

# THE ONGAR ACADEMY WEEKLY BULLETIN

29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Week Commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 will be B 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:

**Fervour**

*Intense and passionate feeling.*

Synonyms: passion, ardour, intensity, zeal, vehemence, emotion, warmth, sincerity, earnestness, avidness, avidity, eagerness, keenness, enthusiasm, excitement, animation, vigour, energy, fire.

We encourage you to discuss this word with your child.

THE PRICE OF *success*  
IS HARD WORK,  
*dedication*  
TO THE JOB AT HAND,  
AND THE *determination*  
THAT WHETHER WE WIN OR LOSE,  
WE HAVE APPLIED  
*the best of ourselves*  
TO THE TASK AT HAND

## 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 Lamb & Roxy Hicks

Year 8 – Luke Hawkins & Poppy Biddle

Year 9 – Ronnie Gargan & Larissa Matheus

Year 10 – Oliver Upson & Summer Cracknell

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## FIXTURES

Date	Event
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Yr 8 Football v West Hatch – Away
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	GCSE Rock Climbing @ Thriftwood

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Sky Studios Tour – Year 10
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	GCSE – Rock Climbing @ Thriftwood Scout Camp
	Year 9 – Options Evening
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 9 – Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio & Meningitis Vaccine
	End of Spring Term – School Closes @ 12:05pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Wicked – The Musical – Year 8 & 9
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Harry Potter Studio Tour – Year 7 & 8
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Basketball Reward Trip
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> - Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Paris Residential Trip
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Berlin Residential Trip

## 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

- Non-uniform Day – 4<sup>th</sup> April
- D of E – Payment information

# NOTICES

## ARCHITECTURE EXHIBIT

Thank you so much to Miss Jeffs who arranged our amazing Architecture Exhibit, and to our incredibly talented students who created some spectacular pieces. There was a huge turnout, and as always, we are so grateful for your support.



## HARRY POTTER STUDIO TOURS – 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019 – YEAR 7 & 8

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 need to be returned as soon as possible. If you **do not** want your son/daughter to receive this vaccine, please let the school office know via

[admin@theongaracademy.org](mailto:admin@theongaracademy.org)

# NOTICES

## JACK PETCHEY SPEAK OUT CHALLENGE – SEMI-FINAL – RODING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> April to support our contestant, **Amelia Stanley**, whilst she delivers her inspirational speech.

This is the first Wednesday back after the Easter holidays.

## GCSE SPOKEN LANGUAGE ENDORSEMENT EXAM

Next week in English, the year 10s will be conducting their GCSE English Spoken Language Endorsement exam.

This is a speech and presentation on an interesting debate topic of their choosing, and they will be awarded either a pass/merit or distinction.

They will be building on the skills that they learned in the Jack Petchey Speak Out workshops, to create an engaging PowerPoint presentation and interesting speech about a topic that they feel strongly and passionately about. They may need some extra support and help at home to research some facts, figures and information to support their ideas and to also practise delivering their presentation. This does not actually affect their overall English Language grade at all, but students will have a certificate along with their GCSE qualifications next summer. Some of the presentations will be videoed for quality control purposes and moderation, and stored according to GDPR regulations.

## BASKETBALL REWARD TRIP – SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> 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!

# NOTICES

## RED NOSE DAY

For Red Nose Day, The Ongar Academy staff and students raised a total of

**£340.87**

Well done! What an amazing achievement.

## THE ONGAR ACADEMY NEW AND IMPROVED DEAR TIME ROTA

COMMENCEMENT DATE TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2019

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B	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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At the beginning of certain lessons every day the first 10 minutes will be taken over to private reading of students' reading books. Teachers will lead by example and spend 10 minutes reading their chosen book.

All evidence suggests that reading frequency is directly correlated with attainment. There is also evidence to support the idea that reading for pleasure is an activity that has emotional and social consequences as well as increased general knowledge. It is an absolute no-brainer.

Mrs. P. Suttle  
Head of Faculty: English



## 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!



**We raised £188!!**

## PTA INFORMATION

Well done to our parents, carers, students and of course our lovely PTA

Who managed to raise **£188** through our Bag2School scheme!

Thank you so much for you support.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

All donations greatly appreciated.

Raffle tickets to be sold from 25th March 2019.

### CONTACT OUR PTA



[The Ongar Academy PTA](#)



[@OngarPTA](#)

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



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### SOCIAL MEDIA

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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.