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Important Dates;**31 Oct (Week 2)**

START OF TERM 2

Year 13 Mock Exams

01 Nov

Year 7 Assembly with Gideons

Oldfield School Association

Meeting, 19.00, Boathouse

02 Nov

Year 9 Netball Tournament,

Wellsway

Year 10 Music Soiree, 17.00

03 Nov

Visit from Sky Sports ambassador

Vernon Samuels

Year 11 Trip to Jimmy's restaurant

04 Nov

Year 7 Latin American Dance

morning

Oldfield School Association Quiz

Night

08 Nov6th Form Information Evening

B&NES Secondary District Cross

Country Competition

Bristol Schools Swimming

Association Secondary

Championships 2016/17

09 Nov

Duke of Edinburgh Information

Evening

10 Nov

Year 8 Somerset Football Cup, away

Year 10 Rugby v Ralph Allen, away

11 Nov

Year 9 WW1 Day

15 Nov

Avon Schools Table Tennis

Championships

16 Nov

Year 8 Netball Tournament, home

6th Form German Lecture, Bristol

University

18 Nov

Inset Day

Head's Lines

I am quite sure that your son or daughter will be looking forward to the holiday next week after what has been a long and busy term. As ever the school year seems to race by and we will soon be preparing for mock examinations for Year 11, the School Carol Concert and, no doubt, starting to prepare for Christmas.

It has been a very rewarding and enjoyable first term at Oldfield School from my perspective. I continue to be impressed by the conduct of the students, the respect that they show towards each other and staff and their willingness to engage in their learning and in the wider life of the school. The school is a busy place during the day but it is very gratifying to see that large numbers of our students are participating in extra-curricular activities at the end of the school day and I would encourage you to continue to support them in attending these. With regards to clubs and activities we have had a very successful start to the year with a number of boys and girls sports teams having some excellent results. Results in rugby have been particularly impressive with a 45-15 win for Year 7 this week against Beechen Cliff and a similarly impressive win from our Year 9s two weeks ago. There were some excellent netball results against Broadlands Academy last week for our Year 8 and Year 9 teams, neither team conceded any points.

I had the privilege to accompany Year 9 on the trip earlier this month to the battlefields in Flanders and the Somme. We participated in the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate and walked over the trenches used by British and Empire soldiers on the first day of the Somme. Our students were a credit to the school and as the trip progressed you could see how their understanding of the tragedy and enormity of the events that took place around these sites developed. Regardless of the number of times I have visited, I am always deeply affected by the experience and I know that this was also the case for our students.

We are in the process of redesigning and rebranding the school website and are hopeful that this will be launched during term 2. This will also involve changes to the content and improvements in functionality, I am very excited about this and the changes to our branding. These reflect the current ethos and culture of the school but place them in a more contemporary context. I am sure that you will approve once you see the finished article; there is a sneak preview included in this newsletter. Following the launch of the website we will be asking parents and staff for feedback on how we can further improve both features and content.

Thank you to all of our parents who supported the school with allowing their child to assist at the Open Evening in September. It was an incredibly busy and successful event and the feedback from our visitors was universally positive about the students that they encountered during the evening. I had informed prospective parents in my presentation that the best advertisement for the school is our students and they did not disappoint.

We have been interviewing for a new Assistant Headteacher on Thursday and Friday of this week. You may be aware that Mrs James will be leaving on maternity leave at the end of this term and we are appointing an additional Assistant Headteacher to take on Mrs James' responsibilities for the remainder of this year and to grow the senior team to reflect the growth in size of the school. We have had an exceptionally strong field of candidates and I will update you on the outcomes from these interviews next term.

We have agreed the term dates for 2018-2019 and these are published with this newsletter. They will also be published on the website. Regarding dates can I remind parents that Friday 18th November is a school closure day. Wishing you an enjoyable and restful break.

*Steven Mackay
Headteacher*

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NOTICE BOARD

Reminder – PE Kits

Students must wear their PE/Dance kit for all lessons even if you are unwell/injured (certain injuries are exempt from this at the teacher's discretion, for example a broken arm). This is to allow students to take part within the lesson carrying out different roles as a coach, umpire or referee and this will also alleviate any issues with students getting their school shoes/uniform dirty whilst their lessons take place on the field. It is imperative all students have the correct PE kit or Dance kit for lessons. Failure to follow this will result in students being given kit marks and sanctions accordingly for failing to be prepared for the lesson. Year 11 students are reminded that they are required to wear full school PE kit.

Year 7 girls' PE classes will be moving onto rugby lessons in Term 2. Please ensure your daughter has football/ rugby boots for lessons which will take place on Westgate Field.

Thank you for your continued support.

The PE Department

Pick up at the end of school

Parents will be aware that the school is working hard to ensure that the end of day arrangements are safe and well managed for our students; in particular that our students stay safe when crossing the roads as they leave the school. One of the issues that has been identified is that of cars being parked on the single white lines on either Penn Hill Road or Kelston Road. While it is legal to do so, this creates significant issues for traffic on the road and also blind spots for students crossing the road. It would be very much appreciated if cars were not parked here at the end of the day. Thank you for your assistance with this.

How to support your child online

Sexting, bullying, peer pressure, body image...the range of online hazards that our students have to deal with is growing all the time. Mobile phones bring the outside world into school and take classroom relationships home, so that bullying that used to stay in the playground can now happen in a student's bedroom too. Yet knowing how to support your child can feel daunting and leave parents feeling clueless about what their children are up to online. Our school website has a wide range of articles and information guides for parents with advice ranging from Snap chat, KiK and YouNow, to information about sexting and how to report online abuse. The following websites in particular are also really helpful for students and parents -

www.parentinfo.org

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

www.childline.org.uk

If you are in any way concerned that your child is suffering from bullying online please contact your child's tutor via enquiries@oldfieldschool.com or by calling 01225 423582.



We also have located on our home page the SWGfF Whisper button which enables you to report a concern anonymously if you prefer.

You can also access the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command (formerly the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) directly to make a report via the CEOP button.



In school we will also continue to promote online safety through assemblies, tutorial sessions, ICT lessons and our PSHE days. We hope at home you will support us by also discussing the issue of online safety with your child on a regular basis. By working together we can help our students stay safe online.

Mrs Mills

Assistant Headteacher Pastoral

History brings people together!

For her recent History homework, Nafisa El-Turke in Year 9 had to find somebody to interview about their experiences of the 20th century. She ended up talking to her 91-year-old next door neighbour, Larry, and discovered the fascinating details of his service in Alexandria, Egypt, during World War II. It turned out that Larry worked on a small boat attached to the Special Boat Service, and operated highly secretive missions performing reconnaissance on the beaches of Nazi-occupied islands in the Mediterranean. Asked about his personal heroes, Larry mentioned the fighter pilots during the Battle of Britain and the politicians who set up the NHS after the war.

Nafisa said that although she originally felt a bit awkward asking Larry about his past, it was really interesting to discover what life was like during the war and that Larry was really happy to talk to her about it.

So get out there and talk to people about their history!

Mr Allen

Head of History

Strictly come Oldfield! Latin American dancers visit the Languages department.

On Friday 4 November, all Year 7 students will attend a Latin American dance workshop. This will take place from Period 1-3 in the hall. The session will be of one hour in length and will involve students learning the basic steps of flamenco, samba, paso doble, macarena and salsa.

Mrs. Elena Roveglia

Head of Modern Foreign Languages

6th Form Information Evening, Tuesday 8th November 2016

Now that GCSE courses have well and truly begun for our Year 10s, it is likely you and your child have started considering what they will do once they complete Year 11. It is our belief that the natural next step for most of our students is to continue to study here at Oldfield School Sixth Form. In order that you can get an idea of what we can offer your child, I'd like to invite you to our Sixth Form Information Evening on Tuesday 8th November 2016 from 6pm to 8pm. The evening will begin at 6pm in the Main Hall with a presentation about life in our Sixth Form and the opportunities we can offer your son/daughter. After this you will be able to visit our subject fair where staff can explain more about their individual subjects. You will also have the opportunity to ask individual questions of staff, Sixth Form students and myself.

*Mr Nash
Director of Post 16 Learning*



Oldfield School's Sixth Form Information Evening

Tuesday 8th November
6pm – 8pm

2017 Prospectus now available on oldfieldschool.com
For more information, please telephone **01225 423582** or send an email to enquiries@oldfieldschool.com



Oldfield gets a new look!

We are very pleased to announce that Oldfield School will be getting a new look! Over the past term we have been working with the Governors, staff and students to develop our new ethos and mission statement and from there our new identity for the school, to reflect the changes that have come about and bring a fresh look to the logo and website.

Our new ethos;

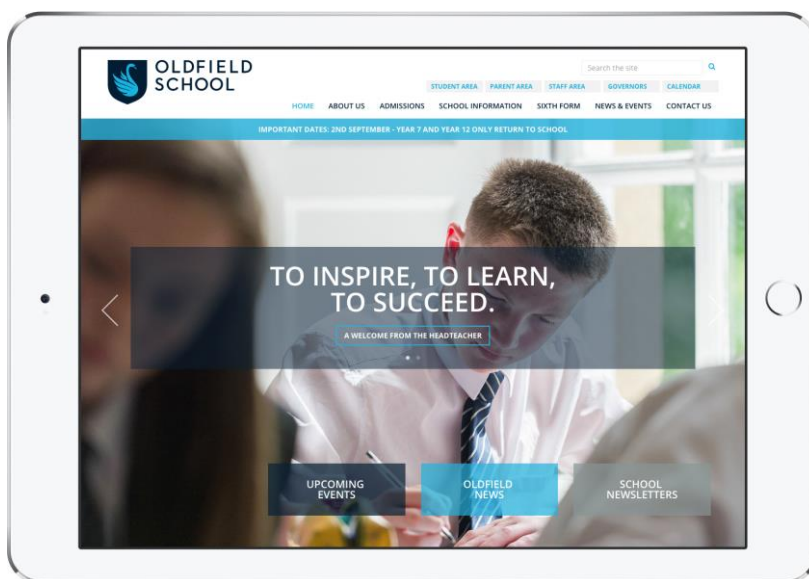
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Mission Statement;

We provide an exceptional education in an environment that challenges all students and fosters ambition. Our students have respect for themselves, each other and their school and are well-prepared to face the world as compassionate, confident and resilient young people.

*Mrs Sweet
Events Manager*

We will start rolling out the new look website after half term, but here's a sneak preview -



.....Fixtures and Extra-curricular Clubs..... Fixtures and Extra-curricular Clubs..... Fixtures and Extra-curricular Clubs.....

Drama Club

Are you keen on bringing out your inner actor? Free on Fridays after school? Then join us at Drama Club! Fun and friendly, every session is started off with a fun interactive game to get the ball rolling which is run by our Sixth Form helper Beth. After this we go into our main activity – staging a performance! This term so far we have worked on performances ranging from comedy to dialogue. We then perform the play we have created, bringing it to life using our wonderful facilities and lighting.

Join us, Miss Grimes and Ms Bloomfield every Friday after school at the Drama Studio.

Stanley 9H

A full list of our Extra-curricular clubs for Term 2 is attached to this newsletter and available on the website.

Netball Results against Broadlands Academy on 12th October;
Year 7 lost 21 – 5
Player of the match; Thalia Perkins
Year 8 won 28 – 0
Player of the match; Lauren Buxton
Year 9 won 21 – 0
Player of the match; Ruby Lovegrove





Cross Country Club

Mrs Bell and I have been very proud of all the pupils who have attended the afterschool cross country club on Fridays. The mindset and enthusiasm showed by every pupil has been incredible. We have been very lucky to have the opportunity to run a variety of routes around the school site. These have included a route up towards Weston and Dean Hill as well as a route down along the River Avon towards Locksbrook. While the club provides a challenge for both the social jogger and the elite performer, every pupil has showed great commitment and attitude. We want to thank everyone who has been involved with the cross country club.

Mr Gann and Mrs Bell

Fixture results

Big congratulations to our Year 7 boys' rugby club who had a big win against Beechen Cliff on 19th October. Also to our Year 7, 8 and 9 girls' netball teams who also won against Ralph Allen.

Junior Girls Inter-House Table Tennis

On the last Wednesday of term, nine girls from Year 7 and 8 turned out for the final Inter-House Table Tennis tournament of the year. The house winner was obvious from the off as all 9 participants were from Austen (blue) house!

There were some comprehensive first round victories for Livvy Britton, Mia Sparks and Ella Bailey (all 7L) over Daisy Baker, Issy Allen and Sophie Wills (all 8T) with the younger competitors winning 11-1, 11-3 and 11-5 respectively. The final first round match was an all 8T affair with Rosie McLain winning a close run match with Chloe Hughes 12-10. The 4 girls who lost would have a second chance for victory in the plate competition with the 4 winners progressing. Rosie McLain then came up against a tough opponent in Ruby Frampton (8T) whose consistency with the bat led to an 11-3 victory.

In the plate competition Allen was feeling confident but some silly errors cost her in an 11-9 defeat to Baker. The second semi-final between Hughes and Wills was locked at 10-10 and no one could call the winner. After some tense points Wills prevailed 14-12 to meet Baker in the final. Neither girl was too confident as these two friends met in the final. The match was played in good spirits and although Daisy finally won 11-8 there was a sporting hug at the end of the match with Sophie not too disheartened after losing to her 'bae'.

In the semi-finals of the main tournament 7L were guaranteed a finalist as Sparks and Bailey met in the first semi-final with Bailey hoping to emulate her brother's success in the junior boys' tournament. It was not to be as Sparks came out on top of some lengthy rallies to progress to the final 11-9. Frampton continued where she left off in her first match winning 11-3 against Britton in the second semi-final. In the 3rd place play off Britton and Bailey met with friendship and pride on the line. Bailey came out victorious 11-6 for a respectable 3rd place. Frampton and Sparks met in a Year 8 vs Year 7 final with both girls confident. A tough match ensued but Frampton's more powerful shots helped her to an 11-4 victory to be crowned champion against a disheartened Sparks.

Thank you to all of the girls who took part in such a successful tournament.

Mr S. Newport

Maths and Computing Teacher



Year 9 Football Match v Clevedon School

We won against U14 Clevedon School 3-0 on 11th October. Man of the match Marley Carpenter scored 1 goal and Ferdinand Symonds scored 2. Captain Ollie Iles said "I am very proud of our team. We showed great teamwork and strong morale. Our passing and shooting was exceptionally good. We were able to maintain possession for the majority of the match. We all look forward to the next round of the Somerset Cup". We are waiting to hear back from the cup organisers for our next game.

Mr Gann
PE Teacher

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Your Sports Captains for the Season 2016-2017

Congratulations to the following students being voted captains of their sports;

Year 8 Netball Captain; Remy Benson
Vice Captain; Lisa Kurdziel

Year 9 Netball Captain; Scarlett Bryan
Vice Captain; Kira Partridge/Ella Longford

Year 10 Netball Captain; Megan Barwick
Vice Captain; Isobel Moon

Year 11 Netball Captain; Ella Bryant
Vice Captain; Lydia Cross

Year 9 Football Captain; Rory Jones
Year 9 Rugby Captain; Kieran Saunders

Year 10 Football Captain; Ben Payne

Year 11 Football Captain; Robbie Snowdon-Higgs

Year 10 Rugby Captain; Michael Symons

Year 11 Rugby Captain; Frank Bulled

*Mrs K Little
Second in PE*

Fixtures List

02.11.16	Netball Tournament, Wellsway	away
08.11.16	B&NES Secondary District Cross Country Competition 2016	away
08.11.16	Bristol Schools Swimming Association Secondary Champs 2016/17	away
10.11.16	Year 8 Somerset Football Cup	away
10.11.16	Year 10 Rugby v Ralph Allen	away
15.11.16	Avon Schools Table Tennis Championships	away
16.11.16	Year 8 Netball Tournament	home

Please note, if a fixture is cancelled on the day, students can either make their way home at the normal time, or they can attend an extra-curricular club. These end at 4pm (or at 4.30pm for Homework Club in the LRC) and not the time that the fixture is due to end. Students are able to call their parents from the main reception at the end of school.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Open Evening and Morning

We had a very successful Open Evening and Open Morning at the end of last month, with nearly 2000 people through the door on the evening. Thank you to all the staff and students who took part in these events and helped to show off our great school.



Waitrose's Fish Workshop

Terry and Richard from the Waitrose store in Bath came into run a fish workshop with Year 11 Catering students. Waitrose provided all the students with their own sustainable British mackerel and lead by Terry (A Waitrose meat and fish expert) the students all filleted their fish. They then grilled the fillets and used these to make mackerel pate. It was great to see all the students have a go at filleting their fish and tasting the dish, even those who thought they may be a bit squeamish.

*Miss C Evans
Head of Technology*





Knitting Remembrance Poppies

This week Oldfield students, parents and staff took part in a local community project run by the Weston Knit and Natter group, to knit remembrance poppies. The knitting group was led by Sue and Wiola and they brought along their amazing poppies which they had knitted to help inspire us. The whole group worked really hard to knit or crochet lots of poppies to go towards Oldfield's contribution to the 1200 poppies which are needed. As well as the knitting which took place in school, parents and grandparents of staff and students who couldn't attend the event, have sent poppies to help with our contribution, some from as far away as Nottingham.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped with this project. If you would like to see the poppies they will be displayed as part of Remembrance Sunday event, on 13th November by the War Memorial in Weston High Street (but they will go up into the church for the services). They will also be for sale at the Winter WestFest, in Weston Village, to raise money for the Royal British Legion.

*Miss C Evans
Head of Technology*

Year 9 Battlefields Trip

We recently returned from our biggest Battlefields trip yet – 93 students and 8 teachers made the journey to Belgium and Northern France. The trip was a great success, and the students gained a much deeper understanding of the scale and the horror of the First World War. We visited several locations around Ypres, which was the site of three terrible battles during the war, and also made our way down to the Somme, where some of the worst fighting took place. These sobering visits to cemeteries and memorials were balanced with free time for the students in the town of Ypres, a visit to the swimming pool in Menin and the exotic cultural experience of a visit to a French supermarket. The Year 9s did us proud and represented the school very well, especially J. C. Horrocks and Gabrielle Norman who presented the wreath on our behalf at the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate.

*Mr Allen
Head of History*

"The year 9 Battlefields trip was something I will never forget. My top favourite places that we visited were Tyne Cot British Cemetery, Thiepval Memorial and Flanders Field Museum. They made me think about all the people who fought for us and died without even knowing that what they had done had helped us win the war and create today's generation.

We also bought lots of Belgium chocolate from Ypres. "
Francesca Thornell, 9S

"On our recent trip to Belgium we looked at the battlefields and war memorials for the soldiers of the First World War. We also went to the Somme. The memorials were very moving, seeing the mass amount of graves, all lined up. It was also sad to see the names of people who were never found or identified as they were buried in unmarked graves. But overall the Battlefields trip was really fun."

Connor Iles 9L





Pumpkin Day at Oldfield!

OLDFIELD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

A quick reminder that the next OSA meeting is on Tuesday 1st November at 7pm in the Boathouse on Newbridge Road. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Our next big event is the **Quiz Night on Friday 4th November** and starts at 7pm. Tickets are £2 per person and you can form teams of up to 6 people. Come and join in the fun, form a team or just turn up on the night and you'll be allocated a team.

We would love to hear from you, if you are able to come along to any of the meetings – only once a term, or if you are unable to sign up on a regular basis but are happy to help out occasionally please send your email address and we'll add you to our list.

We're proud to support our children's education and provide those little extras that help enhance their educational experiences. However, we need your help. So please do come forward and join in with any events, meetings or ideas you have. Please email osa@oldfieldschool.com

FROM OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

The Rock Project

Spaces are now available to join The Rock Project, lessons in Singing, Guitar, Bass or Drums, AND play as part of a band! The Rock Project are currently looking for 12-18 year olds to join their two-hour weekly sessions in Bath. Spaces are limited so get in touch now to secure your place. Would you like to be playing or singing on stage at our big summer gig? Come along for a trial session, Mondays 7.30pm-9.30pm in Bath. All abilities welcome. To book a space email bath@therockproject.com, call 07896031521 or visit www.therockproject.com. Also available for 7-11 year olds, get in touch for details.

PLAYBARN PRESENTS

SPOOKLEY PUMPKIN FESTIVAL!

Sat 15th and Sun 16th October
Fri 21st to Mon 31st October

- 🎃 Pick Your Own Pumpkin
- 🎃 Carving and decorating
- 🎃 Meet Spookley the square pumpkin
- 🎃 Make a Spookley scarecrow
- 🎃 Ride on the Pumpkin Express!



October is National Bullying Prevention Month and Spookley is the Official Spokes Pumpkin!



Open 7 days a week
Just off the A362, Farrington Gurney

For full details of all these events and more visit our website and social media pages






AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

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Tues	5	12	19	26	
Wed	6	13	20	27	
Thur	7	14	21	28	
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OCTOBER

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DECEMBER

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MARCH

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APRIL

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AUGUST

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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		Inset Day	

- Term 1: Fri 1st Sept – Fri 20th Oct 2017 36 days
- Term 2: Mon 30th Oct - Fri 15th Dec 2017 35 days
- Term 3: Tue 2nd Jan - Fri 9th Feb 2018 29 days
- Term 4: Mon 19th Feb - Fri 23rd Mar 2018 25 days
- Term 5: Mon 9th Apr - Fri 25th May 2018 34 days
- Term 6: Mon 4th Jun - Fri 20th Jul 2018 35 days
- Total 195 days*

- Christmas Bank Holidays 25th December 2017
26th December 2017
- New Year Bank Holiday 1st January 2018
- Good Friday 30th March 2018
- Easter Monday 2nd April 2018
- Early May Bank Holiday 7th May 2018
- Spring Bank Holiday 28th May 2018
- Summer Bank Holiday 27th August 2018