

THE ONGAR ACADEMY WEEKLY BULLETIN

22nd March 2019

Week Commencing Monday 25th March 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.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Next week, the word of the week will be:

Fickle

Changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties or affections.

Synonyms: capricious, changeable, variable, volatile, mercurial, vacillating, fitful, irregular; inconstant, disloyal, undependable, unstable, unsteady, unfaithful, faithless; irresolute, flighty, giddy, skittish, erratic, impulsive; unpredictable, random.

We encourage you to discuss this word with your child.

understanding
IS THE FIRST STEP TO
acceptance
AND ONLY WITH ACCEPTANCE
CAN THERE BE
recovery

J.K. ROWLING
HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE

STARS OF THE WEEK!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STARS OF THE WEEK, WHO WILL RECEIVE A PRIORITY LUNCH PASS NEXT WEEK – KEEP UP THE HARD WORK!

Year 7 – Harrison Sheahan & Jessica Crudgington

Year 8 – Luke Hawkins & Matilda Gibson

Year 9 – Bradley Parrish & Ellie Kennaby

Year 10 – Fraser Wells & Georgie Bedford

DATES TO REMEMBER

FIXTURES

Date	Event
Tuesday 26 th March	Yr 7/10 v West Hatch @ Home
Wednesday 27 th March	Yr 7 Football @ Passmores
	District Swimming Gala

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Thursday 28 th March	Year 9 – Parents' Evening
Tuesday 2 nd April	Sky Studios Tour – Year 10
Wednesday 3 rd April	GCSE – Rock Climbing @ Thriftwood Scout Camp
	Year 9 – Options Evening
Friday 5 th April	Year 9 – Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio & Meningitis Vaccine
	End of Spring Term – School Closes @ 12:05pm
Monday 13 th May	Harry Potter Studio Tour – Year 8 & 9

KS3/4 TRACKING LETTERS

Next week, KS3/4 Tracking letters will be sent home.

FORGOTTEN ITEMS

We encourage parents and carers to not bring forgotten items into school. Often these items are not collected and then end up in Lost Property. Sanctions are put in place for forgotten items to encourage our students to take responsibility for their own belongings.

As of next week, we will not be taking forgotten items in at reception.

Letters Sent Home

- Swimming Gala - (Select Students Only)
- Basketball Reward Trip
- Year 10 Aspirations Week

NOTICES

ARCHITECTURE EXHIBIT

Please find attached an invitation to Miss Jeff's Architecture Exhibit.

The Ongar Academy Art Department would like to welcome you to come and view the INCREDIBLE Year 8 Architecture Projects on Wednesday 27th March 2019 from 4:00pm – 6:30pm.

PARIS AND BARCELONA RESIDENTIALS

If your child has a place on the French trip (this was confirmed via your deposit) could you please ensure that we have a photocopy of their passport and ehic to us by the end of next week.

Year 9/10 - Barcelona trip. There are still some spaces on this trip and therefore we have decided to combine forces with Art to make it accessible to more of our students. If your student is in year 10 and already studying Art or is in year 9 and planning to take Art for GCSE next year then they are welcome to join this trip. Please speak to either Mr Díaz-Ward or Miss Jeffs for details about the trip and to get a trip letter.

TO PARENTS AND CARERS OF YEAR 9

By now your son or daughter will have brought home their Year 9 Options letter and booklet. Please read through this with your child to ensure you are fully informed of the compulsory and optional subjects that your child will, and can, study at KS4.

I would like to remind you that Options Forms are not due back until after Easter. It is essential that you receive all of the information on offer at both Parents'/Carers' Evening on Thursday 28th March, and **Options Evening on Wednesday 3rd April**, before helping your child make these important decisions.

Option choices will not be completed on a first come, first serve basis and so there is no advantage to submitting the form before all of the information has been provided.

The Options Evening will also provide you with an opportunity to ask questions, however, in the meantime, if you do have any queries, please do encourage your child to speak to subject teachers, or their form tutors.

Mrs. E. Ledwidge
Senior Assistant Headteacher

NOTICES

JACK PETCHEY SPEAK OUT CHALLENGE – SEMI-FINAL – RODING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL – 6:00PM

All staff and students are warmly welcome to attend the semi-final of the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge at Roding Valley High School, Loughton at 6:00pm on Wednesday 24th April to support our contestant, **Amelia Stanley**, whilst she delivers her inspirational speech.

This is the first Wednesday back after half term.

A NOTE FROM A FORMER ONGAR COMPREHENSIVE STUDENT:

I was a pupil of Ongar Secondary during the 1960's (left in 1964). Now in our 70th year, we are having a class reunion on 12th April. I am in the process of putting together a slide show of a few photographs gathered but am having difficulty in locating archive photos of the old original school. If you have any, I would very much appreciate it if they could be scanned and emailed to me.

If you have any information, or photographs for this former student, please forward them to admin@theongaracademy.org

WISEPAY

Please ensure that you regularly top up your son/daughters Wisepay account.

A MESSAGE FROM ESSEX CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE:

The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service (ECFWS) is delivered by Virgin Care Limited in partnership with Barnardo's, to deliver children and family services across Essex, including local children's community health provision. Services are commissioned by Essex County Council and West Essex CCG, and work closely with partners within education to change outcomes for children and young people.

Every month, we promote and support specific local, national, and international campaigns by providing information and resources to schools, communities, and organisations that can improve health and wellbeing for all. Our campaigns are interactive with real-life practical learning examples, including web links to resources. These can be used in the classroom or at home.

Our health focus this month is on **Stress Awareness**, in line with national stress awareness month (April 2019). Please find the campaign bulletin attached.

NOTICES

HARRY POTTER STUDIO TOURS – 13TH MAY 2019

If you have paid for the Harry Potter Studio Tour, and completed a medical consent form, you have secured your son/daughter's place on this trip.

If you missed the deadline, but your son/daughter is still interested, please contact the school office and they will be placed on a reserve list.

VACCINATION CONSENT FORMS

Vaccination consent forms have been sent home with our year 9 students this week. Please ensure that these are completed and returned to the office as soon as possible.

YEAR 10 ASPIRATIONS WEEK

We are pleased to announce that Year 10 have the opportunity to go on work placements on Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July 2019, to experience a career of their choice. Forms have been distributed to students for them to take home. If students are keen to participate, they will need to find their own work placements, ensuring all the forms are completed in order for the school to approve placements. If students do not wish to participate, there will be GCSE related activities in school.

BASKETBALL REWARD TRIP – SUNDAY 19TH MAY 2019

The Ongar Academy PE Faculty are running a Recognition Trip to watch a live Basketball match; **2019 British Basketball Play-Off Finals**. Students have been chosen due to either their outstanding commitment, effort and attitude shown towards GCSE Basketball intervention during half-term, or for participating in Basketball enrichment and representing the school. Keep up the hard work!

ATTENDANCE

A Letter has been sent home to **all** students this week, informing parents/carers of their attendance percentage. We will always strive to improve our attendance, as there is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement.



The Ongar Academy Vegetable Garden

Beginning this half term, some of our Year 7 students will become the founders of the first **Ongar Academy Vegetable Garden** and we need your support to make it a success. If you can help out, we are asking for donations of any of the following:

- Compost
- Spades/trowels
- Watering cans
- Garden gloves
- Seeds

Move aside BAFTA and Nobel Peace Prize! In recognition of your kind donations, your name will be added to our roll of honour to be buried in our **Ongar Academy Vegetable Garden** time capsule!

Please see Miss Renton with details of any donations

DON'T FORGET!

PTA INFORMATION

Thank you so much to Parents/Carers who donated to our Bags2School campaign! Results will be published next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 28th March – Year 9 Parents/Carers Evening – Volunteers Wanted

NOTICE FROM THE PTA

We are looking for Easter Egg donations for the raffle. These will need to be brought into the school by Monday 25th March 2019.

All donations greatly appreciated.

Raffle tickets to be sold from 25th March 2019.

CONTACT OUR PTA

 [The Ongar Academy PTA](#)

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[Ongar Lost Property Facebook page](#)

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



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IF YOU DO HAVE ANY ISSUES RELATED TO SCHOOL WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU.