

To inspire, to learn, to succeed

Important Dates;

01 Sept 2017

INSET DAY

04 Sept 2017

Week One

Start of Term 1 Yr 7, 10, 12

05 Sept 2017

Start of Term 1 Yr 8, 9,
11,13

12 Sept 2017

Yr 11 Information Evening

13 Sept 2017

OSA Meeting

14 Sept 2017

Yr 7 Information Evening

19 Sept 2017

Year 7 Wild Place Trip (7D,
7G)

Yr 10 Information Evening

20 Sept 2017

Yr 7 Wild Place Trip (7H, 7L)

21 Sept 2017

Yr 7 Wild Place Trip (7N, 7S)

22 Sept 2017

Yr 7 Wild place Trip (7B)

27 Sept 2017

Open Evening

28 Sept 2017

INSET DAY 2

29 Sept 2017

Open Morning 1

02 Oct 2017

Open Morning 2

Dear Parents/Carers

In this, the last newsletter of the year, I would like to begin by reflecting on what has been a very busy and rewarding first year as Headteacher at Oldfield School. I would like to thank our students, staff and parents for the warm welcome on my arrival and for their ongoing support during the year. Amongst the many positive experiences since last September, the highlights of the year for me have been participating in the Year 9 Battlefields trip, the Year 11 celebration assembly and prom and the opportunity to spend time, on a daily basis, with our students at lunch or break; in particular at this time of the year on Penn Field. I have been impressed by, and grateful of, the commitment shown by teaching and support staff throughout the year and the efforts that they have made to support our students.

The year has drawn to a close with our school production and sports day. We involved the whole school with sports day for the first time with our entire student body either participating or spectating throughout the day. We were blessed by excellent weather, warm but not too hot and it was a very enjoyable day with a tight finish during the relay resulting in Austen winning the House competition. Our school production, 'Oliver!' ran for three nights last week and played to a busy house each night, with Friday having a full hall. The months of work put into the preparations by staff and students paid off with a very professional and entertaining show being the result. Particular reference must be made to the efforts of Mrs Bloomfield, Miss Grimes, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Macnaughton for their dedication in ensuring the cast were well prepared.

The selection process for our school prefects has been completed and 24 successful applicants have started to carry out their responsibilities. This is a new venture for the school and I have been very impressed with the response from our Year 10 students and their enthusiasm for the role. We will be selecting a student leadership team (Head Girl/Boy and their deputies) from the prefect body early next year.

You will be pleased to know that our refurbishment programme will get underway during the summer holiday and the first stage of this will be to refurbish the stable block at Penn. This will involve installing new windows, carpets and furniture as well as the whole building being repainted. We will also be completing similar work in the Sixth Form area and other rooms on the second floor of Penn. Both areas are very much in need of this work and the learning environment in both will be transformed. In total we will be spending almost £100,000 in these areas over the summer and I hope that we will be able to enhance other teacher areas during the year.

There are a number of points of information for parents with regards to the start of the new school year. There is an inset day on Friday 1st September and **the first school day for Year 7, Year 10 and Year 12 is Monday 4th September and for Year 10, 12 this will include their GCSE / Sixth Form Induction Day. Years 8, 9, 11 and 13 will start on Tuesday 5th September.**

I am sure that you will join me in wishing the staff leaving us well in the future and in their new careers and ventures. Of our staff leavers a number have secured promotions elsewhere, most notably Rhian Davies, who has been appointed to a senior leadership position at Wellsway School. Some of our staff are leaving or taking a break from the teaching profession, including Celia Trevan who will be travelling around the world over the next year and Miss MacKellar-Still who will be working in the travel industry in South America. Two of our support staff; Chloe Jenkins and Laura Lowes are starting teacher training courses in September and I am delighted that their experience of working at the school has reaffirmed their desire to follow a career in education. Regarding staffing I am pleased to inform you that the school is fully staffed for next year with specialist teachers in all of our subject areas.

While all schools are similar, they are also different in many, often quite subtle, ways and this is usually related to the nature, ethos and character of the students. We are very fortunate to have outstanding young people at the school and I am determined to ensure that we continue to provide them with the best possible opportunities, facilities and experiences.

I hope that you and they have a very enjoyable and relaxing summer.

*Steven Mackay
Headteacher*

NOTICE BOARD

Uniform

I would be grateful for your support with regards to uniform by ensuring that your son or daughter returns to school in September in the correct uniform. We have made some minor changes to our uniform expectations including clearer guidance on footwear. Please refer to the uniform section on the website for more information on this. Please remember that extreme hairstyles and unnatural hair colouring are also not permitted. Could I also take this opportunity to remind you of our policy on piercings. We do not allow students to have piercings other than two ear studs and the best advice I can give is that if you are going to allow your son or daughter to have a piercing other than in an ear that you do so at the start of the holiday. This will give time to heal prior to the return to school in September as they will not be allowed to wear any jewellery in these piercings when at school.

Learning Resource Centre

A number of books have gone missing from the LRC. I would be grateful if all parents and students could check at home to see if you have any library books and return them to the Learning Resource Centre.

Thank you.

*Mrs Stapleton
LRC Assistant*

Changes to our Pastoral structure

There are changes to the pastoral structure from September following a review undertaken over the last two terms. We have decided to structure the pastoral team on a year group basis and this will mean that the main point of contact for pastoral issues (other than your child's tutor) will be the Head of Year. I appreciate that this will mean that for many students their pastoral head will change in September but for the very great majority of students their tutor will remain the same.

We have carefully considered the relative merits of a House based structure as against a Year based structure and feel that the latter will be more effective and appropriate for the school. A year based approach will allow us to better focus on the needs, which vary significantly, of each separate cohort and ensure a consistent approach to pastoral issues across the year group. The Heads of Year in September will be:

Year 7	Miss Ryan
Year 8	Mrs Pierce Butler
Year 9	Mrs Macalister
Year 10	Mr Fenwick
Year 11	Mr Hayward

Miss Ryan is a new member of staff joining the MFL Department and was appointed as a replacement for Miss B Davies who is leaving us at the end of this term. The intention is for these Heads of Year to stay with their year groups as they progress through the school.

As a consequence of this change we have also appointed new Heads of House. These posts will not have a pastoral role as the current Heads of House do (the Heads of Year will have this role). They will be managing House events, activities and competitions and building a house spirit and ethos. The Heads of House will be: Mr Gann (Palmer); Mrs Macnaughton (Holburne); Miss Vickery (Shelley) and Mr Fox (Austen).

*Mr Mackay
Headteacher*

Online Safety and Wellbeing

On Monday 26th June our annual Parents Information Evening was held to give advice to parents on how to support our students with regard to their online safety and their wellbeing. These presentations are now available on our school website. It was a successful event and one that we will be holding again next academic year.

In addition, many of young people in the UK have been affected by national events this year. These traumatic events can cause worry and anxiety. If your child has been affected by any of these recent events please sign post them to the resources below.

<https://www.winstonswish.org.uk/responding-children-affected-media-coverage-incident-westminster/>

<https://childbereavementuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/1.4b-Supporting-children-after-a-frightening-event.pdf?noredir=true>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/>

The NSPCC also offers the following advice to parents—

Children are exposed to news in many ways, and what they see can worry them. Our advice can help you have a conversation with your child:

- * listen carefully to a child's fears and worries
- * offer reassurance and comfort
- * avoid complicated and worrying explanations that could be frightening and confusing
- * help them find advice and support to [understand distressing events and feelings](#)
- * children can always contact Childline free and confidentially on the phone and online.

*Mrs Mills
Assistant Headteacher Pastoral*

Year 7 Rounders Win the County Championships!

After doing amazingly well in the BANES rounders tournament in June by qualifying for the finals at Bath University, our Year 7 girls rounders team found themselves competing against the top 2 teams from each area in the County finals.

Oldfield won every game in their pool, beating Bedminster Down (4-0.5), Backwell (4-3), and Hanham Woods (7-5). We then met back with Hayesfield in the final as they had also won their pool. This was the best game I have seen the students play with both sides showing amazing strength in both batting and fielding. They won this final game 7-5 and played fantastically well. At the end of the competition they were presented with gold medals.

The students supported each other throughout the day and it has been a pleasure coaching them over the last few months. Thank you also to Maddie Haag for being an amazing captain and helping me with the team.

Well done girls!

Maddie Haag
Eleni Francis
Ella Bailey
Honey Johnson
Mia Sparks
Chloe Marrett
Livvy Britton
Hafsa Said
Lubna Dahir
Chloe Priestley
Gaby Edwards
Missy Mckenzie



Mrs Bell
PE Teacher

Senior Rounders second place in BANES!

The Year 10 rounders team continue their successful march onwards through the season!

They took part in the Year 10 BANES tournament held at Norton Hill School and had an extremely successful night. Once again we saw awesome fielding from all, especially Mary Rider on 2nd base, Ellie Sanders in deep field and Sophia Kendall taking some great catches on 4th base. Likewise, when batting we were piling on the rounders, special mention to Mary Rider and Megan Barwick as our top rounders scorers on the night.

We won all of our three matches in the pool, finishing as winners of the pool and were against Chew Valley in the final. Sadly we just couldn't get the final rounders we needed to beat them and lost by 2 rounders. A very impressive second place standing in BANES and I am so proud of not only the way we play but also of how professionally the girls conduct themselves when representing the school.

Well done to you all!

Results

Beat Ralph Allen	7 - 1 1/2	Player of the match - Mary Rider
Beat Hayesfield	4 - 1 1/2	Player of the match - Mary Rider
Beat Wellsway	7 1/2 - 5	Player of the match - Ellie Sanders

Final
Lost to Chew Valley 3 1/2 - 5 1/2
Player of the match - Jane Rider.

Mrs Little
Second in PE



Biathlon Competition


On Wednesday 5th July a group 11 students from all year groups participated in the West of England Battle Biathlon. The event was held at Bath University and the students showed their skills in laser pistol shooting and fencing. The event was a conclusion of the Pentathlon UK enrichment club that the students had been a part of in terms 3, 4 and 5. As the sport was completely new to them this year the students did really well in the competition showing individual brilliance but most importantly competing as a team. The overall team came 3rd place out of hundreds of Schools in the West of England and in the Year 10 competition Laura Flint, Issac Amos and Megan Barwick picked up a silver medal for second. Well done and great to see new sports and new opportunities for Oldfield students.

*Mr John
PE Teacher*



 OLDFIELD SCHOOL
West England Battle Biathlon Team
2017



Year 9 Biathlon Team
2017  OLDFIELD SCHOOL (L-R) Finn, Harley, Joey, Miya

Monmouth Rugby 7s Tournament

Our Year 10 boys came runners up in the plate, with some brilliant performances against some very strong Welsh teams.



Senior Rounders

Congratulations to the Y9 and 10 rounders team who are celebrating yet another win last week when they hosted Wellsway. Once again we saw some excellent tight fielding performances and some fantastic individual performances when batting. Special mention to Amelia Crook who, as captain, lead by example putting impressive rounders on the score sheet.

The Year 9 squad won 11-9 and player of the match was Amelia Crook. The Year 10 team won with a score of 10 1/2 to 5. Player of the match was awarded to Mary Rider.

*Mrs Little
Second in PE*



Year 10 Students packing the books



Books to Nigeria!

We are very pleased to have been a part of an initiative to provide books for schools in Nigeria. We received this lovely message from the Sure Foundation Education Trust, an organisation established to help vulnerable children across Nigeria to receive a good quality education; "Thank you so much for incredible **2252 text books** you have donated! They have now been shipped and are on their way to the Golden City School and the Sure Foundation Trust based in Lagos Nigeria.

Golden City School was established several years ago. It has been for primary level children to date but in September they are opening at secondary level. There are currently no teaching resources available and the school are having to rely solely on donations. We work with 50 schools providing teacher training and resources, and arranging motivational events for the children.

The books you have donated will be well used in such a context. Thank you so much for the way you have taken on this challenge and the incredible enthusiasm and generosity shown by Oldfield School. I will send photos of the books being well used in Nigeria! Thank you!

Eleanor Reading 8L

Plant Cell Models

As part of year 8 biology, year 8 were asked to produce a model of a plant cell. The students produced some excellent models labelling all the key features of a plant cell in many different formats, including Lego models and cake!



UKMT Maths challenges 2017

We have had another excellent year with students competing in the national Maths challenge, in which thousands of students compete every year. Over 500,00 pupils from across the UK sat the challenges, with roughly the top 6% achieving a gold certificate. We are very proud to announce 2 of our students, out of those that competed, achieved gold; Dan Weston 10D and Nathan Motean 8S.

The next 13% of pupils from the UK achieve silver medals and again we are proud to have had 16 students in this category; Jack Gibert, Joey Williams, Joaquin McLoughlin, Hamdi Saleem, Izzeldeen Abumatar, Faris Kahtan, William Ormes Roder, Ruby Mills, Zoe Burr, Molly Lander, Maddie Haag, Henry Court, Tate Hopkins, Ruby Pearce, Declan Tugwel, Freya Rotheram. The next 21% of pupils receive a bronze medal, and we had 29 students achieve this level.

Approximately 6800 of the top students in each competition are invited to sit a follow-on competition. This year, Nathan Motean competed in the Kangaroo paper. Dan Weston competed in the Pink Kangaroo paper and Joey Williams 9S in the Grey Kangaroo paper.

Further details can be found about the competition on <https://www.ukmt.org.uk/>

Miss Trevan
Maths Teacher

Make up artist to the stars visits Oldfield

On Friday 14th July, Oldfield School was extremely pleased to offer a warm welcome to Katie Cottle - film, stage and musical makeup artist - who ran a makeup and beauty workshop for some of our Year 9 and 10 students. Katie, who has provided beauty and makeup services for celebrities such as Kate Winslet, Maisie Williams (Game of Thrones), Pixi Lott and Geri Halliwell, shared some of her expertise gained whilst serving as an ambassador for Dior and Estee Lauder.

The workshop - run on the theme of 'Less is More' - proved to be extremely popular and we hope to be working with Katie again soon.



A visit from Joffre White, author

Thursday 29th June saw a visit from the popular author Joffre White, whose novels include the *Frog* trilogy and the recently released *Earthland*.

The day began with Year 9 being treated to Joffre's much-heralded 'Reading Motivator Show' - the hour flew past as Joffre regaled us with tales from his childhood, mapping his journey from reluctant reader to published wordsmith! Who knew that a spud-gun and a copy of *The Dandy* could lead to life as a novelist?

In the afternoon, talented writers from Years 7 -10 took part in Writers' Workshops, their extensive vocabularies and vivid imaginations to the fore as they conjured the early lines of their own masterpiece.

Copies of *Earthland* signed and minds set to our future written creations, we all left feeling inspired. Thanks Joffre!



Oldfield School Sponsored Walk

On the final day of Activities Week, all of Years 7-9 prepared to go out on our first annual sponsored walk. We were blessed with perfect weather: neither too hot nor raining! The students' attitude, enthusiasm and commitment was excellent. The walk took us up the Cotswold Way to a short rest stop on Kelston Round Hill to enjoy the view and then on up to Lansdown Hill. After a lunch break nestled in a valley just below Pipleay Wood, we turned back for the return walk to school.

The money raised through the walk will be divided equally between a charitable donation to Head's Together Charity and funds for the School Council which they will use to improve facilities for students around the school site at break time and lunch. The amount raised exceeded our expectations and the final amount was £3168.24- a huge achievement. A number of individual students raised over £200 and Mr Peacock's 8N raised the most funds of any other tutor group with a staggering £357.

Many thanks to all those who generously sponsored our students and a hearty congratulations to all the students who took part.

Year 9 Geography Field Trip to Swanage

New GCSE Geography students took part in a 3 day residential trip to Dorset. They got an opportunity to learn about and see many fantastic sites that they will cover during the GCSE course and participate in some outdoor activities. Day one was spent visiting Old Harry Rocks and exploring the coastal landforms around Swanage, they then had an opportunity to go coasteering and get close to the features they had been learning about. Day two focused on Brownsea Island and Poole Harbour, the groups spent their time exploring the ecosystems of Brownsea and the management of the island, some students even managed to spot the red squirrels found there, but the staff didn't manage to see one this year. The rest of the day was spent kayaking and exploring Poole Harbour, a shallow, sheltered area with some amazing contrasts. Our final day was spent exploring the urban geography of Bournemouth and seeing if it is a typical seaside town. The students behaved brilliantly and had a great attitude throughout- the Geography department are really looking forward to teaching them next year.

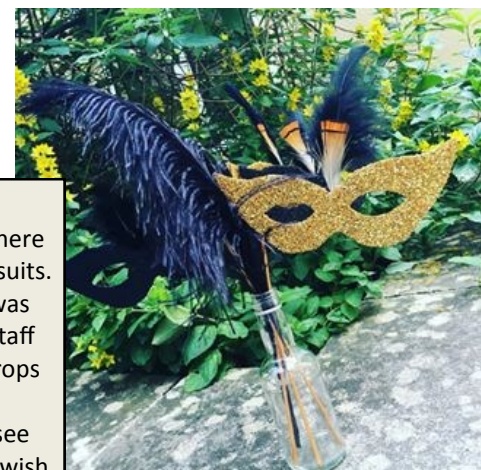


Mr Peacock

Year 19 Geography Field Trip to Clevedon

As part of the GCSE geography course Year 10 students went off on a field work day to study three areas; coastal geography, urban geography and tourism. The students had to collect their own data, analyse it and produce a written up version in class. The students will be assessed on this work in exam conditions as part of the Unit 3 Geography exam. After some complaints about walking, the students fully involved themselves in the tasks and were a credit to the school.

Mr Peacock
Head of Humanities

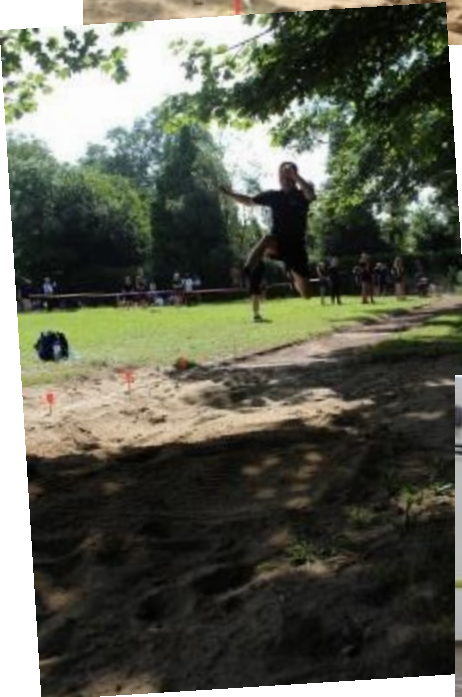


Year 11 Prom night

This year's prom was held at Bath Racecourse and there was a great turn out of beautiful dresses and sharp suits. The theme of the evening, picked by the students, was black and gold Hollywood style and our wonderful staff in Design Technology put together some amazing props for the students to use. We are sad to be saying goodbye to some of our Year 11s, although we will see many of you next year in the 6th Form, but want to wish you all success and happiness for the future.

Oldfield School Sports Day 2017





		Tutor(s)	House	Room	HOY
7	B	JOD – Darren John	Austen	107	Victoria Ryan
	D	JOE – Emma Johnson	Holburne	204	
	G	EVC – Charlotte Evans	Holburne	108	
	H	EDC – Caitlin Edmondson	Palmer	DS1	
	L	SPT – Thomas Spence	Palmer	D03	
	N	NOC – Charlotte Noakes	Shelley	109	
	S	THH – Harry Thompson	Shelley	202	
Associate Tutors – Caitlin Boseley (BOC) Rachel Bell (BER)					
8	B	HED – David Herbert	Holburne	D10	Genni Pierce-Butler
	D	BRJ- Jenny Brewer	Shelley	P01	
	G	HPA – Adele Hooper	Austen	D01	
	H	MCS – Stephen McHugh	Palmer	D06	
	L	PRJ – Jess Prior	Austen	D09	
	N	ASN – Natalie Ashford-Hodges	Holburne	S15	
	S	PAS – Sarah Patterson	Palmer	S13	
T	CRH – Hamish Crow	Shelley	N11		
Associate Tutors – Caroline Sackett (SAC) and Danielle Prosser (PRD)					
9	B	HAB – Brittany Hassell	Shelley	203	Justine Macalister
	D	GAC – Chris Gann	Palmer	D05	
	G	PEM – Michael Pearce	Shelley	S11	
	H	HES – Samuel Hellard	Holburne	S21	
	L	MAA – Andrew March	Palmer	D07	
	N	PAM – Martin Peacock	Austen	N13	
	S	LAI – Ivonnes Langsi	Holburne	S14	
T	PRE – Emma Prior	Austen	S12		
Associate Tutors Lizzie Cross (CRE) and Verity Lewis (LEV)					
10	B	NEA – Alexandra Newport	Palmer	201	Ross Fenwick
	D	MAS - Sarah Macnaughton	Holburne	105	
	G	HWL – Luke Howard	Shelley	D08	
	H	GRC- Christy Grimes	Shelley	E08	
	L	DIT – Tara Diamond	Holburne	P03	
	N	FOD – Dan Fox	Austen	N12	
	S	JEP(Mon,Th,Fr) / LIK (Tues/Wed)- Polly Jeremy/ Karina Little	Austen	104	
T	MOM / EBS (wed, Th,) Marisa Monaghan/Sara Eason-Blake	Palmer	D04		
Associate Tutors – Karina Little (LIK), Caroline Britton (BRC), Polly Jeremy (JEP)					
11	B	TRL- Lawrence Trowell	Holburne	P04	Mark Hayward
	D	PEJ – Jamie Pearce	Holburne	008	
	G	MOA – Agnes Morens	Palmer	205	
	H	BIP – Penny Bird	Austen	DS2	
	L	EVM – Megan Evans	Shelley	207	
	N	ALT – Tom Allen	Austen	106	
	S	BLD – Dave Blower	Shelley	P14	
T	EID – David Eidman	Palmer	006		
Associate Tutors Alison Clark (CLA), Matt Brooke (BRM), Gillian Beckett (BEG)					
16+	6 th a	CAR		009	Graham Nash
	6 th b	MAJ		P02	
Associate Tutors Ruth Rhodes (ROR) and Kim Reed (REK)					