



The  
**Ongar**  
Academy

Parental Bulletin – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Week Commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 will be A Week.

### **WORD OF THE WEEK**

Next week, the word of the week will be: Garish – Obtrusively bright and showy; lurid.

Synonyms: gaudy, lurid, loud, over-bright, harsh, glaring, violent, flashy, showy, glittering, brassy, brash; tasteless, in bad taste, vulgar, distasteful, unattractive, nauseating, tacky.

We encourage you to discuss this word with your child.

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

positivity  
*breeds*  
positivity

### **PTA UPDATE**

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**.

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

### **PRE CHRISTMAS DRINKS AND BUFFET – THE WHITE HART, MORETON**

Is 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ongarpta@gmail.com) or DM us through our Facebook page for payment details. £20 per head to include a glass of wine and buffet.



### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Year 7 – Sam Keene  
Year 8 – Finn Simpson  
Year 9 – Freddie Gibson  
Year 10 – Libby Swan

## **WORLD WAR I CENTENARY**

In support of the World War I Centenary and the Royal British Legion, poppies have been sold during lunch times, along with a display in our reception. We would like to thank all of our students for their support, and we are glad to see so many of our students wearing their poppies with pride. A two minute silence was held by students and staff today, to remember those who have fallen during conflict and combat, giving us freedom and a chance for equality and equity. We encourage parents and carers to discuss the importance of remembrance with their children.

## **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2018**

To support Bullying UK's Anti-Bullying Week 2018, each student will receive a blue wristband to be worn proudly throughout the week. We encourage parents and carers to educate their son/daughter on the importance of this week. Please find attached an Anti-Bullying Information Tool for parents and carers.

## **CHILDREN IN NEED 2018**

To support Children in Need this year, we have put together a day of fun and exciting activities for our students, during a non-uniform day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. The letter sent home is now available on our website with further information. Please encourage your son/daughter to take part in as many activities as possible to support this amazing cause.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Please find below contact details for the Heads of Faculties:

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If you need to contact the Headteacher please use the following email address: [head@theongaracademy.org](mailto:head@theongaracademy.org)

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

## **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**

We are pleased to inform you that enrichment trips have been arranged for students who have received the most achievement points whilst maintaining good attendance. These will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:

- Year 7 & 8 - Quasar and Crazy Golf
- Year 9 & 10 - Cineworld Harlow

Students that have been selected for this trip will receive further information at the beginning of next week.

## **MESSAGE FROM MR EVANS - SPL YEAR 10**

I would like to extend a massive thank you to our parents and carers for such positive feedback, and for supporting us with our attendance, which is currently at its highest. We have very few students late to school and this is a reflection of your commitment to supporting us.

Students are not allowed to have hoodies in school and if they are seen wearing them, they will be confiscated until the end of the day. If this happens on more than one occasion, parents or carers will have to collect the hoody at the end of the day. I would also like to politely remind parents and carers to please ensure your child does not have false eye lashes and that they are not wearing nail varnish. These are not permitted in school and students will be expected to remove them.

Many thanks for continuing to work with us to ensure the best educational environment for all.

## **ZINC ARTS THEATRE – ALADDIN**

Please see the attached flyer for Aladdin, at Zinc Arts Theatre, running from the 7<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets are available via 03336663366 or at [www.zincarts.org.uk](http://www.zincarts.org.uk). Some of our students are starring in this, so please support them and our community!

## **THEATRE TRIPS**

After an incredibly successful trip to see The Woman in Black yesterday, we hope that our year 10 students are excited for Macbeth on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. We ask that parents and carers ensure that they have returned the medical consent form.

## **LITERACY PLANET – WORD MANIA**

We would like to congratulate our Year 7 students for achieving one of the top rankings on the participation leaderboard, for Word Mania on Literacy Planet! If students continue to participate they stand a chance to win their share in £10,000 worth of prizes. Please see the attached certificate – Well done year 7!

## **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**

## **1<sup>st</sup> MORETON AND FYFIELD SCOUTS – QUIZ NIGHT**

Please find attached the flyer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Moreton and Fyfield Scouts’ Quiz Night. Some of the proceeds from this event will contribute to 2 of our students attending the World Scout Jamboree, so please show your support!

## **LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK**

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

- Children in Need
- Ongar Carol Festival – Year 7 and 8 and select students only.
- Carols by Candlelight – Individual students only.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Macbeth Theatre Trip – Garrick Theatre  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Inset Day – School closed  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Celebration  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Year 7/8 Honour Roll Breakfast  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Year 9/10 Honour Roll Breakfast  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Basketball vs Burnt Mill @ home  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Netball all years @ Roding Valley  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Netball V Braeside – Location TBC

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