Based upon the standard Microsoft password requirements for access to Office 365, Oldham College has a minimum password requirement as per the information below.

All student passwords must be created in accordance with these requirements.

### Standard Strength Passwords vs. Strong Passwords

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| Characters allowed    | • A – Z  
• a – z  
• 0 – 9  
• ! @ # $ % ^ & * + = [ ] |\ : ‘ , . ? / ` ~ “ < > ( ) ; | • Unicode characters  
• spaces  
• Cannot contain a dot character ‘.’ immediately preceding the ‘@’ symbol |
| Characters disallowed | • Unicode characters  
• spaces |
| Password restrictions | • 8 characters minimum and 16 characters maximum  
• Requires 3 out of 4 of the following:  
  o Lowercase characters  
  o Uppercase characters  
  o Numbers (0-9)  
  o Symbols (see password restrictions above) |

Therefore, some examples of suitable passwords would be:

Oldham14  
@oldham14  
!Password  
(PASSWORD1)