



Dear Year 7 students, parents and carers,

As the new academic year draws closer, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new students who will be joining us at Oldbury Wells this week.

Over the summer we have been preparing to welcome you into the school and your new tutor groups, but I would like to give you some information and reminders that may help you to ease into your first days at Secondary school.

Tip 1 Equipment – you will be having formal ‘lessons’ on Tuesday, this will be a day of activities, getting to know your environment a little more and building on the excellent hard work you showed on your taster days in July. You will need to bring your normal school day equipment (this can be found in your Student Guide).

Tip 2: PE kit – You **WILL NOT** need to bring a PE kit for your first day. Please leave this at home.

Tip 3: Lunches – we are aware that your Parent Pay account may not yet be activated, **do not worry!** If you are using the canteen for food then, you will be able to do so and the credit will be deducted from your account when it is activated. You can also bring in a packed lunch and snacks / drinks for consumption at break and lunch time.

Tip 4: Bring your Student Guide with you – remember Miss Morgan / your form tutor will be referring to this, so keep it in your blazer pocket – if you do not have one, please let your form tutor know on Tuesday.

Tip 5: Mobile phones – a reminder that it is completely fine to bring a mobile phone with you to school, however it must be **switched off and, in your bag**, as soon as you are on school site.

Tip 6: Take a deep breath – We know this time can be nervy – You have already made an excellent transition in July; we are here to support and guide you through your transition with Oldbury Wells.

Tip 7: When you arrive, if you are walking / being dropped off, come in through the **west reception door**, if you are arriving on a bus, you will be met with a smile by Mr La Croix on the coach park, you will then be guided to the west reception area. On entry you will be shown to your tutor group.

Tip 8: Allow time in the morning for the ‘first day of school – outside the front door’ photo – these are memory makers!

Tip 9: Ensure you are prepared to - **Be Kind, Aim High, Work Hard**

Tip 10: Enjoy the day – make the most of all the opportunities that will come your way!

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We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday morning, some for the first time, others we had a brilliant week at Summer School and yet more we enjoyed the taster days within July.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me chris.smith2@oldburywells.com

Mr Chris Smith

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Smith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Transition Lead