

15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we near the end of the term, we felt it important to update you on key dates and times for both the end of the term and the start of the new school year in September.

### ***End of Term Arrangements***

The academic year will end on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 12.20pm. All students will be dismissed at this time and expected to make their way off site. Please note that if you require either a free school meal for your child or for your child to be supervised until 3pm, please either call reception on 0121 533 3750 or contact us via email on [grabbag@oldburyacademy.org.uk](mailto:grabbag@oldburyacademy.org.uk), using the title "End of Term" in the subject header. We will need your child's full name, their form group and details of the provision you require. Please ensure we have this information by the end of school on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

### ***Start of Term Arrangements***

The 2019/20 school year will begin for students on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019. We will be welcoming our students back at the following times:

**Years 7:** School day will begin at 8.50am. Please be on site by 8.40am at the latest for an 8.50am start.

**Years 8, 9, 10 and 11:** Please be on site by 10am at the latest, ready for a 10.10am start.

The first part of the day will be spent with form tutors, running through admin, distributing timetables and discussing the Learning Partnership Agreement that will be sent home for all parents, carers and students to sign. **Learning for all years will begin at 11.25am, after morning break.**

### ***Getting the basics right***

We understand that purchasing uniform and school equipment for your children can be costly, so we would ask you to check our school website for uniform guidance, to ensure there is no disappointment should your child comes to school in incorrect uniform and you are required to replace any items in the new school year. Please pay particular attention to our guidance on shoes and also on what are appropriate school trousers.

Similarly, please ensure that when your child arrives to school in September, they have the basic equipment for lessons, as listed below:

- At least two black or blue pens
- At least two pencils
- A ruler
- A school bag

Please also note that as of September, hooded sweatshirts (hoodies) will not be allowed on site. There is no need for them to be worn. We would ask parents to ensure that all students are provided with a warm coat where necessary. Hoodies are not to be brought into school and must not be worn around site. The same applies to caps and hats, except for in the event of cold weather, where warm hats can be worn. We have CCTV systems to ensure that the site is safe and secure and by wearing hoods and hats around the site, this may compromise our ability to identify individuals were required.

Whilst we hope all students and their families have a restful and enjoyable summer break, I would like to take this opportunity to direct you to our school website [www.oldburyacademy.com](http://www.oldburyacademy.com) where you can find tips to help your children keep safe over the summer break. If you have any questions about any of the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to make contact with us.

Naturally we wish the staff that are leaving us all the best for the future. I am pleased to report that we have a number of exciting new recruits joining us in September who are looking forward to being part of the Oldbury community.

Thank you to all students, parents and carers that have contributed to what has been a very successful year at Oldbury Academy and we look forward to welcoming your children all back in September, ready to learn.

Have a wonderful summer!

Yours faithfully,



Mr P Davis  
Deputy Headteacher