



14th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Ongar Optimum and Curriculum Changes

Please find enclosed a copy of The Ongar Optimum for your reading pleasure.

I cannot express how excited I have been to watch this school grow and really embed its vision as #ASchoolForTheCommunity as we continue to #PutTOAOnTheMap.

As you know, after each term we have curriculum changes and next term your son or daughter might find themselves in different groups with different teachers. This is standard practice at good and outstanding schools. After every data drop, we look at progress and make sure your sons and daughters are taught in a group that extends their ability and ensures their progress is rapid.

We have absolutely fabulous staff here and we all want to retain them through positive communication, in a harmonious atmosphere.

I am writing to say that Ms Hingston, TOA's Deputy Headteacher is leaving this term. She is leaving to concentrate on her English teaching. She would like to thank everyone for her time whilst at TOA and wishes you all the best for the future. We thank her for her commitment and hard work over the past three years. Mr Farrow will also be leaving us, due to relocation.

I am delighted that I am extending my Academy Leadership Team and joining myself, Mrs Haley, Mrs Ledwidge will be Emma Ruffles who will act up as Deputy Headteacher in charge of Student Welfare; Behaviour and Personal Development and Sarah Adenuga who will join us as Assistant Headteacher (SPL for Years 10 and 11), she will oversee all pastoral matters and progress of our Key Stage 4 students. Mr Camillo will continue in his Associate Leader/SPL 8 and 9 for another term.

As you may be aware I will be strategically overseeing High Ongar Primary School and supporting the new leadership in the future. This is an amazing opportunity for TOA and HOPS to work together. HOPS children are TOA's children. As parents and students, you will see no difference at all. I will still be the Headteacher of TOA, still teach at TOA and still do all my duties at TOA. This is just a great opportunity for all of Ongar to work together as one big family.

Please do also remember that the new school day starts on the 7th January with us finishing at 3pm. However, school will open every day with clubs and enrichments until 4pm from Monday to Thursday and on Friday there will be adults on site until 4pm to keep your child safe.

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As I have said in The Ongar Optimum (attached), I wish you all a peaceful and wonderful winter break. Spend precious time with your loved ones and friends. I look forward to seeing your sons and daughters back at TOA refreshed at 8.40 (at the latest) for an 8.45 start to lessons.

Kind Regards

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