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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Re: Welcome Back and Updates – Summer Term**

I hope that you have enjoyed the holiday period and enjoyed some time with family and friends. Today marks the first day of the Summer term and it has been great to welcome everyone back into school for what is an exciting term ahead.

At the end of this week, final summer examinations commence for our Year 11 & 13 students, and we wish them all the very best in the weeks ahead knowing that their commitment and hard work will shine through. It is essential that all students involved with exams listen and review any key information which is given over the coming weeks to ensure they have everything organised as they move forward; remember that all staff are available in school should there be any questions about arrangements or any subject specific details regarding examinations.

Despite the busy period, today kick starts a short 4-week half term, which includes a Bank Holiday next Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> May. There is lots to fit in, so we look forward to all students returning quickly to school mode and settling back into their school routine. To support with this, please see several reminders below to ensure that everyone's school day runs smoothly:

- **Equipment.** Our students work hard to be fully prepared for lesson bringing the correct equipment into school. Required equipment includes: pencil case, scientific calculator, French or Spanish dictionary, 2 black pens, 2 green pens, 1 highlighter pen, HB pencil, 150mm ruler, glue stick, colouring pencils, compass, protractor, pencil sharpener, rubber, earphones; all items are available from the school shop ([School Shop | Oldbury Wells](#))
- **Uniform.** As always, we will be checking uniform at the start of the new term; uniform expectations are outlined on the school website ([Uniform | Oldbury Wells](#)). Can I thank all families for their support maintaining high standards of uniform while also giving a reminder that leggings are not permitted as part of school uniform.

In addition, a reminder that from September 2025 there will only be one style of school skirt available for all students (the Trutex GST Gisburn Tartan Skirt - as shown on the school website). This was introduced for our Year 7 students from the start of this academic year and will be the required option for all year groups from September 2025, therefore if purchasing any updated uniform for the remainder of the summer term, it is advised to consider this update.

- **Hot Weather.** It has been great to welcome students back on such a sunny day. A reminder that students should come prepared for these days with a drinks water bottle which can be filled during school social times ie. break and lunchtime, to support them during these hot periods.

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During hot weather, we also inform students of what are 'Shirt and Tie Days' when they do not need to wear their blazer, which is the case for all this initial week. However, students should always have their blazer with them and not replace these with other non-uniform items.

Can I use this opportunity to wish everyone a positive start to the Summer term, including Mrs Rock who starts in her role as Pastoral Manager for Year 7 today and who will be working with the current year group as well as the Year 6 students who will be joining us in September during the weeks ahead.

Thank you as always for your support and we look forward to sharing our students' successes as the academic year continues.

Yours faithfully



**Lee Tristham**  
Headteacher