



Parental Bulletin – 16th November 2018
Week Commencing Monday 19th November 2018 will be B Week.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Next week, the word of the week will be: Hiatus – A pause or break in continuity in a sequence or activity.

Synonyms: pause, break, interval, interruption, suspension, intermission, interlude, gap, lull, rest, respite, breathing space, time out.

We encourage you to discuss this word with your son/daughter.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

IN A WORLD WHERE
YOU CAN BE
anything
BE KIND

courage IS THE MOST IMPORTANT
OF ALL THE *virtues*
BECAUSE WITHOUT *courage*
YOU CAN'T PRACTICE ANY OTHER
virtues CONSISTENTLY

INSET DAY REMINDER

A reminder that school will be closed on Friday 23rd November for an additional Inset Day. We hope that parents, carers and our students enjoy some well-deserved rest.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Year 7 – Taylor Baker
Year 8 – Thomas Baldwin
Year 9 – Abbie Wilson
Year 10 – Rolan Isbuga

STUDENT OF THE HALF TERM

Annabelle Smith – Well done Annabelle!

PTA UPDATE

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

Our next meeting is at 19:30pm on Monday 12th November at The Cock Tavern in Ongar. Do come along and join us if you can, we would love to see you.

PTA - PRE CHRISTMAS DRINKS AND BUFFET – THE WHITE HART, MORETON

Is 5th December in your diary? If you'd like to come along and catch up with/meet other parents and carers at The Ongar Academy, just mail us, ongarpta@gmail.com or DM us through our Facebook page for payment details. £20 per head to include a glass of wine and buffet.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2018

Our students have been wearing their blue wristbands proudly throughout the week. To avoid the dangers of disposal of single use plastic, Mrs Martin-Burns in Science, and Miss Jeffs from Art are going to collaborate to create an art installation from these. Please remind your son/daughter to return their wristbands as a contribution. Watch this space!

CHILDREN IN NEED 2018

Children in Need has been a huge success today. Thank you so much to our amazing students who have worked so hard to contribute and raise money for this invaluable charity. Please make sure that you keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter accounts for regular updates, and for plenty of photos of our fundraising efforts. Our staff went above and beyond with their costumes!

Well done, TOA!



ONGAR LIGHTS

Please find attached the flyer for The Ongar Christmas Lights event, on Friday 20th November from 3.30pm, light switch on at 7pm.

FORGOTTEN ITEMS

We encourage our parents and carers to avoid bringing forgotten items into school. We would like to instil independence and resilience in our students and items are often forgotten, and end up in lost property. Thank you for your support with this.

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**.

WISEPAY

A reminder to please ensure that your son/daughter's Wisepay account is regularly topped up, or alternatively they are provided with a packed lunch.

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.

MUSIC LESSONS

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

ENRICHMENT TRIPS

A reminder from Mr Evans to please ensure that medical consent forms are being returned for enrichment trips. We hope that students are excited for this fantastic opportunity!

THEATRE TRIPS

We hope that our year 10 students are excited for Macbeth on Tuesday 20th November. We ask that parents and carers ensure that they have returned the medical consent form.

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**

LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

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

- Change of School Day
- China 2020
- Gratitude to our PTA
- Christmas Performance

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 20th November – Macbeth Theatre Trip – Garrick Theatre
Friday 23rd November – Inset Day – School closed
Thursday 13th December – Christmas Celebration
Tuesday 18th December – Year 7/8 Honour Roll Breakfast
Wednesday 19th December – Year 9/10 Honour Roll Breakfast
Wednesday 19th December – Last day of term – School closes at 12:10pm

FIXTURES

To keep up to date with our latest results, please keep an eye on our PE departments Twitter page, via the handle @OngarPE, and encourage your son/daughter to regularly check the PE board and their MILK accounts for more information regarding fixtures.

Monday 19th November – Year 10 Basketball VS Burnt Mill @ Home
Tuesday 20th November – Year 9 Football VS Davenant @ Home
Tuesday 20th November – Year 8/9 Basketball VS Roding @ Home
Thursday 22nd November – Year 7 Basketball Festival @ Epping St Johns
Thursday 22nd November – Year 10 Basketball VS Davenant @ Home

Wishing our Parents and Carers a lovely weekend – From Pudsey

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

