

Our Ref: PSH

Friday 21st July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I like to take the opportunity to reflect on the year that has passed as we move in to the summer break and this academic year has been as exciting as ever. Alongside the high quality teaching and learning taking place day-in-day-out, there have been lots of opportunities for young people at Oldbury Academy to develop their skills and qualities and access so many different opportunities, be that through the wide range of reward trips, extra-curricular clubs or the enrichment visits that have taken place. I am incredibly proud of my team of staff, who work tirelessly to provide the best possible experience for your children and I speak on behalf of all of the staff when I say thank you for your ongoing support.

We do, however, have a long break ahead of us and I sincerely hope everyone manages to rest and take a break. Before we go in to the holiday, as always, here are some key pieces of information for you. We will be writing to you over the course of the Summer break to provide any additional information you require.

End of Term Arrangements

School will finish for students at the end of period 2 on Tuesday 25th July 2023.

Years 7 and 8 will be dismissed at 12pm
Years 9 and 10 will be dismissed at 11.45am

Students will be permitted to wear their own clothes, but these should be appropriate for the weather conditions. Students are asked to make a donation of £1 to wear their own clothes. Any money collected will be used to support Mr Shackleton's year-long fundraising work for Papyrus; a charity supporting the prevention of young suicide. We will also be collecting for the local foodbank and ask students to bring a tin or non-perishable food item.

If you have ordered a free school meal grab bag for your child, these will be available to collect from the canteen prior to leaving school.

Dates and Times of our Return in September

All students will start the Autumn term on Wednesday 6th September 2022.

Year 7 should be on site by 8.40am, ready to start the day at 8.50am.

All other students should be on site by 10.15am, ready to start the day at 10.30am.

Years 7 and 8 will enter through the gate at the rear of the canteen and should come on to site through the car park "out" gate.

Years 9, 10 and 11 will enter the site through the main gates in front of main reception.

During the day, year groups will have the following breaks

Years 7 and 8 Break 11.45am (15 mins) and Lunch 1.15pm (30 mins)

Years 9, 10 and 11 Break 10.30am (15 mins) and Lunch 12pm (30 mins)

Safeguarding Support During School Holidays

As always, our safeguarding team will be checking our email inbox over the course of the holidays. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or need support, you can contact us via safeguarding@oldburyacademy.org.uk. If you feel you need to refer a safeguarding concern, Sandwell Children's Trust can be contacted on 0121 569 3100 and if someone is in immediate danger, contact the Police via 999.

We hope all of our students and their families are able to enjoy a safe and enjoyable Summer.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Shackleton
Headteacher