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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.

Over the summer we have been preparing to welcome you into the school and your new tutor groups. As such we would like to give you some information and reminders that may help ease you into your first few days at secondary school.

Tip 1: Equipment – you will be having formal lessons on Wednesday, but this will also be a day of activities, getting to know your environment and building on the excellent hard work you showed on your taster days in July, therefore you will need to bring your normal school day equipment with you (this can be found in your Student Guide).

Tip 2: PE kit – you **will not** need to bring a PE kit for your first week, please leave this at home. Practical PE lessons will start the week starting Monday, 8th September. By this time you will have your timetable and will know when your lessons are.

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 you will be able to do so straight away; 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: Student Guide – Please bring your Student Guide with you. Staff will be referring to this, so it is a good idea to keep it in your blazer pocket. If you do not have one, please let your form tutor know on Wednesday.

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 already made an excellent start in July and we are here to support and guide you through your transition with Oldbury Wells.

Tip 7: Arrival – when you arrive, if you are walking / being dropped off, please come into school through the **West reception door**. If you are arriving on a bus, you will be met with a smile by Mr LaCroix 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: Photo – 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 **Enjoy : Aspire : Achieve**

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

We are really looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday morning and if you have any questions please feel free to email at: chris.smith2@oldburywells.com

Yours faithfully

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