



The
Ongar
Academy

Parental Bulletin - 12th October 2018
Week Commencing Monday 15th October 2018 will be B Week.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Next week's word of the week will be: Effervescence – "Bubbles in a liquid; fizz or vivacity and enthusiasm."

Synonyms: sparkle, bubble, froth, foam, seethe, be vivacious, be lively, be animated.

We encourage you to discuss this word with your child.

COMMUNICATION

I wanted to formally say what a wonderful week we have had at The Ongar Academy. One of my key issues to improve is communication. Please find below contact details for the Heads of Faculties:

English	Mrs Suttle	staffpsu@theongaracademy.org
Maths and Computing	Mr Simpson	staffjsi@theongaracademy.org
Science	Mrs Manning	staffema@theongaracademy.org
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Creative Arts/PE	Mrs Clark	stafflcl@theongaracademy.org
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If you need to contact the Headteacher please use the following email address:
head@theongaracademy.org

For any queries regarding your Wisepay account, please use the following email address:
wisepay@theongaracademy.org

Please make sure to keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter accounts for regular updates, both using the handle @theongaracademy

Our staff will endeavour to respond within **24 hours**.

THEATRE TRIPS

The deadline for payment for our Year 9 & 10 theatre trips was today. We would like to thank you for your support – we hope the students are as excited as we are for these to go ahead!

Year 9: The Woman in Black on Thursday 8th November.

Year 10: Macbeth on Tuesday 20th November.

TARGETS

Hard copies of letters regarding target setting and tracking routines have been sent out this week, to all years. If you have any queries regarding this, email the school via admin@theongaracademy.org, or via the faculty head emails.

EPPING AT THE MOVIES

Please find the attached flyer for this week's Epping at the Movies event.

GRANGEWATERS' HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Please see attached flyer with details of Grangewaters' upcoming half term activities. You can also visit their website for further information about what they offer: www.thurrock.gov.uk/grangewaters.

ORCHESTRA EXPERIENCE TASTER DAY – ESSEX MUSIC SERVICES

Essex Music Service are holding an 'Orchestra Experience' half-day event in October. This taster session will provide an insight into the role of an orchestral musician and provide students with the experience of playing in a larger group. The event is open to students aged 5-18 who live or are educated in Essex. They are specifically looking for students who play violin, viola, cello or double bass.

Their tutors will be able to assess which of the following groups would be the most appropriate for you to join:

- Essex Fun Stringers (Grade 0-2)**
- Essex Contemporary Strings (Grade 2-4)**
- Essex Young People's Orchestra (Grade 4+)**
- Essex Youth Orchestra (Grade 7+)**

The event will take place on Sunday 21st October 2018 - 9:30am - 1:00pm at Felsted School, Felsted CM6 3LL.

Please see the attached flyer for further information. Parents can register directly via: <https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/tilmelding#/Course/461>

MEET THE TUTOR

We would like to thank our student volunteers for helping out on our Meet The Tutor evening. Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended – if you did not manage to make an appointment but would like to have a meeting with your child's form tutor, please send your requests to us via email.

WISEPAY APP

We are pleased to inform you that The Ongar Academy now has its own Wisepay app. Parents and carers can store their card details to speed up checkout, and it also provides a "quick top-up" option. The flyer is now available on our website under Parents Zone – Letters Sent Home. **Our organisation code is: 59191688**

MUSIC LESSONS

We currently have spaces with our singing tutor, if your child is interested, please contact the school office.

COMMUNITY BOARD

We now have a display board in the reception of the school, where we have space to advertise local events or clubs. If you would like to advertise, please send your requests via email.

MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS – SENIOR PROGRESS LEADER – YEAR 10

Mr Evans would like to say thank you in particular to Year 10 parents and students, he has been asked to oversee the Year 10s and he has been delighted with their work and attitude, both in lessons and around the school.

The staff and Mr Evans are very keen to have positive communication with parents and carers, and will make sure to call home with praise and congratulations for hard work. Students have been reminded of the expectations with regard to equipment (e.g. pencil case, ruler pens etc). As Mr Evans has said to some of the students, they would not expect me to teach a football lesson without a football, or to go for a meal and not have any cutlery to use! Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

MUSICAL APTITUDE TEST

Our Musical Aptitude test is due to take place this evening. We would like to wish any potential new students the best of luck!

LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

Please note that as of Monday, all letters sent home will be done so electronically via InTouch and made available on our website. Please ensure that we have the correct email address on our system. Emails are regularly sent home to Parents and Carers, if you do not receive these, please contact the school office.

All letters are available under Parents Zone – Letters Sent Home.

- Year 10 GCSE English Literature Letter
- Wisepay App Flyer
- GDPR Letter
- Wear Red Day Letter

NOTICE FROM OUR PE STAFF

Many of our older students are wearing the same PE skorts from Year 7. If your daughter's skort is very short, we would ask that you would please replace this, or provide them with leggings/cycling shorts to wear underneath them until they can be replaced. This has also been brought to our attention but competing schools.

DATES TO REMEMBER

12th October – Musical Aptitude Test

19th October – Last day before half term

FIXTURES

To keep up to date with our latest results, please keep an eye on our PE departments Twitter page, via the handle @OngarPE.

Mon 15th October - Year 10 Football vs King Harold at Home.

Weds 17th October - Year 8 Rugby Tournament - Away at Davenant School

Weds 17th October – Year 7, 8 & 9 - District Netball Tournament – Away @ King Harold

~~Thurs 18th October – Year 7 Rugby Tournament – Away at Davenant School~~

PLEASE NOTE: The Year 7 rugby tournament on Thursday 18th October has been cancelled as we do not have enough players to make a team. Due to the dangers of rugby, our PE department are not willing to take players with no/minimal experience.

Please encourage your child to check the PE notice board, write down any information for fixtures and tick off their name. Away fixtures will be posted on MILK or via Facebook for parents and carers to access.

PTA SUPPORT

If you would like to support us at any events coming up this year, please let us know at [**ongarpta@gmail.com**](mailto:ongarpta@gmail.com). Follow us on Facebook **THE ONGAR ACADEMY PTA**. You can also contact us on twitter **@ongarpta**.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Year 7 – Jacob Kearny

Year 8 – Harry Cooper

Year 9 – Chloe Belsham

Year 10 – Oliver Upson

REWARD POINTS

Well done to the following students for achieving the most reward points in their form last week. Keep up the good work!

Highest Number of reward points
7A Henry Collins
7B Sienna Cable Diment
7C Scarlet Blaze Jacks
7D Sammy Miller
8A Demi Gould
8B Oscar Ilett
8C Jack Walker
8D Keira Watling
9A Louise Pykerman
9B Jessica-Jane Hutchins
9C Sophie Francis
9D Myles Read
10A Sophie Bundy
10B Charlotte Wright
10C Brandon Baldacci
10D Emily Webber Ella Newitt Rolan Isbuga

If you do have any issues related to school which you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.