Academy Oldbury Newsletter

I am PC Chris Jones, the schools link officer for Oldbury Academy, here to support staff and students in any way appropriate to my role. Staff and students are welcome to speak to me when I visit every Friday afternoon. From the 15th October, the Police will be working closely with the local council and school, for a week putting additional resources into improving the community around the Oldbury area. Arrest teams, speed operations and warrants will be completed alongside educational visits about knife crime and social media dangers. Assemblies next week will be aimed at promoting the Sandwell Safer 6 scheme, a range of activities intended to raise the profile of key themes and protect the young people in the Sandwell community. I hope you have a wonderful weekend, if you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to contact me through the school.

PC C.Jones
Schools Link Officer

Well done to those who have been awarded "Linguist of the Month" for September

This week we hosted the first Sandwell School Games primary schools competition of the 2018/19 programme.

We were joined by over 500 participants from 16 Sandwell primary schools, from Years 3,4,5 and 6!

Top pupil achievement points this week

PUPIL	FORM	YEAR	TOTAL
H.Singh	8B	Year 8	26
K.Kaur	7F	Year 7	25
A.Uruci	EAL	Year 9	22
R.Kaur	9D	Year 9	20
L.Kaur	9I	Year 9	19
C.Dale	8B	Year 8	17
T.Johal	8B	Year 8	17
M.Muadh Asghar	7B	Year 7	16
S.Singh	8L	Year 8	16
N.Francis-Stewart	8A	Year 8	15

Year 11 Session 6 Timetable

Week 1

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Maths	English	Science

Week 2

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
History, Art, Business, Computer Science, Dance, Sport	Health & Social Care, Fashion & Textiles, IT, Drama, Catering	Geography, RE, Creative i Media, Travel & Tourism	Music, German, Construction, Child Development, Hair & Beauty

Parents Evening 1	Thursday 8th November 2018 (4:30 – 7:00 PM)
Mocks 1	Monday 19th – Friday 23rd November 2018
Parents Evening 2	Wednesday 6th Feb 2019 (4:30 – 7:00 PM)
Mocks 2	Monday 4th – Friday 15th March 2019
GCSE Exams	Monday 13th May – Thursday 27th June 2019

This weeks attendance

Well done to the following forms, who have had the highest attendance of their year groups for the last 5 days:

Year 7 - Mr Blakemore - 98.40%
Year 8 - Mrs Field - 98.68%
Year 9 - Miss Pugh - 98.61%
Year 10 - Mr Kanwar - 99.65%
Year 11 - Mr Spencer - 98.96%

Don't forget our target for attendance is 98% and this is the minimum needed to access any rewards in school.

Wednesday 7th November 2018

School will close to pupils at 1:30pm for a Teaching & Learning afternoon. The school canteen will be closed on this day for lunch, any student entitled to a free school meal will be able to collect their lunch from the main canteen at 1.30pm.
The letter that has been sent home, is available to view on our website.

Dates for your diary / Coming up in school

24th October - Year 11 Carding Mill trip
29th Oct - 2nd Nov - October Half term
7th Nov - Half Day for Students
8th Nov - Year 11 Parents Evening

Mental Health Awareness

10% of young people experience mental health problems. Over the next few weeks this section of the newsletter will be aimed at raising awareness and understanding.

Action for Children has a simple guide for parents to spot the signs:

Mood - become irritable, aggressive, withdrawn. May blame you if things go wrong.
Actions – changes in sleeping or eating patterns, self-harm or issues with drugs or alcohol.
Social – losing interest in friends or interests, appearing especially bored, lonely or withdrawn.
Keep talking – even if they are reluctant to talk keep listening and eventually they will open up.

So what should I do if I spot the signs?

Try to stay relaxed and chat to your child about their feelings.
Signpost them to online support (Kooth) or Childline (0800 1111) for free help.
Call us – the school safeguarding team know what to do and can help!
If you believe your child needs immediate help call 111 or take them to the GP or A&E.