

4th March 2019

Dear Local Residents/Shop Keepers

Spring Update 2019

I am delighted to be able to write to you once again. I have recently been appointed as the Transition and Work Experience Coordinator at Oldbury Academy. This means that, as before, one of my main responsibilities will be to work closely with our local community.

I want to draw your attention to our website, more specifically the 'In our community' section. This area of the website will be kept updated with important information regarding the support and work Oldbury Academy are completing within our local area. I will also ensure that a copy of these updates are also attached.

Recently, I have held several meetings with the police and bus companies to ensure that our students' behaviour represents us positively and that any negative behaviour is dealt with swiftly. We are very proud of our students, but we are aware a small number of our students can sometimes let us down whilst travelling to and from school. Once identified, we will be working with the police and their Anti-Social Behaviour Team, the bus companies and also the students and their parents to rectify any negative behaviour.

Sandwell secondary schools have all agreed to sign up to the 'Knife Arch' initiative led by West Midlands Police. Our school was supported by the knife arch on Thursday 31st January, with over 1300 students walking through and having their bags searched. Our students were complimented on their exemplary behaviour and cooperation during the event and more importantly, the process did not result in any knives or offensive weapons being found. Student safety is of utmost importance and we will continue this and other similar initiatives.

Oldbury Academy will be having a recruitment drive over the next few months targeting the Year 5 and 6 students within our local primary schools. We are keen to make sure that Oldbury Academy is the school of choice in the local area and we will be holding open mornings and other events in the near future to showcase our amazing school and students.

I look forward to writing to you again in the near future, and as always, please do get in touch if there is anything I can help with.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D.S.Brittle
Transition and Work Experience Coordinator