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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family enjoyed a restful and positive Easter period. Firstly, I would like to congratulate our Year 11 learners for their continued hard work and high levels of performance in the second mock examination series. I am delighted to share that, since the Christmas mocks, they have collectively made the strongest progress of any pupils across our sister schools. This is a testament to both their commitment and the high standards upheld by our staff. It has been especially rewarding to speak to so many learners individually about the improvements they have seen, and the pride they express reflects our school motto of 'Aspire, Enjoy and Achieve' brilliantly.

Our focus remains firmly on providing Year 11 learners with the strongest possible platform to succeed in their summer examinations. Recently, we hosted our first-ever 'Golden Days', where learners on the cusp of achieving the next grade in English and Mathematics participated in bespoke sessions held at the state-of-the-art conferencing facilities at Bridgnorth Rugby Club. Feedback from learners, staff, and parents/carers has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are proud of the impact this initiative has already had.

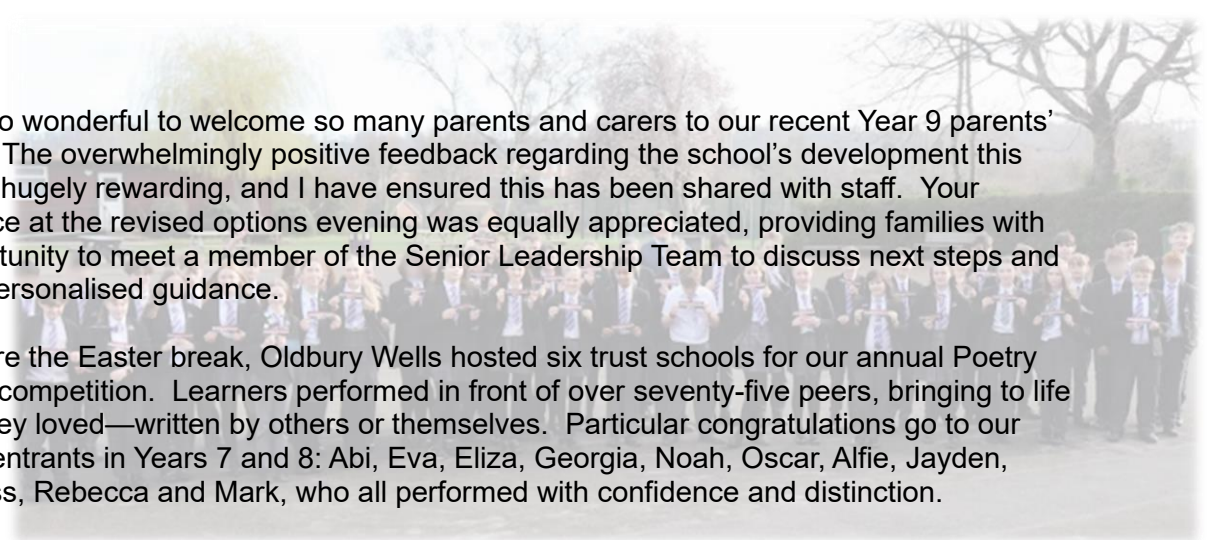
In addition, we recently welcomed an external consultant to Oldbury Wells to support the development of a renewed approach to curriculum delivery in English. While this work has been designed to have an immediate impact on our current Year 11 cohort, the department has also begun revising schemes of work in Year 10 and across the lower school to maximise outcomes at GCSE in the years ahead.

Following on from the success of our February half-term school, you may have seen via our social media platforms that Oldbury Wells was again open for 7 days during the Easter holidays to support Year 11 learners with their GCSE preparation. I would like to publicly thank all staff who volunteered their time and express my sincere appreciation to our Year 11 parents and carers for making the necessary arrangements to support attendance. Your ongoing commitment is greatly valued.

As reported in my previous communication, following my attendance at an educational conference, Oldbury Wells secured a visit for fourteen Year 10 pupils to Eton College in Windsor. Our learners were complimented on their smart appearance, polite manners, and high levels of engagement. During the visit, pupils explored leadership and self-leadership, the use of artificial intelligence in education, study skills and time management, and enjoyed a tour of the school. The experience was thoroughly enjoyed, with one learner describing the 'three-course dinner' provided, a particular highlight! We anticipate this visit to be the first of many such opportunities.

Alongside this, Oldbury Wells has continued its involvement in a joint research project with Eton College. Mr Pollock recently attended a Research and Evidence Forum held at Eton, focusing on how schools can build and sustain a strong research culture. The project will centre on developing learner independence while creating opportunities for staff to collaborate with colleagues from other high-performing institutions. We are extremely proud to be the only school in Shropshire to have been awarded this opportunity, and one of only a small number nationally.

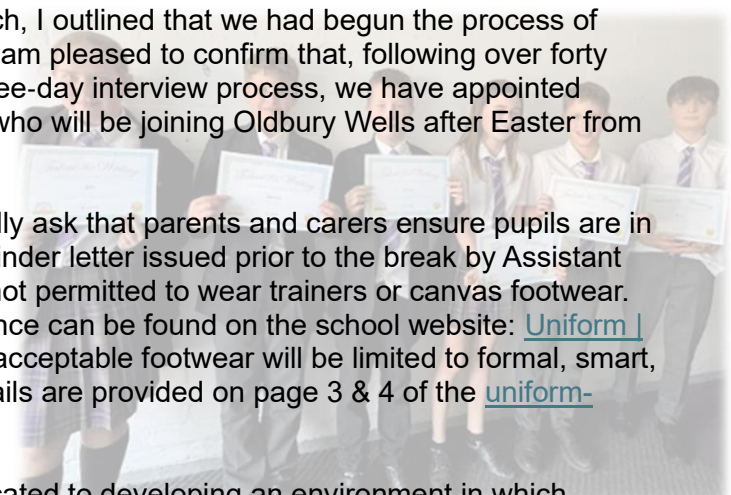
Year 9 learners recently took part in a Mathematics trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester. Mr J. Walker, who led the trip, commented on the excellent engagement shown during the STEM activities and the exemplary behaviour demonstrated throughout the visit.



It was also wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers to our recent Year 9 parents' evening. The overwhelmingly positive feedback regarding the school's development this year was hugely rewarding, and I have ensured this has been shared with staff. Your attendance at the revised options evening was equally appreciated, providing families with the opportunity to meet a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss next steps and receive personalised guidance.

Just before the Easter break, Oldbury Wells hosted six trust schools for our annual Poetry By Heart competition. Learners performed in front of over seventy-five peers, bringing to life poems they loved—written by others or themselves. Particular congratulations go to our younger entrants in Years 7 and 8: Abi, Eva, Eliza, Georgia, Noah, Oscar, Alfie, Jayden, Zach, Jess, Rebecca and Mark, who all performed with confidence and distinction.

I am also delighted to announce that over 90 of our learners had their literary work selected for inclusion in the Young Writers' National Competition. They celebrated this achievement together with certificates presented by our Second in Charge of English, Ms Roberts.



In my communication to you in early March, I outlined that we had begun the process of appointing a new Deputy Headteacher. I am pleased to confirm that, following over forty expressions of interest and a rigorous three-day interview process, we have appointed Ms Clegg, an experienced senior leader who will be joining Oldbury Wells after Easter from Q3 Academy in Sandwell.

Finally, as learners return to school, I kindly ask that parents and carers ensure pupils are in full school uniform, as outlined in the reminder letter issued prior to the break by Assistant Headteacher Ms Lawson. Learners are not permitted to wear trainers or canvas footwear. An abridged version of our uniform guidance can be found on the school website: [Uniform | Oldbury Wells](#). **From September 2026**, acceptable footwear will be limited to formal, smart, black leather or patent shoes; further details are provided on page 3 & 4 of the [uniform-policy-sept-2025.pdf](#)

At Oldbury Wells, the staff team are dedicated to developing an environment in which academic excellence and meaningful opportunity are closely aligned, and your partnership remains essential to achieving our goals.

Thank you for your continued support and for taking the time to engage with this update.

Yours sincerely

Adam Walker
Headteacher