



Our Ref: LTM/update

27th August 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Information for September 2024

I trust you are keeping well and very much hope that you have had an enjoyable summer.

This is my first formal communication to parents which includes families of all our new year 7 starters: we are very much looking forward to welcoming these and all other students into school at the start of the new term.

I will be making further contact next week with a formal welcome, to introduce new staff and provide any further updates.

As we approach September, I wanted to send out a few important reminders about the start of the new term.

Return to School. We have a staggered start at the beginning of the new term as outline below:

- Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September: Staff PD Days.
- Wednesday 4th September: Year 7&11 only
 - Year 7 students should report to the West Hall.
 - Year 11 students should report to the EastHhall.
- Thursday 5th September: All student return.
 - Year 7,8&9 report to West playground
 - Year 10&11 report to East playground
 - 6th Form to the study centre.

School Uniform. A further reminder that parents are asked to refer to the school website for guidance on school uniform ([Uniform | Oldbury Wells](#)).

At the end of the summer term, we highlight issues related to footwear, skirts and piercings. Shoes which are of a trainer style are not acceptable, inappropriate style and length of skirts are not allowed and facial piercings and multiple earrings are not permitted.

Our policy is clearly outlined on the school's website, we would ask all parents to look at the information carefully to ensure that all requirements are met. We will be undertaking uniform checks at the start of the term to ensure that all students are supported in meeting expectations. We are grateful for the actions families will have taken over the summer to address any concerns.

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We have received some questions regarding the type of school tie and the new Trutex GST Gisburn Tartan Skirt; to confirm:

- School Tie : Years 7,8,9 - Lower school tie, Years 10&11 Upper school tie.
- Skirt – The new style Trutex GST Gisburn Tartan Skirt is the compulsory skirt for year 7 students, all other year groups are asked to make the switch to this style when updating uniform. This skirt will be the only option of skirt type from September 2025.

School Equipment. Students are required to attend school prepared with the correct equipment for lessons. Suggested items include Pencil Case, Scientific Calculator, French dictionary 2 black pens, 2 green pens, 1 highlighter pen, HB pencil, 150mm ruler, glue stick, colouring pencils, compass, protractor, pencil sharpener, rubber, earphones.

Please see school website for further information or to order items from the school shop:
([School Shop | Oldbury Wells](#))

Communication. A reminder that all global formal communication from school arrives via text message link. We do however use social media to give an insight into events in school, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep updated with what's taking place in school.

Finally, thank you to all families for ensuring that all students are fully prepared for the start of the new academic year. I hope that you enjoy the rest of the summer holiday, and look forward to welcoming everyone back next week.

Yours faithfully



Lee Tristham
Headteacher