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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Preparation for the new school year

I hope you are well and have enjoyed some quality time with your family over the summer.

As I approach my first full year as Headteacher, I am proud of the progress we have made together. This summer's GCSE results show significant gains for our Year 11 learners from their starting points at the beginning of the year. Their progress in core subjects demonstrates a steeper trajectory of improvement than in the previous academic year, indicating that the new strategies introduced to support their development have had real impact. We also saw notable improvements across a number of subjects, with a pleasing uplift in Science outcomes. We look forward to our new Head of Science, Mr M. Patel, building on this.

One of the most rewarding aspects of GCSE Results Day was the number of parents and carers who approached me to express their appreciation for the additional opportunities provided through holiday schools and targeted interventions. While such feedback is encouraging, we are not complacent. We know that sustained hard work and consistently high expectations across all areas of school life lead to stronger outcomes — and we remain fully committed to pursuing this with vigour.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, carers, learners, staff and members of our wider community for your support throughout our journey. We are deeply appreciative of your partnership.

As we return to school, I will once again be holding a series of informal Headteacher Clinics, providing an opportunity for us to meet face-to-face, share ideas, discuss any concerns and work together to support our students. Your feedback is invaluable, and I am keen to hear your thoughts on how we can continue to grow as a school community.

By continuing to work together, I know Oldbury Wells can go from strength to strength as we pursue our ambition to become a centre of educational excellence. More information on the clinics will be shared shortly.

As the summer holiday draws to a close, many families will be preparing for the new academic year by purchasing school uniform and footwear. Please take a moment to read the attached guidance, which is intended to support those preparations by reaffirming the expectations set by Oldbury Wells School. These expectations have been communicated prior to the break, shared through formal channels and are available on our [school website](http://www.oldburywells.com).

Our uniform is important. It promotes pride, equality, unity and readiness for learning. We ask for your support in ensuring that all students return to Oldbury Wells in full compliance with these standards. By working together, we can maintain the high expectations that underpin an excellent school community.

As previously communicated, I would also like to remind parents and carers of our revised [mobile phone](#) policy and procedures, introduced in line with the Department for Education's guidance. These processes are in place across all TrustEd Alliance secondary schools. While learners are encouraged to leave their mobile telephones at home, those who do bring them into school will be required to switch their phones off at the beginning of the day and hand them to their form tutor. Tutors will log each device and store it securely in reinforced safes that have been fitted in every form room. To further enhance security, all form rooms are being equipped with new key-coded locks, and all corridors are covered by CCTV.

Learners will receive their phones back in a new form-time session at the end of the day. These new processes will commence on Monday, 7th September.

I would also like to remind parents and carers that Monday, 31st August is a bank holiday, and Tuesday, 1st September is a teacher training day. We welcome **Year 7 and Year 11** learners back to school for 8:40am on Wednesday, 2nd September and **all year groups** then return to school on Thursday, 3rd September 2026 at 8:40am.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to wish our learners a good final week of the holiday. We are looking forward to their return and to them playing their part in making the academic year 2026/27 a successful one for the Oldbury Wells School community.

Yours faithfully



Adam Walker
Headteacher

NB. Abridged notes on school uniform can be found on the following pages.

Oldbury Wells Uniform Code (uniform and shoes - abridged)

Full school uniform including the blazer (with school logo) must always be worn in all areas of the school (with permission, learners are allowed to take off their blazer in lessons). In warmer weather, learners are permitted to carry their blazer around school.

- White shirt (no logo)
- Trutex GST Gisburn Tartan Skirt. Skirts should not be more than 2 inches above the knee.
- Learners must only wear flat/pleated (boys) or plain (girls) mid-grey tailored trousers. Trousers should be tailored (not stretch material like Lycra) and full length, reaching the bottom of the ankles. They should have some give around the ankles for comfort. Piping on trousers is not permitted. Leggings, denim and jeans are also not permitted. Trousers should be cotton, cotton/polyester, cotton viscose.
- Skirts should not be more than 2 inches above the knee (it is unacceptable for the skirt only to be the correct length if the learner pulls it down).
- Years 7,8 & 9: Lower school tie (purple – showing at least 5 stripes (not including the knot)).
- Years 10 & 11: Upper school tie (grey – showing at least 5 stripes (not including the knot)).
- Socks – black, white or grey; or tights – black, grey or natural colour.
- Learners are to wear formal, smart, black leather 'polishable' or patent shoes.
- Learners are not permitted to wear trainers or other canvas footwear. This includes black trainers including those without markings. School shoes should have no visible branding (whether the branding is a different colour or black) including Nike 'ticks' or sporting logos.
- Boots are not acceptable (a boot is defined as anything that touches or comes above the ankle bone).
- School bag.



Optional branded school uniform items:

- Cardigan – grey with the school logo
- Unisex sweater – grey with the school logo
- Unisex slip-over – grey with the school logo

PE Kit PE kit essential items:

- PE T-shirt with school logo (either straight or fitted - girls)
- Black rugby top (boys)
- Black PE skort or regular fit shorts, must not be cycling shorts (no logo)
- Black trainer socks
- For football & rugby - long black socks with white top (boys) long purple socks (girls)
- Also required are trainers, football boots, shin guards and a gum shield.

PE optional items:

- Black leggings (no logo)
- Training top with school logo Technology
- For food technology a cotton apron with a front pocket is required.

Outdoor Clothing:

A waterproof coat/jacket may be worn to and from school and, if wished, crossing the road between East and West sites (pupils will be asked to remove coats in lessons). Fashion sweatshirts, hoodies, denim, leather or other such tops are not classed as outdoor wear and should NOT be worn to school.

Hair/Jewellery and Makeup Hair:

Only natural hair dyes are permitted - this also includes hair extensions or braids. Hair should be no shorter than grade 1 and no design lines/patterns are allowed. Should this be the case parents/guardians will be contacted as this is not an acceptable appearance to be allowed in school or the classroom.

Make-up & false eyelashes: is not allowed in Years 7, 8 and 9. Older girls may use it modestly. False eyelashes are not permitted as part of the school uniform policy.

Jewellery:

- Is limited to one small plain metal stud in each ear lobe; no facial piercings are permitted e.g. nose studs. Stretcher style piercings are not permitted in any circumstances.
- Jewellery cannot be worn during PE lessons. If jewellery is worn for medical reasons, suitable medical evidence identifying the reasons for this must be provided to the school.
- As stated in the previous bullet point, it is important to note that nose rings, studs or clear articles of jewellery which affix the nose or face are not permitted under any circumstances. This includes 'retainers'.

Other items:

- A plain black head covering (for religious purposes) is permitted, however, additional close fitting cloths such as durags/ bandanas/ sports headwear/ oversized hair accessories are not allowed to be worn on school site (this list is not exhaustive.)

Nail Varnish:

- Should only be of a clear or pale colour. No nail extensions, acrylic, shellac varnish or gel nails of any colour are permitted. Students will be asked to remove any inappropriate colours and parents contacted to remove any such items.

Obtaining Uniform:

LADS AND LASSES SCHOOLWEAR ((formally Bristows)	
157 Victoria Road, Bridgnorth 50A Warstones Road, Codsall 4 Billbrook Road, Codsall	Tel: 01746 761701 Email: Bridgnorth@ladsandlasses.uk Codsall@ladsandlasses.uk Website: www.ladsandlasseschoolwear.co.uk
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