



# The Ongar Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

I just wanted to write to you today to say that I have taken up post as Acting Headteacher of The Ongar Academy for the Autumn Term and all of my details are on the website.

On Tuesday, I spoke to all staff about my vision for the Academy and how we will take it to outstanding. They are all fully committed to my expectations. I have outlined the priorities for us which will be, recruitment of even more outstanding teachers; and creating an ethos, where **all** students want to learn; and are excited about the school.

I also need to drive the positivity of our work in the community as we continue to exceed expectations. I have also met with all students today. I am mightily impressed with them, as always. Again I outlined my expectations with a firm stance on "good manners".

I will be writing to you again at the end of every week making sure you are informed of all that is happening at The Ongar Academy. In my weekly bulletins in September I will include the new enrichment programme; home learning schedules and any other information that you will need. I hope you will find this helpful.

The Ongar Academy has an absolutely outstanding PTA and I am delighted that they are so committed. I am so looking forward to meeting them.

Communication is the key to an outstanding academy. We all need to work in partnership. The Ongar community has a reputation for being accepting, dedicated and committed and so it deserves an outstanding academy. When communication breaks down, it can cause anxiety and upset. So it is my absolute priority to keep the channels open.

Can I remind you that if you are concerned about your child's progress in a subject in particular, that you speak to the class teacher; Subject Leader or Head of Faculty.

My Heads of Faculty are:

English	Mrs Suttle	<a href="mailto:staffpsu@theongaracademy.org">staffpsu@theongaracademy.org</a>
Maths and Computing	Mr Simpson	<a href="mailto:staffjsi@theongaracademy.org">staffjsi@theongaracademy.org</a>
Science	Mrs Manning	<a href="mailto:staffema@theongaracademy.org">staffema@theongaracademy.org</a>
Humanities	Mr Hadley	<a href="mailto:staffsha@theongaracademy.org">staffsha@theongaracademy.org</a>
Creative Arts/PE	Mrs Clark	<a href="mailto:stafflcl@theongaracademy.org">stafflcl@theongaracademy.org</a>
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If you are concerned with a number of subjects and your child's learning in general, then their tutor or their Standards and Progress Leaders (SPLs) are the most suitable to contact.

Year 7                                      Miss Taylor                                      [staffdta@theongaracademy.org](mailto:staffdta@theongaracademy.org)

Year 8 and 9                                      Mr Camillo                                      [staffaca@theongaracademy.org](mailto:staffaca@theongaracademy.org)

Year 10                                      Mrs Hingston                                      [staffrhi@theongaracademy.org](mailto:staffrhi@theongaracademy.org)

If it matters to do with specific learning needs or behaviour needs, then the SENCO would be the most appropriate.

SENCO                                      Mrs Leon                                      [staffmle@theongaracademy.org](mailto:staffmle@theongaracademy.org)

My safeguarding lead is Mrs Hingston; if you have any concerns of a child protection nature or a child's safety.

In addition, I will always welcome your comments if you have exhausted all of these channels of communication.

I also would like to know **directly** if there is anything positive that my staff have done for you or my students in the community. If your child has done something remarkable and exciting in anything extracurricular outside of academy, I would love to know and celebrate them.

We need to move The Ongar Academy to outstanding with transparency, support from yourselves and a real growth mind set to always promote what our students do well, whilst at the same time not ignoring anything that isn't adequate and needs to be addressing robustly.

Please find enclosed important dates for your diary. I am sending them to you way in advance to make sure you are fully involved in the workings of the academy.

I look forward to working in partnership with you this term.

Yours sincerely

Mr Osborne  
Headteacher (Acting)

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