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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome Back

I have greatly enjoyed my first week back. It's been an absolute pleasure to welcome students back to their school and I am very impressed with the positive attitude and high standards of uniform and appearance. Like our Year 7, students been finding their way around the new Faculty system and all the new signage and movement around the school. It is already beginning to feel very much like a home as we all settle into new routines, new year groups and new classes.

Over the summer we have made some refinements to our systems and procedures and will be sharing news of exciting new developments over the coming weeks.

There have been major staff changes and I am delighted with my brand new team. Please do look at our website for further staff changes and new Heads of Faculty. <http://www.theongaracademy.org/our-school/staff/>. If you want to read more about our huge success, changes and improvements please follow our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) feeds. We have multiple Twitter accounts providing up to date information from our Faculties and Senior Leaders.

Communication is the key to an outstanding school. We all need to work in partnership. The Ongar community has a reputation for being accepting, dedicated and committed, so it deserves and has an outstanding school. When communication breaks down anxiety and upset is caused, so as always it is my absolute priority to keep these channels open. As with most secondary schools, we have a high number of staff in positions of leadership so that any issues can be dealt with as quickly as possible.

Can I remind you that if you are concerned about your child's progress **in a subject** in particular that you speak to the class teacher; Subject Leader or Head of Faculty.

My Heads of Faculty are:

English	Mrs Suttle
Maths and Computing	Mr Simpson
Science (Acting)	Mr Cooper
Humanities	Mr Hadley
Creative Arts/PE	Miss Clark
Technology and Art	Mrs Worboys
MFL	Mr Diaz-Ward

If you are concerned with a **number of subjects** and your child's **learning in general**, then their tutor or their Standards and Progress Leaders (SPLs) are the most suitable to contact:

Year 7	Miss Taylor
Year 8 & 9	Mr Camillo
Year 10 & 11	Mrs Robinson Smith



