambridge), Supriya Finch (Modern and Medieval Languages at Cambridge) and Ebrahim Jadama (Spanish and Arabic at Oxford).

Other high-flyers have gone on to study a very wide range of subjects, including Amanah Badurdeen (Medicine at Brighton and Sussex Medical School), Matthew Godsmark (Electrical & Electronic Engineering at Imperial College, London), Hali Smith (Nursing, Mental Health at Leeds University) and Elan Silner (Apprenticeship in Engineering).

A huge number of Year 13 students moved on to university, with over a quarter gaining places at Russell group universities and 38% studying at those listed in the "top 40". We are immensely proud of all of our Sixth Form students and, most importantly, we are thrilled that every one of them were able to progress to their university of choice.

GCSE

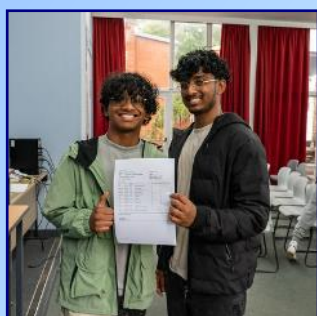
Impressive Results

Once again, we were thrilled that our students achieved another set of fantastic GCSE results. Almost 80% of all GCSE grades were 9-4 (or equivalent) and almost 30% were "top" grades 9-7 (or equivalent).



Outstanding Progress

Here at Hazelwick, we are committed to enabling each and every student to make excellent progress, regardless of their prior attainment. With a phenomenal whole-school Progress 8 score of +0.65 (based on the 2019 formula), a huge number of our students achieved a progress score of +1 or higher, showing that on average in each of their subjects, they achieved a whole grade higher than national expectations. Many of last year's cohort achieved a score of +2 and some students even gained progress scores of +3 and +4, with one student hitting a score which showed that she achieved almost 6 grades higher than national expectations in every subject that she took.



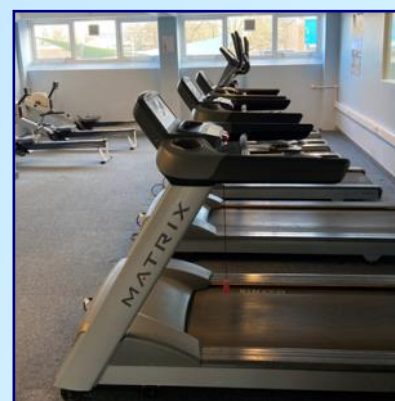
First Class Facilities for your Child

Hazelwick School as an Academy

- Increased funding and greater autonomy
- Improved services for our students
- Site and facilities upgrades and developments
- Enhanced curriculum flexibility
- No change to our admissions criteria
- No change to our ethos



NORTH HALL
Mezzanine floor housing a fully-equipped multi-gym fitness suite



More Able, Gifted and Talented

Hazelwick is fully committed to ensuring that all students make the best possible progress, tailored to their individual needs. Within this are the wealth of opportunities that we offer to our able, gifted and talented students.



More Able Linguists Teaching Primary School Pupils



Talented Athlete Programme

Students on our Talented Athlete Programme attend Lee Valley Athletics Centre in North London for a day of training.



Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Bronze Award

A group of 66 students from Year 9 completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition on the 11th and 12th June in the Surrey Hills. The students completed two days of walking and camped for one night with all of their equipment putting their navigation skills to the test and developing their confidence, resilience and the ability to solve problems as a team.

Sport

Year 8 Cricket Team

The Year 8 Cricket team were victorious this season against St. Wilfrid's Catholic Comprehensive School and Oriel High School convincingly this season.



District Badminton Tournament



Hazelwick competed in the District Badminton tournament. The boys and girls competed extremely well, winning most of their matches. The girls have now qualified to represent Hazelwick at the Sussex School Games.

Town Sports Victory 2022!

After a two year wait, we were finally able to have a full school athletics season which has always traditionally finished with the 'Town Sports' competition at K2. Hazelwick have been competition winners for 10 years on the run, but we were a little nervous about this year's competition. So many of our students had never participated in an event like this before with heats and finals in many track events. Hazelwick retained the Town Sports shield winning 3 of the 4 age categories (Junior boys, Inter Girls, Inter Boys).



Sussex Schools Cross Country Championships

On a bright, crisp morning in January, nineteen Hazelwick students took on the tough Waterhall cross country course in Brighton. We had entrants in all six ages groups, and everyone put in a great effort.

Amelia Cox in Year 12 who in her first year as a senior girl, came away with the gold medal.

Sport

Year 11 Basketball

The Year 11 Boys Basketball team have started their district fixtures strongly with two wins.

They have beaten Holy Trinity School and Ifield Community College.



Hazelwick Sports Leaders



Year 10 Sports Leaders helped to run the Three Bridges Primary School sports day.

Crawley Area 6-a-side Tournament

In January the Hazelwick U16 girls football team took part in the Crawley Area 6 a side tournament at Ifield Community College. The team played four games which resulted in three wins and a place in the final in February against Oriel High School. After a tough game Hazelwick won 3-0.



Year 10 & 11 Netball Team

The Hazelwick Year 10 and 11 students continued their dominant display in the Crawley schools netball league by beating Ifield Community College 20-1 in the final. The skills on show were very impressive and the girls worked really hard as a team to achieve this result.

Educational Visits

Calshot

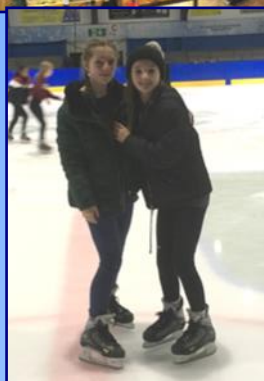


Year 7 students thoroughly enjoy their two day residential trip to Calshot Activity Centre in their first term at Hazelwick. They develop new skills, form new friendships and have lots of fun.



Aachen

The Year 9 trip to Aachen is a great opportunity for the students to experience a taste of German school life and discover the magic of the German Christmas Market.



Paris

Year 8 French students practise their language skills on the annual summer term trip to Paris.



Exeter

Year 12 enjoy their annual sixth form trip to Exeter University. The students experience life in a university for a week and adrenalin-inducing activities such as coasteering and gorge scrambling.



Transition at Hazelwick

Helping everyone to find their way at secondary school

Transition to secondary school is an exciting process with a great deal to look forward to. It can also feel daunting to Year 6 pupils with lots to learn about moving to “big school”. At Hazelwick, a huge amount of care, consideration, preparation and communication with primary schools goes into supporting our 300 Year 7s make the move up to secondary school each year. This excellent practice was identified by the national educational magazine ‘Teach Secondary’, whose editor contacted Hazelwick in order to showcase our work on transition. They commented on the experience and expertise that Hazelwick staff have in supporting students into Year 7, along with the care, compassion and commitment they show to them. All staff at Hazelwick are focussed on ensuring the move is successful, beneficial and positive.

Hazelwick can look like a big school on paper and it can seem like a very big site when you visit. The school does everything it can to benefit from its size - the large spacious leafy site ensures there is always a calm feel and there is plenty of space for all year groups to have their own distinct areas for socialising, eating and playing. However, in spite of its size, every student is known and the school does not feel very large to our students. New Year 7s are supported by Sixth Form students as they settle in. The Sixth Formers escort groups to and from their lessons and support them at social time as well. Our large and diverse student body enables the school to offer a broad and engaging range of subjects. The transitions between lessons are very smooth and visitors always comment on how they cannot believe that there are 1850 students on the site.



In September 2021, the 300 Year 7 students arrived from 28 different primary schools. To coordinate their successful arrival, and ensure that all students are well understood, Hazelwick creates a partnership with primary schools. ‘Teach Secondary’ commented on this, stating that Hazelwick staff “work very closely with local primary schools, meeting both teachers and pupils. Through these conversations, they understand the friendship groups that already exist and are able to understand the needs of each child to create well balanced form groups that are paired with the right form tutors.” Armed with knowledge of every child, socially and academically, students are placed into 11 tutor groups. The information from their primary school ensures the best combinations of classes to enable students to feel settled and comfortable in their new learning environment.

In July 2022, all students are invited to attend an Induction Day at Hazelwick. They are welcomed on this day by the Headteacher before going through an engaging and carefully tailored programme of lessons, tours and team building induction activities with their new tutor group. This day gives the soon-to-be new Year 7s a range of experiences and they leave with new friends, an understanding of the school and an exciting and high quality shared experience with their new form teacher that stands them in excellent stead for their arrival in September.

Hazelwick staff seek feedback from students and primary schools every year to continually tailor the transition processes to the needs of the cohort. The involvement of our Sixth Form students epitomises the diligence and care shown in the transition process at Hazelwick. We believe that the whole school community has a role in welcoming Year 7 students into the school. This approach, alongside the very careful grouping and understanding of the children that are joining us, enables all students to quickly and happily find their way at Hazelwick and enjoy the start of their secondary school experience.

‘Your child – your choice’

Secondary School Admissions in Crawley

Does my child’s primary school affect his/her eligibility for any secondary school?

NO – for any of the non-church maintained secondary schools in Crawley (Hazelwick, Ifield, Oriel, Thomas Bennett, The Gatwick School), your primary school does NOT make any difference to your chances of gaining admission.

I hear parents talking about ‘Feeder Schools’ having priority admissions. Is this true?

NO – in Crawley there is no such thing as a ‘Feeder School’. Your child has the same opportunity to come to Hazelwick as any other primary school child.

As an Academy, does Hazelwick have completely different admissions rules?

NO – they are broadly the same as for the other (Local Authority) secondary schools in Crawley and they have not changed drastically since Hazelwick became an Academy. Hazelwick’s admissions are still administered for us by the Local Authority’s Pupil Admissions Office.

Is there any selection at Hazelwick, either by academic ability or by ‘aptitude’?

NO – Hazelwick remains a fully comprehensive, non-selective, inclusive school.

What are the main factors that determine admission to Hazelwick?

- *Living within the defined ‘catchment’ area.*
- *Having an older brother or sister already attending the school.*
- *How close you live to the school.*
- *Having an ‘EHCP’ or other specific exceptional need.*
- *Being a Looked After Child or living in care.*

The letter that came with my application form named a secondary school as the ‘catchment school’ for my address. Does this mean that my child has to go there?

*NO – this simply reflects where your home is located. It is **your** decision as to which secondary school you want your child to go to. It is only when a school is oversubscribed that living inside the school’s catchment area gives you an advantage over those living outside it.*

What is the size of Hazelwick’s annual intake into Year 7?

Hazelwick’s PAN (‘Published Admission Number’) is 300 – the largest in Crawley.

How many different primary schools did Hazelwick’s current Year 7 students come from?

In total, our current Year 7 is made up of children from 28 different primary schools.

If I want my child to come to Hazelwick, do I need to put Hazelwick as my first choice?

If you believe Hazelwick is the best choice for your child, name Hazelwick as your first choice as this gives you the best chance of getting a place. West Sussex also strongly recommends that parents/carers put their child’s catchment school as one of their three preferences.

***If you have any further questions about admissions to Hazelwick, contact Mrs Howland
thowland@hazelwick.org.uk, 01293 403344***