



Parental Bulletin - 19th October 2018
Week Commencing Monday 29th October 2018 will be A Week.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Following half term, the word of the week will be: Emulate – Match or surpass (a person or achievement), typically by imitation.

Synonyms: imitate, copy, reproduce, mimic, mirror, echo, follow, model oneself on, take as a model, take as an example, match, equal, parallel, be the equal of.

We encourage you to discuss this word with your child.

HALF TERM

We wish parents, carers and students a restful half term. Students are expected to return on Monday 29th October at the normal time.

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
Humanities	Mr Hadley	staffsha@theongaracademy.org
Creative Arts/PE	Mrs Clark	stafflcl@theongaracademy.org
Technology and Art	Mr Savill	staffgsa@theongaracademy.org

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**.

PARKING – HERON COURT

It has been brought to our attention by one of our neighbours that parents/carers have been using Heron Court's car park at the end of the school day. We would like to remind parents and carers to park responsibly and respectfully in our car park, to ensure we are making the most of this valuable space. Heron Court, The Gables and the Leisure Centre car park are not to be used.

THEATRE TRIPS

Both theatre trips are now closed, and no further tickets are available. These rapidly sold out, and we'd like to thank you for your support! Further information will be sent out following half term.

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.

LIBRARY UPDATE

The books you have donated are continuing to fill the shelves. Thank you all so much. The hardworking and invaluable Library Team are still welcoming donations of age appropriate fiction and non-fiction books, any recent study guides and information books. If anyone has any language books in French or Spanish - as well as dictionaries - that would be great. The Library Team are continuing to stamp and record all the books. Fabulous new books have been purchased and are already arriving. Students - watch out for artistic and creative opportunities soon to display and turn your Library into a vibrant, interesting and must-go-to place.

HOCUS POCUS

Please find attached the flyer for Hocus Pocus Halloween Exhibition at Chelmsford City Museum this half term.

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.

LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

Please note that 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.

- Headteacher's letter
- Parent Questionnaire

DATES TO REMEMBER

29th October 2018 – First day back after 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.

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 – Ciara Day

Year 8 – Annabelle Smith

Year 9 – Jessica Jane Hutchins

Year 10 – Sian Box

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 Finlay Reynolds
7B Adam Leamon Keira Dean
7C Caitlin Berry Jake Chilkvers
7D Eshan Jarvis Jimmy Stanford
8A Lucy Hunter
8B Hannah Ketley
8C Alfie Marshall
8D Ethan Epstein-de Mello
9A Calum Lowe
9B Jessica-Jane Hutchins
9C Saffy Long
9D Harry Moore
10A Alfie White
10B Maddie Harrigan
10C Lucy Roberts
10D Kian Trotman Lulu Parrish Harrington Knap

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