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Headteacher's Message

As we come to the end of the first half term of 2017 I must say, once again, how proud I am of all our students at Oldbury. It has been a really busy term, with lots going on. We have had our PowerPlay weeks, Recognition weeks, lots of trips and plenty of other exciting experiences for our students.

Governors and I have also been busy interviewing for a new Deputy Headteacher and I am delighted to announce the appointment of Lucy Wardle who will join us after the Easter holidays. I look forward to welcoming her to our team.

On Saturday 18th February, 48 students and 7 staff will begin their exciting journey to Quebec for our schools ski trip... we wish them an enjoyable trip and very safe journey!

May I also wish you and your family a relaxing half term break.

Phil Shackleton
Headteacher

Vacancy

Become an Exam Invigilator

Oldbury Academy is currently recruiting Examination Invigilators for our summer examinations season.

If you are interested and have availability to work in May and June we would be interested in hearing from you.

Please see our website for details and an application form.

Finance Department

We do not issue change in school, but almost on a daily basis students are appearing with £20 notes. Parents may be giving students the money expecting them to put it onto their dinner cards but the students are trying to get change so they can go to the shop.

School advise parents to use ParentPay, this avoids students carrying money to school which could be lost. If anyone requires their ParentPay login details please email finance@oldburyacademy.org.uk so we can re-issue this information.

By logging in to ParentPay you can see what you child has spent on food and drink at school and how much money has been put onto their cards.

Return to School

Pupils will return to school on Monday 27th February at the normal starting time.

Safeguarding Update

We would like to remind our parents of the Social Media age restrictions. These are in place to keep our young people safe. The news is full of stories of cyberbullying, online grooming and misery caused by social media and we certainly deal with it on a regular basis at Oldbury Academy. Please ensure that your child is not accessing inappropriate social media platforms and take a few minutes to explain why.

Police Update

The Police have informed us of an app called "live.me". This has been used by young girls to perform whilst total strangers are able to follow and watch. The danger in this cannot be overstated and the Police are keen to make parents aware of its presence and encourage vigilance.



What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

Platform	Age Restriction
Twitter	13
Facebook	13
Instagram	13
Pinterest	13
Google+	18
Tumblr	13
Reddit	13
Snapchat	13
Secret	13
WhatsApp	16
Vine	13
Tinder	18
Path	13
YouTube	13
WeChat	13
Keek	13
Kik	13
Foursquare	13
Flickr	13

13-18 with parent's permission

Happy Puzzle Company

On Tuesday 7th February over 100 students from year 7 and 8 had the opportunity to solve some tricky problems with the Happy Puzzle Company inset.

The students involved developed important learning skills including resilience and teamwork through a series of challenging logic puzzles.

The students had a great time and all felt they had achieved something worthwhile by the end of the session.



World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March 2017

As part of our celebrations for World Book Day we are having a Scholastic book fair in school from Thursday 2nd to Wednesday 8th March inclusive.

Books, posters and stationery will be on sale in the Library at Breakfast Club, break, lunchtime and Homework Club.

Sales from the fair will generate free books for the school library.

Parents are welcome to view the fair between 3.00pm - 4.00pm.





Get fit fast! Sam's Gym is located on the Wolverhampton Road situated within Oldbury Academy open for the public from 1pm to 10pm weekdays and 9am to 6pm weekends.

It is a state of the art fitness centre which incorporates excellent equipment with a friendly atmosphere.

We are proud of the many weight loss stories which come as a result of training with professional staff who will also provide diet and workout plans free of charge when you become a member.

The prices are as follows:

£10 - joining fee (lifetime membership). You can then choose any of the following:

£4 - pay as you go (per session)

£25 - pay as you go (per month)

Or

£10 - standing order (off peak - 1pm to 3pm and 8pm to 10pm) Monday to Friday however you can use the gym outside these hours for just £2.50 per session.

£20 - standing order (peak - all hours)

Neither of these two options ties you into a contract!

£54 - 3 month Pass

£150 - 12 month Pass

All of the above include free use of sauna & steam rooms.

Why not book an induction to see our facilities for yourself.

For more information please visit www.sams gym.info or call us on 0121 544 9989.



Weightlifting Championships

Oldbury Academy had a huge success at the recent National Schools Olympic Weightlifting Championships with 1 first place and 1 3rd place for our Olympic weightlifting Club.

Have we got your current contact details?

Ring our reception and double check.

We now text parents regularly to communicate so please ensure we have your most up to date details!