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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: The Ongar Academy – New PE Kit

We are excited to announce the launch of a new PE Kit for all students at The Ongar Academy, which will come into effect from September 2025.

The new PE Kit is compulsory for students starting with us in Year 7 as of September 2025. All current Year 7-10 students will also be able to purchase the new PE Kit. We expect this to be very popular! Students currently in Years 7-10 can continue to wear the old PE Kit if they wish, for the 2025/26 academic year, at which point all students will be required to wear the new PE Kit for 2026/27 onwards.

This update is part of our ongoing commitment to improving our school. It promotes a strong sense of school identity, ensures our students are equipped with high-quality practical sportswear, and enhances the overall PE experience. Hopefully, you will see that there is a significant cost difference compared to the current kit, as well as the option to make it even cheaper if you want to get the items without the school logo. A priority for us as a school is to ensure that we can offer considerable savings for our families where possible. The new PE Kit can be purchased (with the logo) for as little as £59.20, compared to the current kit which total to around £101.70 for a male kit and even more if you are a female! The new PE kit ensures that everyone pays the same price and that all items are for everyone.

The new PE Kit has been designed for many reasons. These include ensuring students have a modern, light and comfortable kit that is the same for all students, allowing students to represent The Ongar Academy by proudly wearing our school colours, and ensuring that the kit is more affordable and easier to source through our uniform supplier.

The new PE Kit is a JOMA kit which includes:

- Green T-Shirt (with logo from £10.50 or plain from £8.00)
- Green Quarter Zip Top (with logo from £17.50 or plain from £15.00)
- Black Sports Shorts (with logo from £9.20 or plain from £6.70)
- Black Track Pants (with logo from £16.75 or plain from £14.25)
- Black Sports Socks (plain from £5.25)

Trainers remain an essential part of the PE kit. A hair-band remains an essential part of the PE kit (for all long hair). Gumshields, shinpads and football boots will be required at certain points throughout the academic year. Plain black baselayers are allowed to be worn underneath for extra warmth. Plain black sports gloves (grip) are allowed in the winter.

Schoolwear Plus remain as our uniform supplier (details below). All of the new kit items can be purchased with or without the school logo to help reduce the cost further for parents. Optional embroidered initials (£3.00) are also available on each item if you wish to add that personalised touch.

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The new PE Kit can be purchased via the Schoolwear Plus website or by visiting their store in-person.

The new PE Kit will be launched online on **Saturday 14th June 2025**.

Please ensure that you get your orders in early (ideally over the next two weeks) to ensure that you have your items in time for September. In terms of receiving your orders, Schoolwear plus offer the following services: collect from store, home delivery, or delivery via the school.

The old PE is still available to purchase, at a reduced rate, for those who wish to continue to wear the old one for the next academic year (yr 8-11 only)

The Ongar Academy website has been updated with the PE Kit expectations. Please ensure that you read this carefully.

We hope the new PE Kit is received as positive news to you all. We can't wait to see you all wearing it!

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