

Our ref: LTM/kmd/summerterm

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Welcome Back, Updates & Parent Voice Survey

We have had an extremely positive start to the Summer term following what I hope was a restful Easter break. It has been good to see the immediate focus of our students, particularly those in Years 11 & 13 who are just weeks away from the start of their formal examinations; an important message for all is to keep working hard and make the most of all the opportunities available to them.

I know that everyone is excited about the term ahead and we are looking forward to making good progress and for students being involved in the range of activities taking place. This week we are focussing on punctuality and prompt movement between lessons which has already seen a positive response from students.

I am looking forward to watching the Year 8 President's Football Cup Final next week, all the boys involved have shown tremendous teamwork and resilience to progress through to their first final in school. In other areas, such as Performing Arts, planning continues for the exciting Summer Showcase and our student leadership teams continue to provide and develop further opportunities across the school.

At this time of year, we continue to undertake school self-evaluation work and review future planning. A big part of this work is gathering the views of those from our school community. Prior to Easter we collected feedback from students and staff, we now invite parents to provide their views by completing the linked Parental Voice Survey. Questions cover a range of school areas and provides the opportunity for open feedback on wider aspects of school life. [Parental Voice Survey link](#)

In addition to this, we are also exploring the introduction of a parent forum which would provide opportunities for parents to work more closely with the school to discuss school life and be involved in supporting school activity. If this is something you are interested in, can you please express your interest by e-mailing kate.dwane@oldburywells.com; further information will follow regarding this.

Finally, there have been some updates regarding pastoral responsibility. Ms Barlow will continue to support students in Year 11 but will now also be our named Safeguarding Officer. Mrs Shakespeare will continue work with Year 9 students but will also support Year 10; Mrs Burrows will continue her work with Years 7 & 8. Mrs Goodison and Mrs Bridgwater will continue to support students across the school with targeted Pastoral Intervention.

Wishing all students, staff and families all the very best for the term ahead and we look forward to sharing our students' successes and working hard with them to maximise progress across all areas of school life. Thank you as always for all your support.

Yours sincerely

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