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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a memorable academic year at Oldbury Wells School, I would like to extend my warmest thanks to you for your continued support. Your encouragement, partnership and trust have been central to everything we have achieved together, and I am genuinely grateful.

This year has been one of real progress and ambition. Our learners have shown determination, resilience and pride in their school - qualities that have shone through in classrooms, on the sports field, in performances, during trips and across every aspect of school life.

In lessons, one of our most significant achievements has been beginning the development of our own Teaching and Learning pedagogical identity, bespoke to Oldbury Wells. This is a journey which will continue into next year and beyond. The framework is designed to promote greater consistency in lesson delivery and ensure that adaptive teaching sits firmly at the heart of our practice. It is already strengthening classroom routines, sharpening expectations and driving improved outcomes for learners.

We have also increased the level of academic support for Year 10 and Year 11. This has been well received by parents/carers and has included additional Parent Information Evenings, numerous holiday and Saturday Schools, pre-exam revision checklists, personalised learning checklists following examinations and more rigorous mock GCSEs. We know that these changes have helped learners feel more prepared, more confident and more aware of the steps they need to take to succeed. There is still more to come, however, with end-of-year examinations planned across all year groups next academic year.

This year saw the return of a brilliant Christmas concert, showcasing exceptional singing and instrumental talent from Oldbury Wells learners and involving several of our local primary schools. It was a wonderful celebration of creativity, collaboration and community.

We are also set to transform our provision in drama. From having only one permanent drama teacher, we have added to our staffing a newly appointed Head of Drama, an English teacher trained at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and a cover supervisor who is also a drama specialist. Big shows are officially back on the curriculum at Oldbury Wells! We are excited to have already earmarked a date for our first production, which will be revealed in good time.

Our partnership work has continued to grow, including our developing network with Eton College. We believe we are the only school in Shropshire to have forged such a link. Their Centre for Research and Learning has supported us in shaping a research project for our staff and has provided our learners with excellent workshops that broaden horizons and deepen academic curiosity. Wolverhampton Grammar School has also become a key partner, helping us shape and drive our reading culture and wider literacy provision.

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Learners have responded positively to increased expectations around uniform and jewellery. Your support has been invaluable in helping us maintain high standards. It is important that our learners return to us in September in full standard uniform, enabling them to start the year with confidence. In line with this, we have strengthened lesson entry routines and will be standardising end-of-lesson processes next year to ensure even greater consistency.

Behaviour across the school has improved. Two-thirds of the school were dismissed from our TrustEd Awards assembly in complete, pin-drop silence having sat for over 40-minutes, a level of respect and maturity that is now mirrored in fire drill dismissals and regular assemblies. This calm, purposeful atmosphere is a testament to the collective efforts of staff, learners and families.

With respect to the TrustEd Awards, our very own Jensen was crowned 'Learner of the Year' for his outstanding contribution to Music at Oldbury Wells - he has recently gained a place at the Junior Birmingham Conservatoire - an exceptional achievement. Cora was crowned the 'Most Caring and Kindest Learner' out of nearly 6,000 pupils across our Trust – another remarkable achievement. We are one of only a few secondary schools in Shropshire to have gained Eco-Award accreditation for our student led work to promote sustainability and the environment. It is brilliant to see Oldbury Wells School shining on a wider stage.

Our learners have enjoyed a wide range of opportunities this year, from local visits to national and international experiences. These events build confidence, deepen learning and create memories that last a lifetime. Big trips are firmly back on the map at Oldbury Wells, and our goal is for all groups of children to have the opportunity to travel to foreign destinations during their time with us.

We closed the year with three exceptional celebrations:

- A stunning prom at the beautiful Telford Golf and Spa Resort located on the edge of the Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site.
- The Oldbury Wells Honours Awards, attended by 300 guests and recognising over 120 prize winners, where learners embodied our school values of Aspire, Enjoy and Achieve.
- A revised sports day, delivered safely in warm conditions and supported by staff offering bespoke tutoring and guidance at every event - our learners rose to the challenge brilliantly.

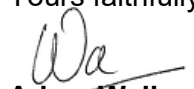
These moments reflect the pride, ambition and community spirit that define Oldbury Wells.

As we look forward to the next academic year, I am confident that the momentum we have built will inspire even greater success.

Our Year 7 and Year 11 return to us on Tuesday, 02 September 2026, with Year 8, 9 and 10 returning to us on Wednesday, 03 September 2026. Please remember that learners are expected to be on site by 8.40am.

Thank you once again for your continued support, your partnership and your belief in Oldbury Wells. I hope you and your families enjoy a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting chapter.

Yours faithfully


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