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13 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to congratulate our learners on an excellent return to school. They have once again presented themselves as smart, confident, and mature young people, and we are extremely proud of how positively they have embraced the start of term.

Prior to the Easter holiday, we held our third fire drill of the academic year. This was notable as the first drill conducted simultaneously across both our East and West sites. I am pleased to report that learner behaviour was exemplary throughout, and the drill was completed safely, efficiently and in record time. On both sides of the road, learners were dismissed silently from the line-up. This element of our procedures has become an important feature of fire drills and assembly dismissals this year, reflecting the high standards and expectations we hold at Oldbury Wells, as well as the self-discipline and respect our learners consistently demonstrate.

In terms of site developments, the initial upgrades to the roofing on the East site have now concluded and the redecoration of affected areas is underway. The entire team at Oldbury Wells remains committed to ensuring that our environment is of a consistently high standard for both pupils and staff. Maintenance and site improvement have been a priority this year, and progress has been made at pace.

As part of this commitment, Oldbury Wells has allocated well in excess of £100,000 of investment into ICT infrastructure for the 2025–26 academic year. This programme includes substantial upgrades to our internet and network capability. In addition, the school has approved improvements to computing facilities in Music, the replacement of two full IT suites within Technology, and a complete refurbishment of a bookable computer room. Pleasingly, we have also secured funding to upgrade twenty interactive whiteboards across classrooms throughout the school. Alongside this, a scheduled programme for the upgrade and replacement of staff laptops has also been initiated.

Collectively, these initiatives will have a significant impact on the quality of teaching and learning, working in tandem with the pedagogical approaches staff are continuing to develop through revitalised CPD sessions. There is a strong sense of shared ambition across the school and we are genuinely excited about the future of Oldbury Wells and the positive impact these developments will have on learner outcomes.

With regard to staffing, we have recently said goodbye to Ms Wolff MacDonald and warmly welcomed Ms Perks back from maternity leave. We have also temporarily said goodbye to Ms Short, who began her maternity leave prior to Easter. On Friday 24 April, we will say a poignant final farewell to Mrs Wycherley, our Art teacher and Second in the Creative Arts Cluster. Mrs Wycherley has been a member of the Oldbury Wells community since the early 1990s; such long-standing dedication to one institution is increasingly rare and we thank her sincerely for her outstanding service to our school. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every happiness and success in the next chapter of her life.

Your views and thoughts on how the school has developed over the course of this year are valued, and we would therefore like to invite you to complete our parent/carer survey. We

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would kindly ask that this be completed by 9am on Friday, 17 April 2026. Please follow link to survey: [Parent/Carer Survey 2026 - Oldbury Wells – Fill out form](#)

Once again, thank you for your continued support and for taking the time to engage with this update.

Yours faithfully

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Adam Walker
Headteacher