



INFORMATION SHEET

January 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians

I have some good news to share with you all. Usually this would take the form of a news report on our website. However, you may have seen that our website is currently under 'reconstruction' after it was subject to a breakdown and I can't update the news section. Thank you for your patience whilst we build a new website.

You may have seen that league tables were published a few days ago. You can find them at www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk. We are very proud of our students and staff and thrilled by our overall ratings:

- GCSE results: ranked 6th across all Shropshire state secondary schools.
- GCE A-level results: ranked 2nd across all Shropshire state secondary schools.
- Sixth Form Vocational: ranked 1st across all Shropshire state and independent schools.

You may remember that the results at Sixth Form and GCSE are now calculated differently. For GCSE the ranking is based on 'Progress 8' which is how well all pupils do at GCSE compared to their primary SATs. For A-level and Vocational Sixth Form results, the new calculation is similar. We are judged on how well all of our students do compared to their GCSE results.

Overall, we are delighted, therefore, that our students in both Sixth Form and GCSE have performed so well compared to their starting points. At both GCSE and Sixth Form we are the highest performing school in South East Shropshire.

We are especially interested to look at the A-level tables this year. As you know, we have been developing a really strong school Sixth Form over the past few years. I see that only one of the independent/private schools in Shropshire had a higher score than we did last year.

Oldbury Wells School is ranked 3rd for A-levels in league tables for state and independent schools.

We are obviously very proud of that achievement. I am aware that some Year 11 students look at alternative providers for Sixth Form. There are some interesting and surprising results amongst the league tables that will be of interest to parents and pupils alike.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING AT OLDBURY WELLS SCHOOL

I need to ask for parents help, cooperation and understanding with regard to transport to school. Unfortunately Oldbury Wells Lane is very narrow with houses built very close to the pavement. This means that the council has been unable to undertake any real changes to the road layout. Therefore we periodically need to remind users to take care and consider all residents, pedestrians and drivers when approaching and leaving our school.

On a related matter, we have been contacted by neighbours in Highlands Road, the other side of our West site. Vehicles parked on corners, parked directly opposite other cars and across driveways are making it very difficult for the residents to access and exit their homes each morning and afternoon. Can we please ask all drivers to take care to park legally and without causing obstruction? Your co-operation is appreciated.

Best wishes to you all

Headteacher

TERM DATES 2017/19

Please make sure you always refer to our school website, www.oldburywells.co.uk, for accurate information on term dates and PD Days. A couple of websites have been set up to give this information for all schools nationally and, because they don't receive their data from us, it is often incorrect!

Spring Term 2018

Starts Tuesday, 2 January 2018 (return on Week 1)
Half-term Monday, 19 – Friday 23 February 2018 inclusive (return on Week 2)
Ends Thursday, 29 March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Starts Monday, 16 April 2018 (return on Week 1)
Bank Holiday Monday, 7 May 2018
Half-term Monday, 28 May - Friday, 1 June 2018 inclusive (return on Week 1)
Ends Friday, 20 July 2018

NB: the following term dates, in italics, are for the academic year **2018/19**:

Autumn Term 2018

Starts *Wednesday, 5 September 2018 (return on Week 1)*
Half-term *Monday, 29 – Friday 2 November 2018 inclusive*
Ends *Friday, 21 December 2018*
PD Days: *Monday and Tuesday, 3 and 4 September 2018 and Friday, 26 October 2018)*

Spring Term 2019

Starts *Monday, 7 January 2019*
Half-term *Monday, 18 – Friday 22 February 2019 inclusive*
Ends *Friday, 12 April 2019*
PD Day: *Monday, 25 February 2019*

Summer Term 2019

Starts *Monday, 29 April 2019*
Bank Holiday *Monday, 6 May 2019*
Half-term *Monday, 27 May - Friday, 31 May 2019 inclusive*
Ends *Friday, 19 July 2019*
PD Day: *Monday, 22 July 2019*

What's On?

Thursday, 15 February 2018	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday, 1 March 2018	Year 8 Options Evening
Thursday, 8 March 2018	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Monday, 19 to Wednesday, 21 March 2018	School Production: Grease
W/b Monday, 26 March 2018	Year 8 Arthog Outward Bound Trip (Saturday to Thursday)
Thursday, 19 April 2018	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Thursday, 26 April 2018	Year 9 Parents' Evening

Please note our new admin email address:

admin@oldburywells.com

Reminder from the Kitchen staff, please remember to top up your child's account at www.parentpay.com.

Alternatively students can top up with cash using the machine in the canteen.