

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Oldbury Wells

How do we support those students who are the only one coming from their primary school?

We will be inviting them in for a “Singletons” day which will be full of team building and ice breaking activities so that they get to know a friendly face in their tutor group prior to the main taster days.

When will we find out about taster days?

We will be in touch in the middle of the summer term to outline arrangements for the day.

When will my son/daughter find out about which tutor group they are in?

We will endeavour to do this before the taster day, but we like to liaise with primary schools and gather as much information about pupils as we can before deciding the groups.

Can Year 6 students travel on the school buses on the Taster Days?

We are working with Shropshire County Council and our own coach providers to allow this to happen and will communicate details prior to the taster days.

When will we receive details of any transport arrangements, particularly in relation to pick up points?

For in-catchment transport, this will be communicated to you via Shropshire County Council once your application has been processed.

For OWS provided coaches for out-of-catchment areas, we will be able to provide details of pick-up locations once your application for transport has been received and processed. It is normally later in the summer term.

Is there a designated pick-up/drop-off point for students arriving by car?

We ask that parents dropping off and collecting students do not drive onto site due to the number of coaches that will be coming and going. Parents can pick-up and drop off on Oldbury Wells Lane outside the school gates or using the turning circle at the East Side carpark exit.

Will Year 7 be in school alone on the first week?

Year 7 students are the first year group to return to school as part of a staggered start. This allows them to have the school to themselves for the first day, to support them in finding their feet and their way around.

How do I buy school dinners?

We operate a cashless biometric system where students use a fingerprint scanner to pay for items. This is linked to ‘ParentPay’ which parents can use to top up funds. Alternatively, funds can also be added by students using the onsite machines.

Are students allowed off-site for lunches?

No – only our sixth form students are allowed to leave site during the school day.

Do I need to buy a laptop for my son/daughter?

Having access to a laptop for homework is beneficial for students however, all work will be communicated via the app, Satchel One which can be accessed on most tablets and smart phones.

Will students be provided with log in details for Office365 before they start in September?

We will endeavour to provide school e-mail account details for all new starters during the summer term so that they are set-up and ready to learn from day one in September. These will be communicated in a letter.

Will any details be provided of after school clubs and what is available and when?

Our timetable of extra-curricular activities (break, lunch and after school) will be communicated in the new academic year and updated across the school year to reflect seasonal changes.

Do we offer/would we consider any transport arrangements to support those students who remain later after school for extra-curricular activities?

Currently students who stay for after school activities will need to be collected by parents.