



Oldbury Wells Journal

May 2021



Welcome to our Summer Term Journal. This week marked a significant point in time following last week's developments where we were able to ease a number of COVID restrictions to Re-set and Re-establish elements of the school day. Can I thank all students, staff and parents for their continued support during what remain extremely unusual and challenging times. We are all keen to return to normal ways of working and will continue to follow government advice and respond to any local, regional or national developments. Well done to all students who have shown great levels of responsibility with adjustments made to date.

Today (Friday 28th May) marks the last formal day in school for our Year 11 & 13 students who have worked tremendously hard over the last year. For us all there have been challenges, but for students within these year groups, the need to remain focused and show great resilience through the most unprecedented times has been so important. With so much uncertainty across the year, made more challenging through lock down, alongside ongoing differing messages regarding final assessments from central government; the fact that we have successfully navigated through to the end is a credit to all. We are now at the end of the process which will allow allocation of Teacher Assessed Grades, recognising the commitment, hard work and dedication of students and staff working closely together alongside much appreciated support from home.

In the weeks ahead, these same students will be involved with a range of transition activities, including our Taster Days for those looking to join Bridgnorth 6th Form. Those looking further afield or moving on from year 13 will link with wider providers, with everyone excited about the opportunities ahead. We have ensured a range of materials are available via the school website and as always, we are here if there are any questions or additional support required.

Can I use this opportunity to wish all our students completing

qualifications this year the very best for the future, we are tremendously proud of all your achievements and look forward to sharing in your future success, good luck to you all!

For the remainder of our school community, a reminder that following half term, Monday 7th June is a Home Learning Day. All work for your lessons will be set via Satchel One with clear explanations of what work is to be completed; we look forward to welcoming you back into school on Tuesday 8th June.

As outlined in assemblies over the last week, our intention is to continue to Re-Set and Re-Establish as many elements of the school day as possible over the remainder of the academic year. Some timings of the school day have been adjusted to ensure that we maintain our COVID secure practices, while at the same time introduce greater freedoms, particularly linked to student's social time.

We will shortly say an early goodbye to Mrs Morgan who will commence her maternity leave at half term; although initially will remain involved supporting some Drama lessons remotely and stay connected with students and families within her Head of Year capacity; I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best in the months ahead.

I wish all staff, students and their families a restful half term. The sunshine is out and I very much hope that everyone can take a relaxing break arriving back recharged and ready for the final half term of the academic year. I know that everyone will share my excitement regarding activities and events we can reintroduce moving forward and look forward to working with the whole team to ensure the very best support for across our community.

Have a great half term and stay safe!!

UPDATES

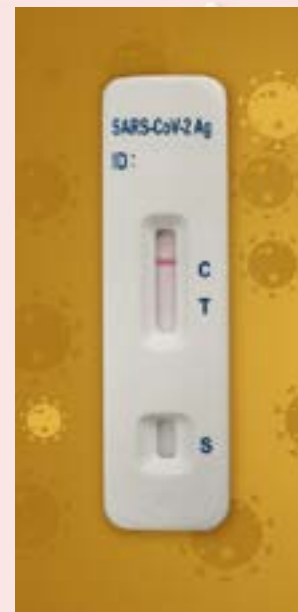
COVID Update

Testing over May Half Term

Firstly we would like to thank everybody within our school community for their continued support in following guidance, and taking part in twice weekly lateral flow testing to help keep everyone safe. A reminder to please continue to carry out those tests over May half term (tests were handed out last week in school) and continue to report your results. Visit our Covid19 page for quick links: <http://www.oldburywells.com/parent-information/covid-update>.

To enable us to continue to play our role in contact tracing, it is **VITAL that you inform us of a POSITIVE Covid19 result** on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th May so we can identify close contacts and stop the spread.

Out of school hours, please inform us of positive results via the following email address: covid.support@oldburywells.com



Careers Page

New design and new Twitter account!

You may have noticed that our careers page on the school website has a new design! <http://www.oldburywells.com/student-information/careers>

You can now view detailed and up-to-date information about; your careers journey at Oldbury Wells, helpful links and websites, local labour market information, and post-16 and post-18 choices such as; college, sixth form, apprenticeships and university.

We have also set up a BRAND NEW careers Twitter page for the school! You can follow us using the handle **@owscareers** for continuous updates about current job/apprenticeship opportunities, webinars or sessions run by colleges/universities, advice from organisations, and much more.



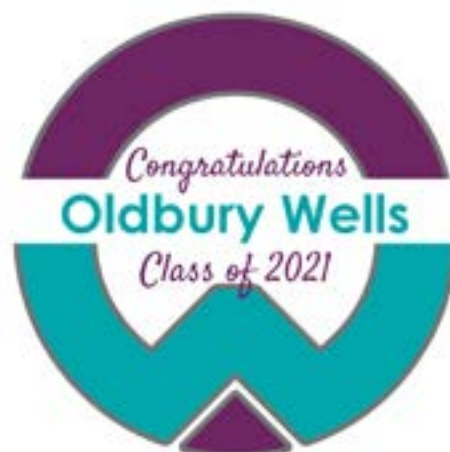
Goodbye Year 11

Goodbye and Good Luck

Five years on from your first day here, it's hard to believe it's time to say goodbye. You've had a brilliant five years with us, worked incredibly hard despite an unsettled Year 10 and 11.

You've risen to every challenge and for this you should be very proud of yourselves. We wish you every piece of good luck for the future, whatever you decide to pursue.

Always aim high, be inspired, and endeavour to do your very best.



Congratulations to Mr Kiapene

Mr Kiapene awarded Doctor of Education Degree

As a school, we are delighted to announce that Mr. Kiapene has been awarded his Doctor of Education Degree from the University of Warwick.

During the past five years, Dr. Kiapene has worked towards this prestigious achievement – researching ICT Integration into Mathematics education at secondary school level. Mr. Kiapene's ethos in line with the school has always been *"you can do anything if you put your mind to it"* and so set himself on a journey researching the teaching of Mathematics in the hope of visualising, realising, and tackling the negativity around mathematics education through the use of ICT. Those who have been taught by Dr. Kiapene will be familiar with his desire to enthuse the learner irrespective of the age range and ability. He is an inspiration to our students; **aim high and aspire to do your very best, and you will achieve great things.**

Dr. Kiapene described the challenges he faced in balancing his studies, teaching, and family. Self-denial did not distort or sway him from his target because of his awareness that going without, investing one's time productively and self-discipline can separate you from the crowd. We know students are surrounded by different kinds of distractions, but it important to have a finish line in mind, remain focused, and to be inspired to work tenaciously toward your individual goals and ambitions.

Undertaking a Doctorate study involves annexing all available literature of the topic, clearly explaining one's methodology for carrying out a line of inquiry, and collecting/analysing primary/secondary data that could help the researcher to contribute to the existing body of knowledge. This presented several challenges including: the data collection process (repeatedly visiting a particular school to collect questionnaires), finishing a day's teaching at OWS and then driving to Warwick where he was now a student, being the student questioning the supervisors, pages of work he has spent hours/days writing only



Dr Kiapene (centre) Mrs Godden (left) and Mr Tristham (right)

for them to be disregarded by his supervisor and financing the studies himself. The worst was undoubtedly the Viva where he was interviewed and questioned about his work. He had a goal and so was relentless and undeterred by the thought of giving up and encouraged himself with the adage **"quitters never win, and winners never quit"**.

Dr. Kiapene expressed his profound appreciation for all members of the Oldbury Wells School community, past and present, that supported him. According to him, he could not have done it without the friendly and caring school community. A BIG THANK YOU.

Dr. Kiapene is an inspiration to our students: always aim high and aspire to do your very best, and you will achieve great things.

Thiers, Ville Haute En Couleurs

Well done to our Year 12 artists

We are proud to announce the unveiling of our banner under the theme - 'Make your colour palette dance.'

Our year 12 students, led by Mrs Bell, worked hard to design and paint this banner, following the theme 'Make Your Colour Palette Dance'. Their work depicts a graceful fairy, dancing amongst splashes of colour and surrounded by words that are designed to bring the two countries together.

The project was first launched 8 years ago by Bridgnorth's twin town; Thiers in France, who each year set up an exhibition displaying many painted banners entries. Headteacher Mr Tristham was very keen and excited for our students to get involved, and Head of Creative Arts Mrs Bell worked hard to coordinate the project and is extremely proud of the work the students produced.

We'd like to say well done to Millie Stainsby, Evie Fleming, Sarah Horton, Joel Burgess, Holly Rogan, Addison Parton-Bill, Poppy Elwell and Georgie Hallez for dedicating their time and efforts towards the banner.

You can see the completed banner here, as well as their progress.



From the left: Joel Burgess, Evie Fleming, Holly Rogan, Sarah Horton, Addison Parton-Bill, Poppy Elwell, Georgie Hallez, Millie Stainsby.



The banner progress.

Captain Tom 100 Challenge

“Tomorrow will be a good day”

Oldbury Wells students completed the Captain Tom 100 challenge over the May bank holiday weekend to spread a message of hope and resilience.

One year on from the late Captain Sir Tom Moore starting the 100 laps of his garden to raise money for the NHS, the Captain Tom Foundation launched a challenge for people and schools to do in his memory, to spread a message of hope and resilience and to involve the number 100. We set the task for students to take part in over the May Bank Holiday weekend - what would have been Captain Tom's 101st birthday weekend.

We've been really impressed to see some very creative responses to the challenge, and you can view our video to see what they did: [Link to Youtube](#)

We managed to raise over £90 for the Captain Tom Foundation who support many great causes.

Some activities from our students included:

- 100 jumps of a skipping rope
- 100 star jumps
- 100 runs up and down the stairs
- 100 pieces of lego
- 100 second rope crawl
- 100 minute beach walk
- 100 tennis ball bounces
- 100 arrows shot
- 100 crunches



Music

Instrumental Tuition Fully Resumed

We have seen a fantastic return to all instrumental tuition since January and we are now fully up and running with lessons progressing very well; students are attending their lessons on time, well equipped and enjoying the face to face experience of learning a musical instrument again.

A number of students have started instrumental tuition for the first time this term which is wonderful news to share and it is never too late to ask to learn to play a musical instrument so if you are interested and would like to give it a go we have spaces available for a range of instruments. Please ask Miss Dangerfield for further information or email jo.dangerfield@oldburywells.com

Year 8 Enjoying Cubase

Our Year 8 students have been enjoying learning to use our industry standard Music software, Cubase. Students have been developing their skills in preparation for their final unit of work after half term - Film Music. Inspired by the James Bond film franchise, students will be working from a storyboard and a cuesheet to compose music to a film trailer.

Jo Dangerfield



Encore (school vocal group) is returning

Our school vocal group 'Encore' is making a comeback following the tough covid restrictions which have meant that so far students have not been allowed to sing together within a classroom setting or in an extra-curricular group.

BUT THE SINGING RULES HAVE NOW RELAXED!!

So, our vocal group, which all year groups are welcome to join, will return after school on **Thursday 17th June for a 4 week run** - a really great chance to get back together again to enjoy singing together before the summer holidays.

The only remaining restriction however is on the number of students singing in the music room at any one time, due to the need for some space around each student as they sing. I am limiting the numbers at the moment to a maximum of 20 singers but we can have students from different year groups singing together as part of the loosening of the extra-curricular rules.

How Do I Join?

I will be speaking firstly to re-invite the students who were members of 'Encore' before the pandemic. I will then send a message out to announce if there are any remaining spaces available for any newcomers to join.

When Do 'Encore' Rehearse?

Thursdays after school in the Music room. 3.15pm to 4pm. We will re-start on Thursday 17th June for 4 weeks. We will then be back in September and hopefully with no restriction on numbers.

Who can Join 'Encore'?

- Anyone from Years 7-13.
- It is for Boys and Girls.
- You do not have to consider yourself to be a 'good' singer - I can work with all abilities - the only requirement is for you to have an enjoyment of singing.

'Encore' have been a well-established vocal group at Oldbury Wells for 13 years, performing in all OWS concerts and performing in many community events. It has been so sad to not be allowed to sing for the last 15 months in accordance with Government guidelines so let's get back to it and start to enjoy the great feelings that singing together gives us.

If you have any questions about 'Encore' please drop me an email jo.dangerfield@oldburywells.com or ask me when you see me in lessons or around school.

Heroes Stamp Competition

External Royal Mail Stamp Competition



Well done to the students who entered the Stamp competition to honour the 'Heroes of the Pandemic'. Good luck to all those whose entries have now been sent to the Competition. The amazing work here was created by Rex Mavir, Kim Kendall, Isabelle Evans and Evie Evans. Well done all and good luck!!



Rex Mavir Stamp Design



Evie Evans Stamp Design



Kim Kendall Stamp Design



Izzabelle Evans Stamp Design



Kim Kendall Stamp Design

Eight designs will be chosen from across the country by Royal Mail, and Her Majesty the Queen will approve the winning designs. There are also 120 prizes for area winners and runners up.

Art

Artists of the Month

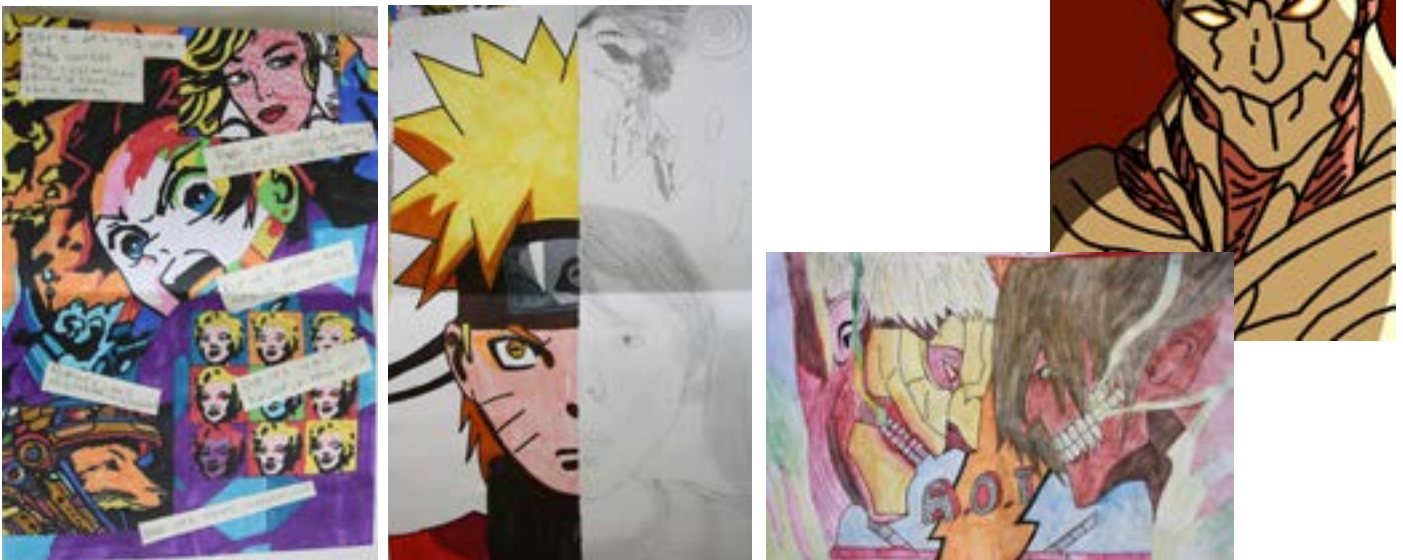
Year 7 - Sophie Poole

The artist of the month for year 7 goes to Sophie for great use of different media and lovely work shown through her sketchbook. Sophie loves Art as a hobby and is always drawing at home. You can see examples of her fantastic work here. - L Kenworthy



Year 8 - Alfie Watson & Ruby Webster

Alfie Watson has developed some confident Pop Art work showing a great understanding of the style and focuses the development of his work on portraits inspired by Manga Art. He has developed his own creative style throughout the course and is dedicated to his Art studies.



Ruby Webster has worked consistently hard this year and she created a very individual and personal response to Pop Art on the theme of Surfing. She has a natural flair for portraiture and has worked well to develop her skills within the recent project. A great attitude to learning.



Year 9 - Angharad Morgan

The award for Artist of the month for year 9 is Angharad Morgan who created this superb Fine Art panel inspired by natural forms and the work of the Designer and Illustrator Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

Her sketchbook is beautiful and also includes many detailed observed images and lovely experimentation with media, colour combinations and techniques. - Mrs Wycherley



SIXTH FORM

Rounding off Year 13

This term has been a busy and exciting time for our sixth form students.

Many of Year 13 have been confirming their university choices after finally being able to visit other towns/cities and their universities. Assessments have also been completed this term and students can begin preparing for their next steps as well as taking a well-deserved break. All of us enjoyed the leavers' assembly and Alton Towers trip which will mark the end of seven successful years at Oldbury Wells for many of our students.

An exciting look ahead for Year 12

Year 12 are beginning to prepare for their assessments in June and have been busy exploring the range of options open to them after sixth form. Two of our students are taking part in the Lessons from Auschwitz virtual project. This will take them on a journey of learning and reflection; offering them the opportunity to explore the Holocaust through a ground-breaking, interactive, digital platform. They will take part in three live online seminars guided by experts in the field of Holocaust education where they will hear the first-hand testimony of a Holocaust survivor and take part in a virtual site-visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum as it is today.

Welcoming our soon-to-be Year 12's

We are also looking forward to welcoming Year 11 students into sixth form for our taster/induction days on the 24th and 25th June. This will involve a day of taster sessions in school followed by a team-building day at The Edge Activity Centre in Much Wenlock. A letter should be arriving in the post to all students that have



applied to sixth form with us. Please contact us if you haven't received your copy or if you have any questions regarding the days. To any Year 11 still undecided on next steps, we are still open for applications and are happy to chat about options after GCSE. To complete an application or get in touch, please visit our website: <https://www.bridgnorthsixthform.com/>

Goodbye Year 13

And finally, a big well done and goodbye to our Year 13 students. You've worked incredibly hard over the past two years, through some really challenging and unprecedented times. We wish you all the very best in your future endeavours. Good luck.

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Congratulations!

Class of

2021

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QUIZ

Local Area Quiz Questions

1. For five points, name the five towns that make up Shropshire:
2. Name the three highest hills in Shropshire:
3. Which river is Bridgnorth home to?
4. True or false? The leaning castle in Bridgnorth leans 3 times as much as the leaning tower of Pisa in Italy.
5. Shrewsbury was the birthplace of which famous biologist, key to evolution studies and born in 1809?
6. Which modern day sporting event was held in Much Wenlock in 1850?
7. How many castles is Shropshire home to?
8. Which animal preservation society is Shropshire home to?
9. True or False? Shropshire is home to the world's first skyscraper.
10. Where in the UK did Parliament first gather?
11. What are the two twin towns of Bridgnorth?
12. What is the twin town of Shrewsbury?
13. During the 1950s, what was significant about the East and West sides of Oldbury Wells School?
14. What is Shropshire's alternative name?
 - a) Selop
 - b) Salop
 - c) Solop
 - d) Silop
15. Which World Heritage Site can you find in Shropshire?
16. Craven Arms has one of the largest sales of ----- in the country?
17. Newport in Shropshire had the coldest temperature recorded in England in 1982. What was the temperature?
 - a) -16 degrees centigrade
 - b) -26 degrees centigrade
 - c) -36 degrees centigrade
18. Which famous dairy brand is Shropshire home to?



1. The five towns
 - Shrewsbury
 - Telford
 - Oswestry
 - Bridgnorth
 - Ludlow
2. The three hills
 - Cleve Hills
 - Stiperstones
 - Long Mynd
3. The River Severn
4. True
5. Charles Darwin
6. Olympics
7. 32
8. The Hedgheog Preservation Society
9. True. Ditherington Flax Mill just outside of Shrewsbury.
10. Acton Burnell in Shropshire
11. Thiers in France and Shroebenhuasen in Germany
21. Zutphen in the Netherlands
13. They were a girls school and a boys school
14. b) Salop
15. Ironbridge
16. Sheep
17. b) -26 degrees centigrade
- 18) Muller! Their adverts usually showcase the Shropshire country side.

Answers

NOTICEBOARD

Could you foster?

Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Harrow, who are urgently seeking full-time & respite foster carers throughout the area. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them.



To find out more about becoming a foster carer or a respite carer in Bridgnorth and surrounding areas please call **0800 389 0143** or email **foster@nexusfostering.co.uk**

could you foster?



Equipment List:

All students need to bring to school:

- Pencil Case
- Scientific Calculator
- Language Dictionary
- 2 Black Pens
- 2 Green Pens
- HB Pencil
- 150mm Ruler
- Pritt Stick
- 12 Colouring Pencils
- Compass
- Protractor
- Pencil Sharpener
- Rubber
- 1 Highlighter Pen
- Earphones (for Music les-

Exciting Cello Opportunity!

The Music department and the Shropshire Music Service would like to offer our students a really exciting opportunity to do a trial 5 week 'taster' course learning to play the Cello, after half term.

The Cello is a string instrument and it has been made most recently famous by Sheku Kanneh-Mason who played at the royal wedding of Harry and Meghan. He also won the Young Musician of the year in 2016.



**The 5 week trial will cost just £30
AND you will be given free cello hire!**

We have availability for 4 students. This may be something you have been thinking about doing for a while or it may have been something you hadn't considered at all - but now is your chance.

If you are interested, please speak to your parents to get their permission and email me at **jo.dangerfield@oldburywells.com** by **Tuesday 8th June** to let me know you are interested in taking this opportunity. We will then contact you to organise everything else.

The hope is that those who do the trial would enjoy it so much that you would like to continue learning to play - however there is no obligation to do so.

I look forward to hearing from you, Miss Dangerfield, Head of Music

TERM DATES:

Summer Term 2021

Bank Holiday Monday, 3 May 2021

Half-term: Monday, 31 May - Friday, 4 June 2021 inclusive

Ends: Friday, 16 July 2021

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