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Welcome to the final newsletter of the academic year. At this time we look at what has been achieved over the last 12 months and ask students to take a step back, reflect on their many individual achievements, and consider how their actions and decisions have positively impacted on their progress and that of those around them. It has been a privilege over the last week to meet many family members who have attended our awards afternoons to celebrate the achievements of so many. Staff have been challenged in limiting our award winners to just one student for each prize given the strong performance and efforts of so many across all year groups. Congratulations to all our award winners and to all students for their achievements to date.

We have been pleased with developments this year which has seen a fuller return of so many activities and events which support our students. It has been encouraging to see and hear of their successes and to receive the positive praise from adults in a range of organisations and venues at which they have visited. Feedback from our recent visit to Belgium typifies the positive

impression our students leave, with staff rightly proud of how our students presented with utmost respect during the visit, particularly given the specific places of historical significance. Well done to all involved.

I would like to thank all students, families, staff, governors and wider school partners for their ongoing support working in partnership to ensure all students maximise their progress. I was delighted that our OFSTED inspection highlighted the positive relationships which exist and which are so important to promote a positive environment where everyone can maximise their potential.

Thank you in advance to parents/carers who have received previous communication ensuring that all students return in September prepared to meet school requirements. Areas such as school uniform and students arriving with the correct equipment are all basic requirements which set the right climate for learning. Should you require any points for clarification, please refer to the school website.

At this time of year, we say thank you and good luck to staff who

are moving on, many to posts with leadership responsibilities which enable them to further build on their career to date. A special mention to Mrs Buckley (English) who is retiring and to Mrs Laurie and Mr Pickford who both have 15 years service in school. Good luck also to Mrs Catherwood, Mrs Allsop, Dr Erb, Mr Cowley, Mr Winwood, Miss Siviter, Mrs Stevens, Mr Hailes, Miss Warner, Miss Ransom and Mrs Waldron; thank you for all you have done to support students and staff during your time at OWS. Looking forward, we will be welcoming new members of the team in September who we look forward to introducing at the start of the new term.

Can I use this final opportunity to wish everyone a restful summer, hoping that all families enjoy any time away alongside time at home with friends and family. We look forward to welcoming everyone back at the start of the new academic year and further building on the success across our school community.

Have a great summer everyone, say safe and enjoy!

Mr Tristham

Junior Physics Challenge

Congratulations to all winners!



Gold Award Winners

In May, our Year 10 triple scientists participated in the British Physics Olympiad, Junior Physics Challenge. This competition aims to engage and challenge students of all abilities through a variety of problem-solving tasks. The questions mainly align with the GCSE curriculum, but students with a broader understanding of physics and a keen interest in practical work had an advantage. The primary goal is to foster enjoyment in physics and inspire students to

pursue the subject further. Among nearly 12,000 participants nationwide, our Year 10 students achieved remarkable success, securing 27 Bronze awards, 21 Silver awards, and 4 Gold awards. A fantastic achievement!



Commendation Awards



Silver Award Winners



Bronze Award Winners

UPDATES

Duke of Edinburgh Celebration Evening

Tuesday 4th July



Mrs Waldron and Miss Ransom would like to extend a massive congratulations to our Year 9 and 10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students who have all successfully achieved their full award. On Tuesday 4th July, the group came together with parents and DofE staff to celebrate and remember the hard work our students put into their award. It was a lovely evening where certificates and badges were presented, some of our students got to talk about their expedition to parents, and we heard quotes from our participants about their DofE experience. Well done to all and we hope you continue with DofE in the future!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Oldbury Wells Sports Day

Wednesday 6th July

On Wednesday 6th July after a 4 year hiatus, we held our annual sports day. The weather was excellent, the field in a good condition and we were ready for a fun day of athletics. The buzz of excitement from the students was amazing in what has been our first big organised whole school event since COVID. The students were excellent throughout and gave 100% in everything.



The first event was the hurdles, which is always a spectacle to watch, with the added jeopardy of someone hitting a hurdle. The students however were excellent, and it produced some really even races. The highlight of which the Year 9 boys who all put in some brilliant times and the race came right down to the wire. Well done all a great start to the day.



Throughout the day the students performed brilliantly putting in some excellent performances, if I asked any of the teachers who were officiating each event they will all say something different as some students produced some amazing throws and brilliant jumps. Tom Tildesley in Year 7 throwing the shot put winning by a sizeable distance. The Year 9 boys javelin was excellent with some brilliant PBs and George Kertland really showing his ability. The high jump competition was exciting to watch and some really great jumps were performed.



Again some of the boys competitions were incredibly even throughout and had to resort to count back to separate a winner. The way in which the students worked through all the events and the determination to succeed was excellent. The feeling and the discussion with students afterwards showed just how much they enjoyed their races. Back on the track everyone was excited to watch the blue ribboned event of the 100m. There were some close races, and the whole school really got behind each of their houses. The Year 7 races were hotly contested and were run right down to the wire, Year 8 produced some excellent times, while again Year 9 were pushing each other harder and harder throughout.

I know Miss Joiner and Mr Farish would like to thank all the students for the way they performed and made their jobs easier at the start and end of each race. Throughout

all of this the students who were spectating and supporting their houses were brilliant and made sure that the athletes in their houses felt the support to produce the results they did. The day ultimately was great and produced brilliant results throughout the day.



I want to finish off by saying a massive thank you to all the students involved in the day and the way they approached this having not done anything like it for over 4 years. A massive thank you to every member of staff for their hard work and supporting the event. Then a special thank you to Mr Farish, Miss Joiner, Miss Andrews, Mr Preece and Mr Smith for their help and support to make the day happen.

Mr Cowburn



The Results are in...

Year 7 Overall - Friary



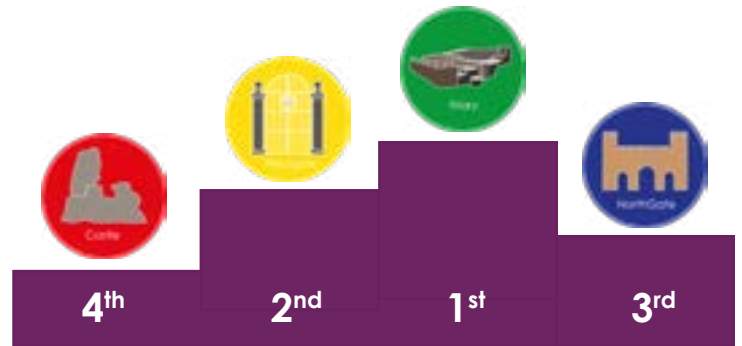
Year 8 Overall - Westgate



Year 9 Overall - Westgate



Overall All Years - Friary



Everybody loves Rounders!

All years have been enthusiastically involved in rounders fixtures and competitions this term. From Year 10 winning through to the County games finals, the Year 8 team winning their District tournament to Year 7 and 8 playing a mixed competition against Bridgnorth Endowed School involving over 60 students!

The students have gone mad for rounders this year both in extra curricular club and after school games which has been fantastic to see and be involved in. The Year 10 team convincingly won their Partnership Event, but unfortunately the County Games final had to be called off due to the weather.

The Year 8s took it to a nail-biting finish where 3 teams had the same number of points and it came down to rounders difference to decide the winners. This was enough to seal the victory for OWS.

Then a huge collective squad of Year 7 and 8 boys and girls took on teams from BES in an end of the term extravaganza! A number of the games were really close, with 2 draws, 2 losses and 2 wins in total. Well done to everyone who took part.



Pictured are the Year 8 winning team; Back row – Macey Hand, Kerry Griffiths, Evie Prosser, Millie Fretwell. Front row – Charlie Graveling, Lucy Courtman, Harriet Haden and Kitty Stokes.



The Year 7 and 8, boys and girls teams who competed against BES.

Athletics Team 2023

We have had another really successful athletics season, with some of our athletes from Year 7-10 taking part in district and county level competitions.

We had fantastic results in the district competitions, however a special mention must go to our County schools athletes:

Kerry Griffiths, Macey Hand, Millie Fretwell, Callum Blower, Will Parton and Harry Brazier.

Well done everyone!

Mr Farish

Sports Team Photos

Available to order through PE!

The new team photos are being displayed on the Sports Hall notice board. Students can order them in 7x5 prints by coming to the PE office to collect a slip and record the number of the specific photo(s) they would like. They then need to return the slip with the £3 per photo or 4 for £10 payment to the PE office by Friday 22nd September please. The money raised will be used to put towards new team kits next year.



ENGLISH

For all the Bookworms...

Summer Reading Challenge

Are you planning on indulging in some reading this summer? We have an exciting proposition for you - the Oldbury Wells summer reading challenge, thoughtfully curated by our brilliant English Department.

Summer Reading Challenge

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| Read in an unusual place and take a photograph. | Listen to an audiobook | Re-read a book you have read before. | Rewrite the ending of a book you have recently read. | Write a book review and bring in to put in the English area or library. | Design a costume for your favourite character. Make sure you say which book it's from. |
| Read a newspaper. | Join your local library and take out a new book. | Read a website for a local landmark. | Read a non-fiction text (eg: a magazine) | Read a recipe and then follow it to create a meal/dessert. Take a photograph of your creation and recipe. | Design a book cover for the book you are currently reading. |
| Design a bookmark. | Read a book from a genre you don't normally read. | Read a poem. | Create a hero for a book. Write a short description. | Create a villain for a book (a foil to your hero). Write a short description. | Read the OWS Summer Journal. |

St. Mary's Creative Writing Workshop

On Thursday 6th July, ten Year 9 students attended and co-led a creative writing workshop at St Mary's Bluecoat C. of E. Primary School.

Each Year 9 has been selected to be an 'English Ambassador' and I will be working with them over the next two years to develop their skills and confidence to reach their full potentials and promote English throughout our community. This will take the form of taking part in competitions, going on trips, being part of clubs, supporting younger students, having ownership of aspects of the subject and working with primary schools. St Mary's is the first primary we have worked with, and it was a fantastic success for both schools.

During this visit to St Mary's, each 'Ambassador' mentored two Year 5 students. The criteria were to develop the detail of descriptions and use of sentence structure within the writing of the Year 5s. However, the actual task was for each Year 5 student to write a biography of the Year 9 mentoring them. This meant the Year 9s were being constantly asked questions and they had to guide their mentee to select the relevant information. We were discovering the dancers, rugby and football players, swimmers, skiers, writers, and sailors (!) amongst the Year 9s. It was actually really fascinating for me to learn about the hidden depths of my students!

The 'English Ambassadors' were fabulous. They showed great English skill with SPaG and sentence structure and had an infinite amount patience with their young charges. The Year 5s were also a joy to work with, as they were inquisitive and determined to learn all they could from the visiting Year 9s.

Myself, Mrs Compson-Lea (St Mary's Headteacher) and Mr Taylor (Year 5 teacher) were all incredible impressed with everyone involved and we all agreed just how much our students got out of this opportunity. Personally, I was extremely proud of their conduct, academic knowledge and enthusiasm throughout the morning. We're now looking forward to working with St Mary's next year and with even more opportunities for the 'Ambassadors' to be a part of.



Year 9 students holding the biography written about them by the Year 5s

READDIT

“Holidays don't need to be faraway and expensive. They just need to give people a break from everyday life and chance to relax.” Do you agree? Here's a student view from Jack Storer in Year 10.

Holidays are a luxury for the average UK household... and can vary from a camping site down the street to a nineteen-hour flight to the other side of the globe. They can be under £100 or reach hundreds of thousands of pounds for some big spenders. But is this necessary?

Do we just need a break from life, or an escape from reality? I believe the more expensive and further away holidays tend to be the best; others disagree.

Holidays further away, although they tend to be more expensive, show you a side of the world you never knew existed – introduce you to new cultures, letting you see and try things you may never have seen or tried before! They range from exotic, to cold, urban, and sometimes to deserts. That's the last thing you'd expect in the one, same country.

Some enjoy holidays as they are a period of time where it feels like nothing matters, and you don't have to worry or stress. I believe this can only be achieved when you are dissociated from your own, everyday life completely. No way can you have a relaxing, peaceful time when you know that once you've left, you'll be back to ordinary life in a matter of hours, like it never happened.

Of course, travelling vast distances comes with a hefty cost – but being able to have a total escape from life shouldn't be free! Otherwise, it would become mundane and you'd struggle to find change.

On the other hand, travelling such distances may deter some from going on holiday; maybe a short break with a change of scenery is all they need. It's cheaper, closer and doesn't require months of pre-planning. It saves having to wait in endless lines at airports and get checked through security, whilst you could take a trip to the countryside for a day or two and just... breathe. Although it is personal preference, I think many would agree that you don't need to be in another country to have an escape from life.

Going abroad is more enticing for some: they like the adrenaline rush of the plane taking off and the longer, more exciting holidays that lead to the most memorable times in life.

The cost comes for a reason and it's all up to the individual: a manic cruise ship with parties every night won't please a couple wanting time to exhale.

And here's another viewpoint, from a different Year 10. This one is by Ruby Webster.

Holidays help you; they don't hog your bank account!

Don't you all agree? Holidays don't have to be costing you two years' worth of your salary, simply to take a break! Even if you are not in a tropical paradise, you will leave feeling as fresh as the cocktail you drank on the beach – and having enjoyed time with those you care for.

First – and we can all appreciate this – humans are not machines. Even if we were, we'd need to charge our batteries. To be truly productive, laziness is necessary. We need to let

ourselves relax, enjoy ourselves so that we can recharge with the fullest energy, or else we may burn out like a small, withering, and pathetic, feeble flame.

Secondly, holidays can be cheap. You may believe it sounds absurd, or ridiculous, but you'll be wishing you knew this sooner! There are many deals and places where young children could be free; you just have to be crafty, like a little mouse. Spy on your favourite websites; wait for the sales; do your research; become a super-spy agent and keep your eyes peeled. In fact, the majority of the UK watch and wait for special holiday deals before booking. It's your turn to join the masses.

So, in what way does this benefit me? Don't panic, I hear your question. Holidays can teleport your negative, battered brain into a land of serenity and euphoria. The warm, excited, tingling sensation that pumps from your pulse when you book a holiday is transforming. A refreshed, relaxed mind (accompanied by the knowledge that your holiday was booked with caution of cost) takes your relationships with friends and family to another level. You may discover more friends, rebuild a torn relationship, or simply have a positive impact on your current lifestyle with a healthier, happier, honed mind after having a break from everyday life and a chance to relax – without bursting your bank account!

Overall, holidays do not have to be expensive or far, as long as they are close within your heart and offer time for regeneration, benefitting you and your family.

If you'd like to add to the debate (perhaps when you return from holiday!), get in touch with Readdit or email Mrs Wild.

And talking of HOLIDAYS... here's a holiday Word Search and Quiz for you! Don't forget your reading book for the beach when you pack.

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| LUXURY | CRUISE |
| CLIFFPATH | SUITCASE |
| POOL | SANDS |
| TAN | BEACHES |
| ICECREAM | SUNHAT |
| AFTERSUN | RESORT |
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QUIZ:

Can you name the locations seen in the images below? Some are in the UK, some are not!

Answers at the end of Readdit!



DON'T FORGET –

The Reading Challenge set by the English Department – you can find details in the Newsletter

The Poster competition (for the new library) – notice on the Library door!

Keep your English notebook for next year – you'll need it when you return to school!

What in the World...? Answers
Italy; Grand Canyon, Arizona; San Francisco; New York; Jaipur; London; Mount Rushmore, Dakota; Berlin; Pisa, Paris, France; Copenhagen; New York; London; Ayers Rock, Australia.

HISTORY

Exploring LGBTQ History

Key Stage 3 Inclusion Month

June was inclusion month and to mark this, KS3 History students had the opportunity to investigate the hidden histories of the LGBTQ community, with Year 7 producing rainbows of achievement and Years 8 and 9 creating blue plaques commemorating the life of the often-overlooked suffragette and anti-Nazi activist Princess Catherine Duleep Singh. Well done for producing such superb work.



The Coronation Time Capsule



Students from across school marked the Coronation of the King by compiling a time capsule of items that summed up the big day and 2023 more generally. A wonderful range of items were donated from a wide range of coins, newspapers, uniform and photographs. More unusual items included origami stars, competition certificates and 11TRA photoshopping themselves into the Coronation. The time capsule is due to form the centre piece of a new OWS garden area. Watch this space!

WWI Trip

You may remember from our December newsletter that a competition was held to produce a poem that would be displayed on the Menin Gate along with a poppy wreath. Leila Ward in Year 7 (picture right) was our lucky winner. What a great achievement, well done Leila!



WWI Residential Trip Diary

Day One



(10th July 2023) Our World War I battlefield visit to Ypres and the Somme got off to a cracking start with everyone ready bright and early and raring to go. On this visit we will be investigating how World War I is remembered today and what it means to 21st Century students. No blue birds over the white cliffs of Dover as we sailed across the channel but no one minded as there was plenty of sun. After a Belgian meal at our lovely chateau style hotel we are all looking forward to a history packed day tomorrow.



Day Two



(11th July 2023) Wow! What a day. Amazing historical sites, excellent interaction with them and lots of super memories. Today we have been exploring the experience of soldiers in the Ypres area. The day began with Essex Farm cemetery; birth place of one of the most famous poems of the war, site of a field dressing station and forever associated with the poppy. Every soldier's home away from home- Talbot House, moved and inspired in equally measure. How countries choose to remember the Great War was a hotly debated issue at the German Cemetery at Langemark, as well as the colossal British cemetery at Tyne Cott. The restored trench network

was fascinating for all at Sanctuary Wood. All students conducted themselves in a manner they could be proud of but only two could place the wreath at the Menin Gate during the Last Post ceremony and that honour fell to Sam Ward and Olivia Burrows who represented the school so very well.



Day Three



(12th July 2023) Today we moved on from Belgium to France to investigate how World War I developed. Our underground guides brought to life Wellington Quarry and the experiences of British Empire soldiers who tunnelled beneath Arras in 1917, in an attempt to push back the German lines. The rest of the day was focused on key sites from 1916 and the infamous Battle of the Somme. The Lochnager Crater brought to life the destructive firepower of the first day of the Somme. Students marvelled that so many family names could be found on the memorial to the missing at Thiepval. The day came to an end with a walk across

the battlefield at Newfoundland Park. Another day of more history adventures and superb commitment from OWS students.



Day Four



(13th July 2023) On our final day we just had enough time for a cultural (and chocolate!) visit to Bruges. We even got chance to sneak in one more historic experience, a view of Michelangelo's Renaissance masterpiece - the Bruges Madonna. The guides there summoned up well the tone that our students have struck all week, by thanking the group for their respectful approach. What a team our 2023 group have been!



ART & DESIGN

Artist of the Month

Year 9 & 10 GCSE Art



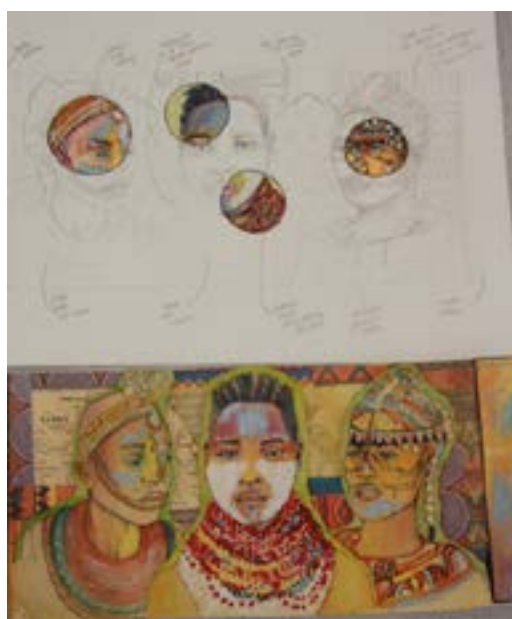
Year 9 - Ella Quinton: For the most amazing imagery with strong use of media developed for her music magazine cover project and an excellent attitude to Art and Design. Well done Ella!



Year 10 - Hattie Preston (right): Coursework Portfolio: A strong folder of artist study, Photoshop and design work culminating in a great painted and collaged mixed media final piece produced inspired by her theme of *Venom*.



Ruby Webster (below): Year 10 Mock Exam: For an outstanding mock exam 3 hour piece inspired by cultural imagery and maps. An amazing artist study and a creative design plan leading to an overall Grade 8. Amazing work Ruby.



Imagine yourself half human...

Year 8 Portraits project

Year 8 were set a task to create a half and half portrait. With them on one side and an imaginative 'person', 'creature' or 'character' on the other side. They could have been half robot, animal, famous celebrity, film character or it could have been inspired by a character from a song, book, poem or maybe some from History. The key was to use portrait proportion techniques and their imagination. The Year 8s worked hard on this technically difficult topic. Well done to those whose work is now displayed in our Year 8 portrait gallery.



Little Astronauts everywhere

Year 5 Art Space Workshop



Students from Broseley looked at Space through the eyes of artists. Van Gogh's *Starry Night* with Venus a focal point, Kandinsky's abstract planet shaped formed paintings and *Moonwalk* by Andy Warhol which celebrates the historic Moon landing of July 1969, when Apollo 11 commander Neil Armstrong and 'Buzz' Aldrin became the first human beings to step on another world. We started by experimenting with different media to illustrate images associated with Space.

Their final task was to imagine they were astronauts in space like Armstrong and Aldrin and to visualise what they could see through the helmet visor using their own imagination and inspiration from the artists we studied. The Year 5 students were amazing and produced a wide range of astronaut helmets to make some creative and experimental ideas as you can see here. At the end of their Art mission in Space the students were awarded with special Nasa badges made by Miss Roden in D&T as a memento of their experience.

Thanks to Sophie Rafferty, Josie Burt, Merab Walker and Anya Sarpal from year 9 who created some amazing astronaut helmets based on Dr Who and different space scenes to inspire the Year 5s.



Photography Competition 2023

We are pleased to launch a new Competition for 2023. When you go out to walk the dog, go for a walk with family/ friends or go on holiday why not take some photos along the way. We thought it would be nice to share the different views, landscapes and the outdoor spaces we visit during the summer holidays. The competition categories are:

SUMMERTIME VIBE

THE SEASIDE

OUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS

RULES:

No people in the shot.

No heavily edited or Photoshop photos please.

They should be recent photos taken by you.

DEADLINE: FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

PRIZES and PHOTO GALLERY:

Prizes will be awarded for each year group.

There will be a digital Gallery of student Photos on the school website.

Winners will also be celebrated in the termly Newsletter, on Twitter and Facebook.

Staff are also invited to submit photos and there will also be a staff Gallery on the website.

COMPETITION ENTRIES:

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS TO MRS WYCHERLEY BY EMAIL:

Emma.Wycherley@oldburywells.com

PLEASE SAVE THE IMAGE WITH YOUR NAME AND FORM.

Please save as a PNG or JPEG.

Good Luck!



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

The Marches Centre trip

Year 10

D&T took a group of Year 10 students to a Shropshire-based training centre for Engineering companies as part of a careers experience. IN-COMM, The Marches Centre of Manufacturing & Technology (MCMT) is an employer-led response to bridging the skills gap by creating industry-ready apprenticeships and delivering the best upskilling opportunities. The students gained an insight into careers in Engineering with useful career links and opportunities for post 16 in Engineering.



FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Chef of the Term...

Year 7

Amelia Maddison

Summer Williams

Year 8

Ava Burrows

Max McCartney

Year 9

Amy Connelly

Eleanor Drinkwater

Year 10

Sian Martin

Andrew Semple



Summer Williams, Amelia Maddison, Ava Burrows, Max McCartney, Amy Connelly and Eleanor Drinkwater with Mrs Griffiths



Sian Martin and Andrew Semple with Mrs Griffiths

HUMANITIES

Worcester Cathedral



During July, 50 Year 8 students had the great opportunity of visiting Worcester Cathedral which complimented the work covered in Year 8. During the day Year 8 were involved in questioning the Vicar of the Cathedral, identified the importance of Holy Communion and did some artistic work on spirituality. The day also included fun and games which were aimed at getting students to listen to each other and to work together as a team. Year 8 demonstrated their positivity and maturity towards the challenges of life that lie ahead and were also polite and courteous throughout the day. A great day all round. Well done Year 8!

Geography Fieldtrips

A collection of photos from three fantastic Geography fieldtrips in July. The Year 10 students collected lots of data about the varying quality of life across Shrewsbury, looking at things like environmental quality, air pollution and the facilities available for residents. The students were brilliant at practising their geographical skills throughout the day and collected lots of interesting information which they'll analyse back at school.



MATHS

Recommended Calculator for up to GCSE Maths

A scientific calculator (Like PE Kits) is a mandatory requirement for all students. This is particularly important as 2 of the GCSE maths exams (66.6%) will be calculator based.

The calculator will need to be scientific and the sooner your child can access the resources and learn how to use it proficiently, the sooner it will complement their journey to success in Mathematics.

To support your child in choosing an appropriate calculator, we have identified 4 calculators below we would recommend, and therefore can support your child in accessing during the lessons at Oldbury Wells.

The prices are guide, but the key is to be prepared for learning from day in every maths lesson by investing for the future.

Thank you for your support.

Dr. Kiapene (Head of Maths)

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| <p>1. fx-300es Plus</p>  <p>Price: £10.95</p> | <p>2. Casio FX-83GTX</p>  <p>Price: £17.98</p> |
| <p>3. CASIO FX-83GTCW</p>  <p>Price: £13.67</p> | <p>4. Casio FX-83GTX</p>  <p>Price: £19.99</p> |



Trust Awards

The Results are in...

On Friday 14th July, the TrustEd CSAT Alliance hosted the Trust Awards. Staff within each school were asked to nominate pupils for prizes along with Headteachers selecting an overall winner for each school.

We are proud to announce that the following were nominated on behalf of Oldbury Wells School:

Zak Upton - Courteous and Polite, Kindness and Compassion
Layla Leather – Kindness and Compassion
Jed Allport – Courteous and Polite
Zara Upton – Courteous and Polite
George Illidge – Academic Achievement
Morgan Rodgers – Outstanding Music & Drama
Katie Coley – Courteous and Polite
Conor Mackey – Courteous and Polite
Monty Key – Academic Achievement
Andrew Semple – Perseverance and Resilience
Casey Hamlin – Perseverance and Resilience, Charity Work
Delta Farrington-Hyrons – Charity Work
Maisie Rollings – Academic Achievement
Archie Wright – Courteous and Polite



And our overall winners...

Andrew Semple
(Excellent Perseverance & Resilience)

Morgan Rodgers
(Outstanding Music & Drama)

Congratulations to both winners and nominees!



The summer term has been a busy one in sixth form. Year 13s completed their final exams and look forward to beginning the next stage of their journey. We look forward to celebrating their successes with them on A-level results day. Year 12 have had a range of speakers and activities to support them in making decisions about their futures and staying safe as young adults. We had an engaging, interactive talk from the Shropshire road safety organisation on how to be safe, considerate new drivers which featured some goggles to mimic the effects of alcohol and drugs on decision making and reaction times when driving and some hard- hitting videos. In Core sessions we have begun the University and Apprenticeship application process and students have created UCAS Hub accounts which will help them make informed decisions about University and other destinations.

Year 12 have been out on Work experience this week. A big thankyou to all employers and parents that have helped make this happen.

Have a great summer all, from the sixth form team.

Follow our Twitter Careers page!

[@owscareers](https://twitter.com/owscareers)



NOTICEBOARD

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Change of school end of day finish

From September 2023, the Government have stated that mainstream schools should deliver a school week of not less than 32.5 hours. As previously communicated, from the start of next academic year, our school day will continue to formally start at 8:45am (with students expected on site by 8:40am) and will now finish at 3:15pm rather than 3:05pm. The extra 10 minutes will support an extended morning tutor time to continue to strengthen our strong personal development program, alongside adding 5 minutes onto our lunch time to ensure that student have extended time for a break and to join in any lunch time activities. All transport times will be adjusted in the afternoon by 10 mins to take this into account.

School Uniform

As we look towards September, we ask parents for their support with regards to school uniform. We know that over the summer many items of uniform are updated, parents should refer to the school website which gives clear guidance on uniform requirements (<https://www.oldburywells.com/parentguardian-information/uniform>). Although the majority of our students have the correct uniform and wear this with pride, at present we are having to highlight with some students, issues related to footwear which is of a trainer style and therefore not acceptable; inappropriate style and length of school skirts; alongside an increase in students having facial piercings or multiple earrings which are not acceptable. Our policy is clearly outlined on the school's website, we would ask all parents to look at the information carefully to ensure that all requirements are met.

PLEASE CAN YOU LET SCHOOL KNOW IF THERE IS A CHANGE TO YOUR CHILD'S MEDICAL CONDITION OR IF THEY HAVE A NEW DIAGNOSIS.

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2023

Starts:

Year 7 & 12 ONLY - Tuesday 5 September 2023

All Students - Wednesday 6 September 2023

Half-term - Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November 2023 inclusive

Ends - Thursday 21 December 2023

PD Days - Monday 4 September, Friday 27 October 2023

Spring Term 2024

Starts - Tuesday 9 January 2024

Half-term - Monday 12 - Friday 16 February 2024 inclusive

Ends - Friday 22 March 2024




PD Days - Monday 8 January 2024

Equipment Reminder

- Black pens
- Green Pens
- Red Pens
- HB Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Scientific calculator
- Spanish or French Dictionary
- Highlighter pens
- Glue Stick
- Colouring Pencils
- Compass
- Protractor
- Earphones

Can we remind all students to bring a refillable water bottle to school.

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