



Transition Team 2024

Transition Leaders



My name is **Mrs Tillotson**. I have worked at Oldbury Academy for a long time and enjoy welcoming our new students every year. I am the senior leader with overall responsibility for Transition. I am also one of the Assistant Headteachers and my main role includes making sure that you learn how to stay safe. We will teach you about online safety, relationships and how to look after your mental health among many other topics. You will even learn how to save a life through CPR!

I am part of a huge team that are here to make sure that you are safe and happy at Oldbury Academy. We make sure that there is always someone to talk to and help you to sort out any problems you may have. All members of staff are friendly and welcoming - happy to support you during your first few days and beyond. Oldbury Academy

must be a lovely place to be - I have been here for almost 19 years!

Stay safe and I look forward to meeting you all in September.



Hello!

My name is **Mr Brittle** and I am the Operations Manager at Oldbury Academy. I am very lucky to have the responsibility for Transition from Year 6 to 7. I have been working at Oldbury Academy for 15 years now so I know the school inside out. I have previously been a Student Welfare Officer, an Assistant Head of House and also a Head of House – being the only Non-Teaching Head of House Oldbury Academy has ever had. I have led transition programme for over 8 years now.

One of my main roles is to ensure that everything is set in place to support all students and parents during the transition process. We understand it is a completely daunting time, but my job is to make it as seamless as possible. I also collate all of the information from primary schools and then ensure that the relevant members of the transition team identify the students who they will be working with. I then plan and lead the transition days in July, along with the transition evenings in May and July. I am the main point of contact for all students and parents before I hand the reins over to the Head of Year 7 in September. I am so looking forward to seeing all of the students attending Oldbury Academy in September and I welcome you to visit our website for more information.



Hello there!

My name is **Mrs Hancox** and I am the Special Needs Coordinator (SENCo) at Oldbury Academy. Along with my Assistant SENCo and an amazing team of teaching assistants I, am responsible for children who may have different or additional needs and it is my job to ensure that you are happy and safe, that you make progress and that you are well looked after. So, if you have a specific need that requires extra help, I will be working with you! I will talk to your families and let them know how you are getting on so that they know we are looking after you and I will make sure that your teachers know what they need to do to help you. My team and I also look after children with English as an Additional Language (EAL), helping them to settle in and

form friendships as well as improve their English. Everyone who works with you is very kind and you will always find someone to help you. You can come and see us a break time and lunch time and there will always be someone around to talk to you. You will be in the safest of hands at Oldbury Academy and I look forward to meeting you and your families very soon.



Hi! I am **Mrs Roberts** and my role in school as the Learning Support Centre Manager, is to support any students who may be experiencing some social, emotional, or behaviour difficulties. Starting secondary school is an exciting step in a young person's school life and it is important that as part of our school family, our students are happy, confident, feel safe, and able to access the curriculum and learn. It is my job is to work closely with students, parents and other agencies to make sure this happens. Starting secondary school can be quite an anxious time, which is perfectly normal, so students may find themselves being supported by me, but don't worry I'm a good listener, and hopefully through developing some coping strategies and encouragement, you will enjoy and achieve at Oldbury Academy!



Hi!

I am **Mrs Collins** and I am the Assistant SENCo. I have an incredible role that allows me to support each step students with SEN take on their journey through their time at Oldbury Academy.

I have a key role in transition, ensuring that students with SEN are taken care of from the moment they get their place. I liaise with Primary schools and Inclusion Support to ensure that we have all the information we need about each child to ensure a smooth transition to Oldbury Academy, as well as putting much needed provisions in place from day one. I also organise the extended transition programme and undertake many school visits with the transition team to help students and their families with all the emotions and questions that come with moving to high school. Through-out the year I timetable the SEN team, ensuring that all students who require extra support in class have this available. I also work with a team of amazing LSP's to timetable and organise interventions to help our students reach their full potential. In KS4, I teach many of our students with SEN on our differentiated pathway designed to

give them the vital skills they need to live happy, independent and fulfilling lives in the ever-changing world.

I can't wait to meet you all and start your new journey with you!



Hi there!

My name is **Miss Oakley** and I am the External Support Coordinator at Oldbury Academy. I have worked at Oldbury Academy for over 5 years now and I am proud to be part of the OA community and I love my job!

Previous to this role I used to be a Student Welfare Officer at Oldbury Academy so I understand that role and the support that students need to succeed. I have also worked in other Secondary Schools as a Science teacher before moving to this non-teaching role.

One of my main roles is to help new starters join the school if for any reason they need a change in their education environment. I enjoy working closely with pupils to make sure their learning journey goes as smoothly as possible so you can achieve the best you can.

I look forward to meeting you, and you are more than welcome to pop into the office for a chat, I am always happy to help!



My name is **Mrs Lewis** and I am the Education Welfare officer/Attendance manager and my role is to be a point of contact to parents regarding their child's attendance (i.e. reporting absences, Carrying out safe and well visits, sending out letters concerning your child's attendance, arranging meetings and submitting referrals to the local authority for Legal Intervention).

In the Attendance Office we have an 'open door policy' meaning that students are welcome to speak to either myself or the Attendance Officers (Mr Windmill, Mrs Samra & Mrs Dubro).

We do encourage all students to maintain a high attendance and punctuality standard throughout the year to enable them to perform well in their lessons and to be a reliable student and individual in the future too.



Hello. My name is **Mr Burgoyne** and I am the Assistant Headteacher responsible for Pastoral Care and the promoting of behaviour and conduct around our Academy that allows all of our students to achieve (or even exceed) their potential. I have high expectations for all of our students and oversee our rewards processes which aim to acknowledge our students' successes throughout the academic year. I work closely with many of the parents of our students, and organise the parents' evenings throughout the year. Oldbury Academy is a big part of my life, having worked here for almost

21 years. I do hope that you will be as proud to attend and be a part of our Academy, as we are to welcome you onto our roll.



My name is **Mrs Chappell** and I am one of the Deputy Designated Safeguarding leads here at Oldbury Academy. I have worked at Oldbury Academy for nearly 19 years. I have previously worked as a Student Welfare Officer for Year 10 and 11 and have been working in Safeguarding for just over 4 years now. I am committed to ensuring every student is safe. I look forward to working with all of the Year 7s and their families in the near future.



Hello! I'm **Miss Kelleher** and my role is Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead at Oldbury Academy. I started working here in the pastoral team as a Student Welfare Officer which I really enjoyed and loved working with lots of students. I now work in the safeguarding team which I thoroughly enjoy. As a team, we're always happy to listen to any concerns or worries from our students, parents and carers and provide any support you may need! We work alongside lots of great organisations who provide extra support for our families so please contact us anytime if you would like to find out more. I really look forward to meeting our new cohort of students and families!



My overall responsibility is the strategic lead for Behaviour, Attitudes and Safeguarding at Oldbury Academy. I am also responsible for the promotion of outstanding attendance to school. Outside of school I enjoy participating in sports and travelling with family and friends.

I am extremely proud of the way in which we support and care for our young people, ensuring students are supported with challenges by our pastoral team, teaching and support staff and external professionals where necessary. We are proud of the range of support we have on offer for students, parents, carers and staff to access and engage with during challenging times.

We offer an environment, based on our CARE ethos, where students feel warmly supported and valued. We pride ourselves on positive parental engagement and parents and carers are included in all aspects of their child's education and welfare.

What happens in Year 7 plays a crucial part in a student's educational journey – and I look forward to meeting you all and supporting each student in ensuring that they maximise all the opportunities available to them here at Oldbury Academy. **Mr Evans**, Deputy Headteacher.