

August 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Time to welcome everybody back after the summer holidays

This school term begins with two inset days for staff only on Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September. The start for students is then staggered as shown below:

Wednesday 4 September – Year 7, 10 and 12 only. All year 7s to go straight to the main hall. Year 12 to the common room in Penn. Year 10 to tutor rooms. Staff will be available to point everyone in the right direction.

Thursday 5 September – All year groups. Staff will be available to guide students to their tutor groups. Exciting! It is a lovely time of year when we are all recharged and full of energy for the term ahead. Like you, but not all the students, we are raring to get back to the fun of learning!

Uniform

Full school uniform is essential and it's always great to see everyone so smartly dressed, some of it may be a little oversized, but they will grow into it. To avoid any issues you can check our website here. Please note false nails and nose piecing are still not allowed.

https://www.oldfieldschool.com/school-information/uniform/

If you have any issues with uniform, please email on enquiries@oldfieldschool.com.

Congratulations

Well done to all our students in year 11 and 13. It was fantastic to see them on the results days. All of their hard work and dedication paid off and helped them onto their next steps.

Quick headlines: at A-level 70% of the grades were A^* - C and at GCSE 27% of the grades were the highest grades 7 – 9. Amazing! It's been a pleasure for all of us to support the students on this journey. All the staff are extremely proud of their achievements and their amazing attitude. Good luck to everyone for the future.

Toilets

We have new toilets in the main block. Hurray! Some of the toilets have been converted into single cubicles making it easier for students to access the bathroom. There will be strict guidelines to support safety around these excellent new facilities. The toilets are fully enclosed and there must be only one person at a time in each compartment. If students break this rule they will be searched, phones will be confiscated, and they will then be isolated or suspended. We will explain this to the students on their return and thank you for your support in this area. It may be a small thing, but we are very happy to have improved facilities in school.

Summer riots

Many of you will have seen the disturbing events over the summer in some communities around the country. We will be speaking to the students about this on their return and linking with our value of



kindness showing that honest and open communication is key and violence is never a solution. It has been amazing to see the positivity and solidarity that the majority have shown, and that tolerant and welcoming communities are a big part of our country. There are some links below to support if required.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/c5y381z7ne8o

I hope you have all enjoyed the holidays. Time to get ready again. I really enjoyed last year and being welcomed into the Oldfield community and am very much looking forward to my second year at the school and thank you again for all your support last year.

Best wishes

Headteacher

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