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Dear Parent/Carers

Standards and Expectations

As we approach the end of another successful academic year at Oldbury Academy, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to all our families for their support and dedication throughout the year. This year has been filled with remarkable achievements and our students have excelled academically and in numerous extracurricular activities. We understand the vital role that you, as parents and carers, play in your children's education. Your involvement, whether it be through attending school events, assisting with homework, or simply providing a supportive home environment, has been instrumental in our success.

Student Senior Leadership Team

I am delighted to share the wonderful news of our appointments to the Student Senior Leadership Team following the interviews held earlier this half-term.

The panel for the interviews were members of staff from the Year 10 Team and Senior Leadership Team. Students were asked to prepare responses to 3 questions around what skills and qualities they would offer and what they hoped to achieve by becoming a member of the Student Senior Leadership Team.

The nine students who participated in the interviews had prepared fantastically well and spoke brilliantly. The passion with which they spoke was truly commendable, making the selection process a challenging yet rewarding experience.

After careful consideration, we decided to appoint three Head Students:

- *Ocean C*
- *Brandon P*
- *Manpreet S*

The remaining students, who demonstrated equally impressive qualities, will take on the roles of Deputy Head Students. These students are:

- *Jasleen K (Year 7 Student Voice Coordinator & Transitions Ambassador)*
- *Yousef N (Year 8 Student Voice Coordinator & Wellbeing Ambassador)*
- *Kyra M (Year 9 Student Voice Coordinator & Aspirations Ambassador)*
- *Sana K (Year 10 Student Voice Coordinator & Literacy Ambassador)*
- *Komalpreet K (EAL Ambassador)*
- *Hysni C (Extra Curricular Activities Ambassador)*

Many congratulations to all these of students on their new roles within our Junior Leadership Team. More information on our Junior Leadership Team can be found here: [Junior Leadership Team \(JLT\)](#)

Uniform Expectations

We expect all students to take pride in their uniform and appearance, including PE Kit, and we would like to thank parents for their continued support regarding our high expectations of uniform. The expectation is that students will attend school smartly dressed and remain so throughout the school day.

We believe that uniform plays a valuable role in:

- Contributing to a sense of community within our school, instilling pride in our students
- Supporting positive behaviour and discipline, encouraging identity with, and support for, the school ethos.
- Promoting a strong, cohesive school identity that supports high standards and a sense of identity among students.
- Ensuring students of all ethnic and religious backgrounds feel welcome.
- Protecting children from social pressures to dress in a particular way.

Our uniform guidance can be found in our 'OA Expects Handbook' at the link here: [Handbook](#)

If parents have any queries regarding uniform, please continue to refer to our website for clarity on expectations. We would like to remind a small number of students that the below are not permitted:

- Round neck sweatshirts/Hoodies
- Hair colour and high fashion hairstyles are not permitted. Any extreme fashion, hairstyle or body marking/piercing is banned.
- No shaved lines in hair/eyebrows.

To further support our families, Oldbury Academy has set up a fund so that assistance is given towards the cost of school uniform for those parents/guardians who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) or are registered Pupil Premium students. Pupil Premium means that you have been in receipt of FSM at some point in the last six years – as confirmed by Dfe guidance.

You can apply for this grant by visiting our school website using the following link: [Uniform Assistance](#)

As we transition into the summer break, we encourage everyone to take this time to relax and recharge. Whether you are traveling, spending time with family, or simply enjoying the sunshine, we hope you have a wonderful and restful holiday.

We look forward to welcoming our students back in the new academic year, ready to embark on another journey of learning and growth. Until then, thank you once again for your continuous support and dedication.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.

Warm regards



Mr L Evans
Deputy Head