

THE ONGAR ACADEMY WEEKLY BULLETIN

17th May 2019

Week Commencing Monday 20th May 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:

Absurd

Wildly unreasonable, illogical, or inappropriate.

Synonyms: preposterous, ridiculous, ludicrous, farcical, laughable, risible; idiotic, stupid, foolish, silly, inane, insane, hare-brained; unreasonable, irrational, illogical, nonsensical, pointless, senseless; outrageous, shocking, astonishing.

We encourage you to discuss this word with your child.

NO ONE WHO *achieves*
success DOES SO WITHOUT
ACKNOWLEDGING THE HELP
OF *others*

A PERSONAL ONE FROM MR OSBORNE THIS WEEK.
EVERYONE HAS CONTRIBUTED THE SUCCESS OF OUR SCHOOL
AND WE ARE SO THANKFUL

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 – Adam Leamon

Year 8 – Nicky Scott & Tilly Bonner

Year 9 – Molly Knight & Daniel Woollard

Year 10 – Rolan Isbuga & Abbie Chapman

DATES TO REMEMBER

FIXTURES

No fixtures this week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Sunday 19 th May	Basketball Reward Trip
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th May	Year 9/KS3 Examinations
Friday 24 th May	Last Day Before Half Term – School Finishes @ 3:00pm
Friday 24 th - Monday 27 th May	Paris Residential Trip
Monday 3 rd June	First Day Back After Half Term – School Opens 8:00am
Monday 3 rd June – 14 th June	Year 10/KS4 Mock Examinations
Wednesday 19 th June	Year 5 Taster Day – Non Pupil Day
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th July	Year 10 Work Experience
Wednesday 26 th June	Boulogne Day Trip
Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th July	Berlin Residential Trip
Thursday 11 th July	Year 8 Parent/Carers' Evening



Letters Sent Home

- Basketball Trip – Travel Arrangements
- Inset day – June 19th

PUNCTUALITY

A reminder that students are expected in school at 8:40am daily for a prompt 8:45am start to their lessons. If students are late twice in a week, they will be issued with an after school detention.

If the reason behind the late marks are beyond the students control, they will not be penalised however it will be marked accordingly.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!

Keep an eye on our Twitter and Facebook for student spotlights. Here are some highlights from this week:

Ongar Academy Music
@AcaOngar

Following

So proud of my Music Department. It's really growing in talent and reputation... Congratulations to Leah in Year 8!!!



TOACreates ArtLeader KJE
@artkje

Following

BEAUtiful work Miss LUGG! Incredible work with colour, layering, tone and variation of hue.



TOACreates ArtLeader KJE

@artkje

Following

You would think this is GCSE but...it's actually the hard work of a year 9 student preparing for their GCSE coursework. This standard of work for Artist Research is truly brilliant & the commitment is remarkable. The burst of colour & enthusiasm has been the light in my day! 🥰

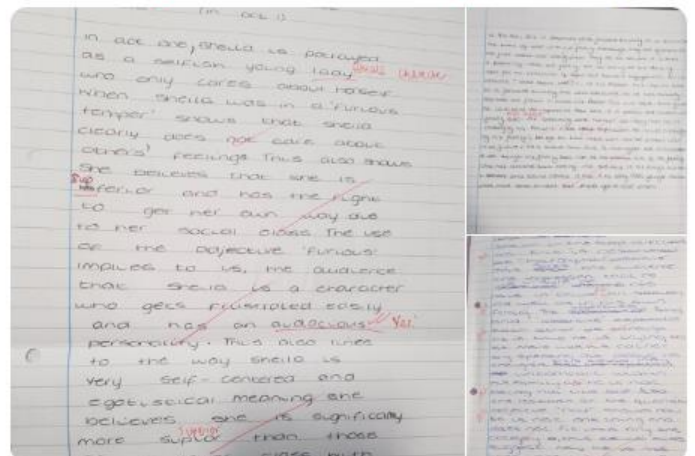


AssistantHeadSPL10

@OngarAcademyAHT

Following

Insightful, analytical responses from my Y10s on 'An Inspector Calls' 🙌 They chose a character to write about from Act 1 & commented on how they are presented to the audience. This was their first attempt 🙌 #OnlyTheBeginning #BuddingStars #GCSEs #Impressive 🌟



NOTICES

MEDICAL CONSENT FORMS

If your son/daughter is taking part in a trip or visit, a medical consent form **must** be completed. This is our school and trust policy, and failure to complete the form can result in your child not being able to attend the trip/visit.

Forms are often being submitted when only partially completed. It is imperative that all sections of the form are signed and acknowledged, even if not applicable to your child, as we need to ensure that you have not missed out any crucial information. These forms are taken on the trip and used as reference in case of emergency, hence the importance of the completing them correctly.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Thank you to students who have submitted their Work Experience forms. If any parts were incomplete, you will be contacted by Mrs Penberthy as this will affect your approval of the work placement. In the next two weeks, you will receive a letter stating whether your Work Experience application has been approved or declined, as we need to carry Health and Safety vetting and checks before approving any places.

LIVING STREETS – WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK – 20TH-25TH MAY 2019

Why not join in Living Streets' **Walk to School Week** at the end of May and make a difference to the air surrounding your school! You can find lots of useful information at www.livingstreets.org.uk/products-and-services/projects/walk-to-school-week

NOTICES

DETENTIONS – IMPORTANT – PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Due to a high level of Tuesday detentions, parents and carers will now be notified via **email** of their son/daughter's detention.

'CARDIAC RISK IN THE YOUNG' SCREENING EVENT - GRANGE FARM CHIGWELL

The Community, Health and Wellbeing team at Epping Forest District Council we are working with a charity called CRY (cardiac risk in the young). They aim to raise awareness of cardiac risk in young people, as in the UK 12 young people die a week from undiagnosed cardiac issues. The charity also supports family that have suffered a loss from cardiac issue and offer free cardiac screening for young people aged 14-35.

Please see the flyers attached for this free heart screening event.

PARIS TRIP – SPACE AVAILABLE

A space has opened up on the Year 9 and 10 Paris trip. We would need to know by Monday if your son/daughter is interested. Please contact admin if you are interested.

WISEPAY APP

We would like to remind you that The Ongar Academy 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. For more information please refer to the flyer attached.

Our organisation code is: 59191688

Wisepay - Password Reset

If you need to have your password reset for Wisepay please contact the school office.

NOTICES

MRS ROBINSON-SMITH – ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

Mrs Robinson-Smith has joined us as our Assistant Headteacher! We would like to extend our warmest welcome to her and wish her a successful and happy experience at The Ongar Academy.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

This week's newsletter highlights the importance of **safety when travelling to and from school and when your children are out in the community.**

There has been concerns raised specifically about children playing on their bikes in car parks rather than in designated areas, performing tricks and wheelies. This not only places the child at a significant high risk of injury but also can cause harm to pedestrians and members of the community travelling in cars. The Ongar Academy will not accept students performing these tricks in or around the school and will educate and sanction students found doing this.

It is also imperative that students are mindful when crossing the roads to use designated areas and to remove earphones if there are no designated areas so that they can hear any oncoming traffic. I have attached some parental guidance to outline some of the safety guidelines to keep children safe.

Please do let me know if you have any concerns about your child's safety travelling to and from school or when they are out and about in the community so we can support you with this.

<http://www.brake.org.uk/schools-communities/road-safety-for-families/21-facts-a-resources/resources/321-parents>

Ms. E. Ruffles

Deputy Headteacher

DON'T FORGET!

COMMUNICATION

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

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