



Parental Bulletin – 19th December 2018
Week Commencing Monday 7th January 2019 will be A Week.

We encourage parents and carers to read our Parental Bulletin every week – we use this document to inform you of all important upcoming dates and events and it is the best way for you to stay informed. Any letters sent home, upcoming and past events, celebrations, important dates and fixtures are all in one document for your convenience – we hope you have enjoyed our communication methods this term, we always welcome your feedback.

FIRST DAY BACK – TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY

As parents and carers have been made aware, on our first day back - Monday 7th January 2019 – our new timetable will commence. Students will be given a letter on the first day back explaining the new timings, and how the school bells will work, along with a new timetable. This will be implemented on a trial basis, and will be reviewed later in the year. Parent/Carer feedback is welcomed and encouraged. If you have any issues, please communicate these with the school office and we will do our best to accommodate you.

<u>School Day Year 7 and 8</u>		<u>Years 9 and 10</u>	
8.45 – 9.45	Period 1	8.45 – 9.45	Period 1
9.45 – 10.45	Period 2	9.45 – 10.45	Period 2
10.45 – 11.05	Break	10.45 – 11.05	Break
11.05 – 12.05	Period 3	11.05 – 12.05	Period 3
12.05– 1.05	Period 4	12.05– 1.05	Period 4
1.05- 1.40	Lunch A for Year 7 and 8	1.05- 1.10	Water/Toilet break in to registration
1.40– 2.00	Registration	1.05– 1.25	Registration
2.00 – 3.00	Period 5	1.25 – 2.00	Lunch B
3.00-4.00	Enrichment (Mon to Thu)	2.00 – 3.00	Period 5
		3.00-4.00	Enrichment (Mon to Thu)

NEW LEADERSHIP

We are excited to announce that we will be welcoming two new members to our TOA team in January. Emma Ruffles will be taking over from Mrs Hingston as Deputy Headteacher, and Sarah Adenuga will be taking over from Mr Evans as Senior Progress Leader for Year 10, and Assistant Headteacher. We are very excited for this new chapter – welcome to the team!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

WE WISH YOU A
merry christmas
AND A
happy new year!



From all staff and students at TOA – We look forward to welcoming our students back in January 2019!

WORD OF THE WEEK

The first week in the new term, the word of the week will be: Lucid – Expressed clearly, easy to understand.

Synonyms: intelligible, comprehensible, understandable, cogent, coherent, communicative, articulate, eloquent; clear, clear-cut, crystal clear, transparent; plain, simple, direct, vivid, sharp, straightforward.

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

ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE – SPRING TERM

Please find attached our new Enrichment timetable for spring term, this will commence from Monday 7th January 2019.

ENRICHMENT TRIPS – TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2018

We hope our students enjoyed their well-deserved trips! We will be planning similar events in the future, and urge parents and carers to keep an eye on our social media and emails for notifications. We mainly communicate through these channels, along with our parental bulletin – to prevent paper waste – and encourage you to use them with us.

WINTER ATTIRE

Please encourage your son/daughter to wear a winter coat! So many of our students do not have the appropriate outerwear, and during flu season, we want our students to stay warm and safe.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We would like to thank our parents and carers for their positive feedback via social media. We appreciate your ongoing support!

Please make sure to keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter accounts for regular updates, both using the handle @theongaracademy

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

Our staff will endeavour to respond within **24 hours**.

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**.

DATES TO REMEMBER – SPRING TERM – HALF TERM 1

14th January 2019 - Year 9 Parents/Carers evening
24th January 2019 – Year 9 Careers day
24th January 2019 – Curriculum extension day (7, 8 & 10)
6th February 2019 – Options evening
15th February 2019 – Last day before break

FIXTURES – JANUARY WEEK 1

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 8th – Year 10 Basketball vs. Stewards Academy @ home.
Thursday 10th – Year 10 Basketball vs. Mark Hall Academy – @ MH
Thursday 10th – Year 9 Netball vs. Robert Clack – tbc home or away

We would like to wish our parents, carers and our lovely students a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. We look forward to the fresh start that January will bring and hope everyone gets the rest they need this festive season.

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