



Oldbury Wells Journal

October 2024



Welcome

Happy Half Term

Welcome to our Autumn Journal at the end of what had been a very full 8 week half term. Our students have made a fantastic start to the academic year and been a real credit to the school throughout what is a busy period with regards to Open Events which have taken place. Students have been able to demonstrate their fantastic achievements across all areas of school life; alongside having the opportunity to showcase all that goes on within our school. This period always provides a positive opportunity to step back and appreciate the commitment shown by all those across our community, well done to all !

As always, our journal captures a selection of the range of activity across the school and celebrates the outcomes of students joining in with all aspects of school life.

Over recent weeks we have held our Year 7 settling in evening which was a great opportunity to celebrate their fantastic start with us, while this week we have met with Year 11 families to discuss progress, the up-and-coming mocks, alongside giving important messages as our students navigate closer towards their examinations. Well done to all for the commitment they continue to show in all aspects of their studies.

As the seasons change and clocks go back this weekend, we have an opportunity as always to reflect on progress and set goals for the weeks ahead. I hope that all students and staff can take a restful break and return to continue to build on their achievements to date.

On our return we will be hosting our Post 16 information evening which Year 11,10&9 students are invited to attend to ensure they are further aware of the opportunities that follow their secondary journey.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 4th November.

Happy Half Term to all.
Mr Tristham (Headteacher)

Supporting students to maximise their progress.

A focus on Learning Goals and Questioning.

At Oldbury Wells our goal is to support all students to get as much learning as possible from each and every lesson. At this time we are building on two strategies that will help us to further achieve that.

Our first, is a renewed focus on “learning goals”. In each lesson, students will be working towards learning some new knowledge, developing new skills, or applying existing knowledge and skills to new situations. In each lesson we will be making sure that students understand what learning goals they will be working towards during the lesson and how they will go about it.

Our second focus is on questioning and cold calling. We love it when students are engaged and enthusiastic and are happy to share their opinions and answers in front of the class. However, we know that not everybody gets a chance to do this in their lessons so rather than the traditional “hands up” approach when students have an answer that they want to share, we will be “cold calling” on students by choosing the students we would like to hear from. We hope that this will mean that all students are engaged and that we will get a chance to hear from everyone. Of course when students need our help hands up will be welcomed as always!

Each half term, we will be discussing key practices in school to support students learning and continually promote the principle outlined in the OWS Way:



MFL



AUTUMN NEWS



Year 11 Spanish Tapas Trip



In September, 25 Year 11 pupils attended the Casa Naranjo restaurant in Shrewsbury to try some typical Spanish cuisine.

They enthusiastically ordered their food in Spanish, practising role-plays for the GCSE speaking exam.

Francisco, the restaurant manager, only spoke in Spanish which was a great challenge for them all! Well done Year 11.

You did OWS proud!

And, what a well-written thank you letter Paddy wrote to Francisco.

GRACIAS

Gracias Senora Harvey for organising such a fun, interesting and useful learner experience.



Estimado Francisco,

Visitamos su restaurante miércoles pasado fue muy bueno. La comida fue deliciosa disfrute la experiencia. Mi Comida favorita era las patatas y las gambas. Creo que su ayuda fue increíble y aprendí mucho sobre la cultura española y fue genial contar con tu apoyo para cómo pedir comida en español.

Hablamos sobre reservar una mesa y me ayudaste con la pronunciación cuando tenía algunas preguntas sobre reservar una mesa incorrecta. En el futuro me gustaría visitar su restaurante con mi familia porque mi madre también le gusta comer comida española y sabe hablar español comer comida española y puesto hablar español.

Paddy Myhill
Year 11
Ordinary Middle School

¡MUY BIEN!





Outstanding Homework Darcy Webb Year 8

Tasked with creating a French-themed poster on the first page of their exercise book, Year 8 put in some fantastic effort. Here's a stand-out example, combining language, design & research.

Open Evening was a roaring success with Mademoiselle Dijoux's classroom turned into a Parisien cafe. Entertaining visitors with petanque, a selfie booth & French handwriting activities were enthusiastic volunteers from 7SDI & Year 10 GCSE.

* Open Evening *



Year 11 – Aiming High !

Celebrating the Resilience and Dedication of Our Year 11 Students

After-School Revision Sessions - MATHS

Success is the culmination of efforts, sacrifices, hard work, resilience, and the investment of one's time and resources towards achieving a final goal. We take immense pride in our Year 11 students who, in collaboration with the dedicated teachers of our department, have consistently participated in our after-school voluntary revision sessions every Thursday since the second week of September. The attendance from our cohorts in these sessions is a testament to their commitment and determination to succeed in their mathematical journey – peaking at 70%, which will undoubtedly have a positive impact on other aspects of their lives.

It is truly commendable to witness our students not only attending these sessions but also actively engaging and resiliently tackling challenging questions on content covered in years 9, 10, and 11 in preparation for their November mocks and actual GCSE exams. The unanimous attestation from students regarding the usefulness of these sessions is a confirmation of the dedication of staff in the Mathematics Department.



We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all parents and guardians who have not only given their consent but have also made significant sacrifices to pick up their children after the revision sessions. Your support is invaluable and appreciated.

If your child has not yet attended these sessions, it is never too late to start. We encourage you to send them to benefit from these valuable opportunities for their academic growth and success. Dr. Kiapene on behalf of Mathematics Department.

REMINDER : Online Resources.

A reminder that there are a range of online learning resources to help access work from home on the school website:

<https://www.oldburywells.com/parentguardian-information/distance-learning>

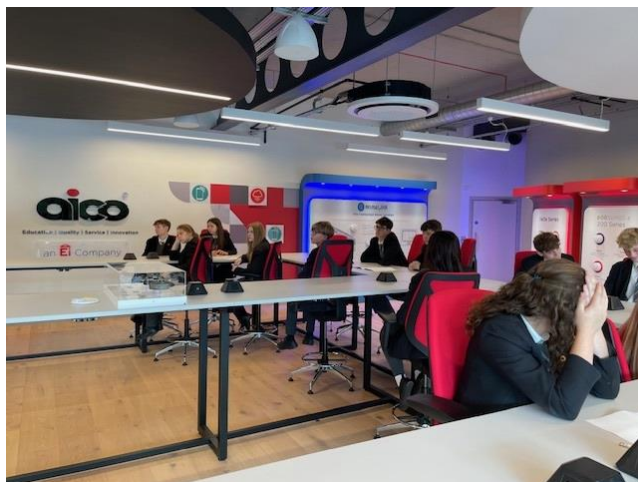


AICO, Oswestry trip.

Year 10 Business group visited Europe's market leader for home safety

The Year 10 Business group visited Europe's market leader for home safety and were treated to a day of Business- related challenges. We were given a tour of the impressive facilities and completed some operations and Human resources based tasks. It was great to see a successful real-life business in action and Year 10 experienced some of the challenges involved in dealing with valuable stock and getting it packed and processed and on the road quickly and efficiently. The staff at Aico treated us really well and we thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Thank you to Jayne and Laura who looked after us so well.



Year 8 at the Black Country Museum

Students visited the Black Country Museum, to introduce their new study unit on life in Industrial Britain

During October 90 Year 8 History students visited the Black Country Museum, to introduce their new study unit on life in Industrial Britain. Students had a great time touring the site with costumed characters and seeing the dramatic changes to work and lifestyle that has occurred over the last 200 years. Students experienced brink making, aluminium works, chain making, survived the mine and consumed copious sugary treats at the cake/sweet shop. Well done all!



Year 10 World War I Battlefield's Visit France and Belgium

Launching international study visit

Over the next few weeks the History department will be launching it's international study visit to the battlefields of the Western Front. As a taster of what is to come, here are some photographs from last's year's very successful summer visit to Ypres, Arras and the Somme.

Closing date for this year's applications is
Monday 4th
November.





National Manufacturing Day

Visit to Bridgnorth Aluminium

As part of National Manufacturing Day Oldbury Wells were invited to Bridgnorth Aluminium. This was an exceptional opportunity for our year 11 students who are currently considering their future pathways. We were introduced to a vast range of job opportunities within the company and had the world of work explained in detail. The facility is part of much larger organization opening-up careers and experienced around the world. As well as informing our students on careers it was an opportunity to put their D&T learning into context and offer material to be used in their Coursework,

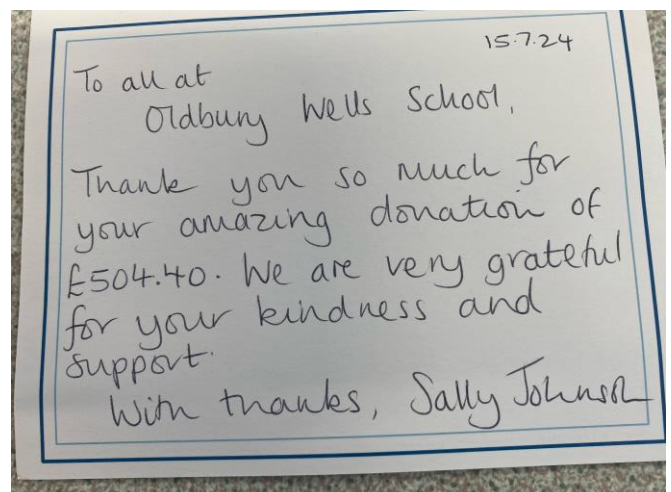


The Harry Johnson Trust

Thank you from Sally Johnson

Having raised money for the Harry Johnson Trust, we received this thank you note from Sally.

Such an important charity and proud to support annually through fund raising in school,





TrustEd Champions programme 2024/25

DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Would your pupils like to see their artwork on our Trust Christmas card this year?

GUIDANCE AND RULES

1. The Christmas card design must be inspired by the Christmas season.
2. The design must be suitable to be printed onto an A6 rectangle Christmas card
(10.5cm x 15cm)
3. Competitors may use any medium/technique when creating their artwork.
4. The artwork entry must have the pupil's name, school and year group on the submission email.
5. The Christmas cards printed with the winning designs will credit the artists on the reverse of each card.
6. The cards will be sent from Heads to their own staff in school and will be placed on the Trust website.
7. As a condition of entry, pupils agree to grant the TrustEd Schools license to reproduce the design (i) on our Christmas cards, (ii) for the promotion of cards sales including online.

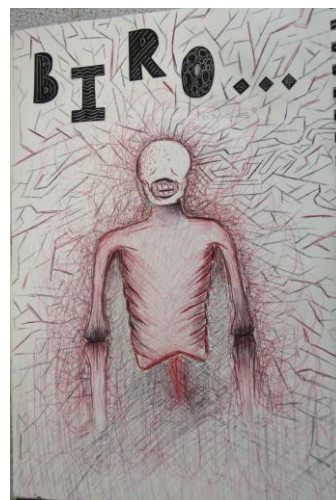
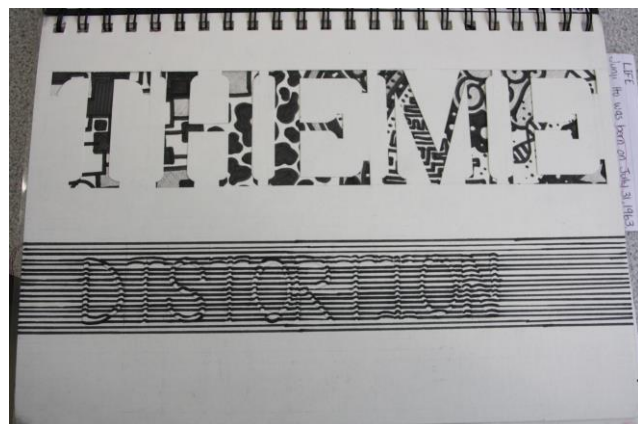
DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES FROM OLDBURYWELLS TO MRS WYCHERLEY BY:

MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER

Art and Design department SHOWCASE: Nyrah

An outstanding start to her GCSE art and design course

Nyrah has made an outstanding start to her GCSE art and design course. Most of the work you see here is her own independent study. She has created a detailed analysis of the terms monochromatic and achromatic looking at colour theory. Also she has experimented with her own imagery using a range of media and techniques. She had also developed an artist study independently of lesson time as part of the contextual studies in Art. The standard and quality of this work is superb, and Nyrah should be proud of her fantastic start to GCSE.



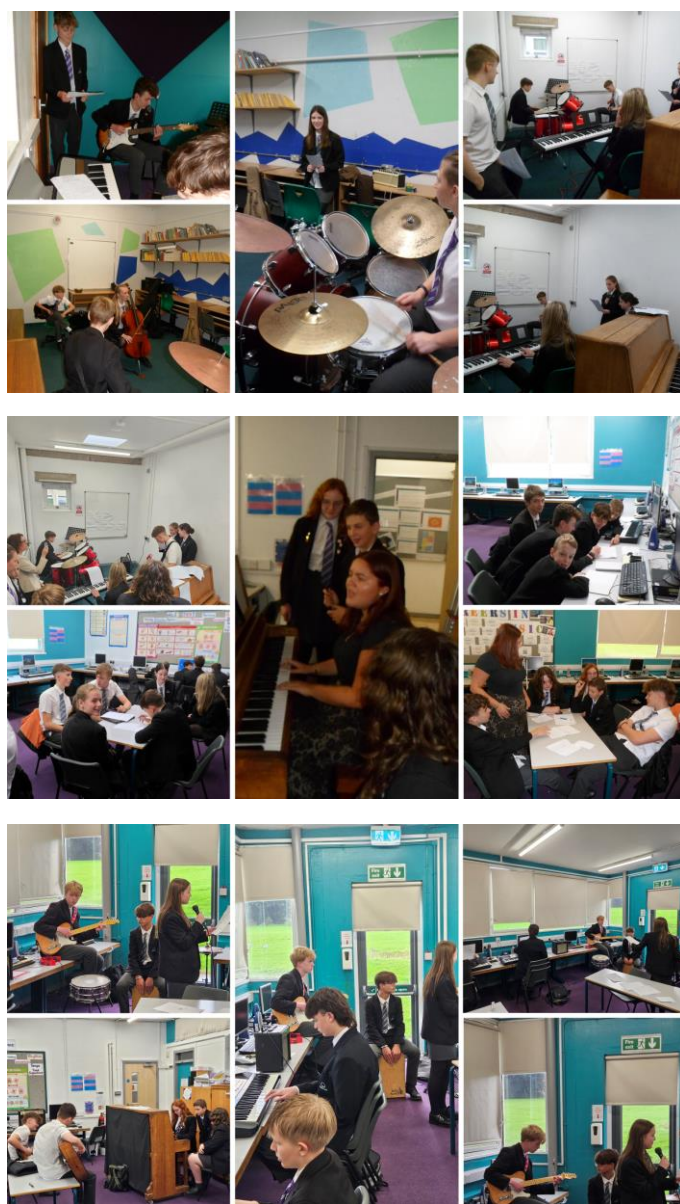
Professional Songwriting Workshop with Lex Gibbon

Inspirational Professional Songwriting Workshop

On 26th September, a group of 26 students across Years 7 to 11 enjoyed an inspirational Professional Songwriting Workshop with a rising star in the music industry, Lex Gibbon.

Lex is a singer/songwriter on the cusp of a major record deal, travelling the UK sharing her songwriting talent with students. The students worked collaboratively in mixed year groups to write and perform their own song in just one day. Lex coached and supported the students through the various song writing stages from lyric writing through to composing the music.

The students all really enjoyed the intensive day and gained a great deal from working together to create their own original songs with the engaging leadership of Lex.



Autumn Term Netball

The first half term has seen lots of netball fixtures for the OWS teams. We kicked off the year with the U16 and U14 District Tournaments where our teams went up against William Brookes, Church Stretton and Ludlow Schools in some very competitive and close games. Our U14 team unfortunately due to illness on the day had to take part with only 6 players. With this being the case, they played exceptionally well and finished in a really respectable 3rd place. The U16's managed to go one better and finish in 2nd place overall behind the very strong William Brookes team.

The U15 and U13 teams had matches against Lacon Childe at Oldbury Wells. The U15's dominated their game, leading all of the way through the 4 quarters and worked exceptionally well as a team. The U13 game was really tight with just a goal each right up until the final quarter where they narrowly lost by 2 goals.

Finally the U12's District tournament came and saw our Y7's play together competitively for the first time against teams from Ludlow, William Brookes and Lacon Childe. They worked really hard and improved in all of their games. Their team spirit was brilliant all of the way through. Well done to everyone involved!



Girls football team

OWS U14 Girls football team dominated their first round of the County Cup against Bridgnorth Endowed. The girls took an early lead with a goal from Emma M while she was completely controlling the midfield. Fliss J used her speed to break through the Endowed defence while working well with Jess B and they were a constant threat. Our defence was solid with Erin W making some good saves on the occasion that the BES attack got past the solid Nancy CI, Faith M and Evie W. Izzy M was winning challenges and the opposition were struggling to find ways to get around her.

A great performance all round and they are looking forward to the next game.



Rugby

On the 17th November a mixed year 7 and 8 rugby team travelled the short distance to Bridgnorth RFC's Swancote pitches to play in a rugby match. Unfortunately, Idsall had a depleted 8 person squad so some of our boys volunteered to join their team so that we could have a full 10 v 10 game. Oldbury Wells started off on fire with two quick fire tries coming from Caleb V and Oliver B, putting us up by two scores. Idsall then gained some momentum attacking relentlessly but strong tackling from Oldbury, special shout out to Zak J who did not miss a tackle all match, stopped any advance. Half time score Oldbury up 14-0. After half time Idsall fired back with two of their own tries, levelling up the scores. Oldbury then lead a heavy attack of their own, being camped in the Idsall half for 10 minutes without coming away with a score. The final stages of the game were very competitive with both teams putting in big tackles and making hard runs, being rewarded with ourselves and Idsall coming away with a score. Leaving the final result 26-19 to Oldbury!

Well done to all players involved, especially those who played for Idsall, not taking it easy on fellow classmates and friends, really showing pride for the game

Oldbury Wells marching on in the County Cup.

Well done to the Oldbury Wells Year 9 football team who have progressed to the second round of the Shropshire County Cup.

It was a very polished performance that showed the strength in the team. A solid defence, dynamic midfield and clinical finishing in front of goal.

As always the style of football was very pleasing to see as was the encouragement they gave each other throughout the game. Henry Rollings opened the scoring early in the first half with Harry Ryan scoring two before the break, for Oldbury to have a solid lead going into half time.

The purple army kept up the positive play in the second half adding another 2 goals, Harry Ryan completing his hat-trick from centre midfield, then goal machine Joe Griffiths rounding the 'keeper to slot home and finish the scoring. A fantastic 5 – 0 win and onto the next round. Keep up the great work lads.... Mr Smith





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

Term Dates

Spring Term 2025

Starts	Tuesday, 7th January 2025
Half-term	Monday, 17th – Friday, 21st February
Ends	Friday, 11th April 2025
PD Days	Monday, 6th January 2025

Summer Term 2025

Starts	Monday, 28th April 2025 (Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May 2025)
Half-term	Monday, 26th May - Friday, 30th May
Ends	Friday, 18th July 2025

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