



The
Ongar
Academy

Parental Bulletin 5th October 2018
Week Commencing Monday 8th October 2018 will be A Week.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Next week's word of the week will be: Digress – "Leave the main subject temporarily in speech or writing."

We encourage you to discuss this word with your child.

COMMUNICATION

If you need to contact a member of staff, can we please remind you to use the following email address: admin@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**.

OPEN EVENING

Our Open Evening was a fantastic success. We would like to extend our thanks to the generous students who volunteered their time to help. The feedback we have received has been great and we are very proud of our school. The support from the community has been overwhelming and we are excited to welcome our 2019/20 intake!

We would like to say a huge thank you to our PTA for their contribution on Open Evening. They offered refreshments and an invaluable insight for new parents, carers and students.

THEATRE TRIPS

We are excited to announce that Mrs Suttle has planned two theatre trips, both taking place this term. Letters for these trips have been distributed this week. Both letters are available on our website.

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

Year 10: Macbeth on Tuesday 20th November.

TARGETS

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

ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE

Throughout the year, regular amendments will be made to the enrichment timetable. To avoid confusion, the up-to-date timetable will always be available on our website. If any amendments are made, we will notify you via the Parental Bulletin and on our Facebook Page on Fridays.

MEET THE TUTOR – YEAR 7 ONLY

On Monday 8th October 2018, Parents and Carers will have the opportunity to meet their child's form tutor. Students have now received their appointment cards and should have made appointments with their tutors on your behalf.

Our SENCO, Mrs Leon, will be available on the evening for any parents or carers that wish to meet with her.

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. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Our organisation code is: 59191688

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were distributed in form this week. The deadline has now passed for submissions. Any submissions now need to be sent by the Parent or Carer at their own expense.

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.

SORT YOUR LIFE

We would like to inform parents and carers that we have "Sort Your Life" coming in during Friday lunchtime to provide information on local youth groups, support services and websites to sign post young people to the services available in our area.

MUSICAL APTITUDE TEST

Due to high demand, the date of the Musical Aptitude test has been moved to Friday 12th October 2018 at 4pm. Further details will be sent to applicants nearer the date of the test.

LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

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

- Woman in Black Theatre Visit – Year 9 ONLY
- Macbeth Theatre Visit – Year 10 ONLY
- Open Evening Volunteers – Thanks

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 8th October - Year 9 Football vs King Harold at Home

Tuesday 9th October - WESSA Cross Country Competition All Years - Away at Burnt Mill Academy

Weds 10th October - Year 8 Football vs. King Harold at Home

Thurs 11th October - Year 7 and 8 Rugby - Away at West Hatch School

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

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

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

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

8th October – Year 7 - "Meet The Tutor" – 4:30pm-7:00pm

12th October – Musical Aptitude Test

19th October – Last day before half term

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 – Joseph Roche

Year 9 – Alfie Foxhall

Year 10 – Jess Kearney

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 Jake Thompson
7B Harry Gornall
7C Bay Thompson Jack Davey
7D Daniel Wood Eshan Jarvis
8A David Vinden
8B Charlotte Vaughan
8C Annabelle Smith
8D Kajus Nemunaitis
9A Molly Ford
9B Jessica-Jane Hutchins
9C Sophie Berry
9D Harry Moore Harvey Amman Max Bentley Sienna Harris
10A Sophie Bundy
10B Molly Rayner
10C Sophie Green Ethan Dean
10D Tyler Underwood

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