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3rd September 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

**Welcome Back - 2024/25**

We hope all students and families have managed to have a lovely summer break. With students returning to the school tomorrow, on Wednesday 4th September 2024, we wanted to write to you regarding some key information.

**First Day: Wednesday 4th September – 8:40am – 3:00pm**

Students should arrive in full school uniform. Students will be greeted by members of staff from The Ongar Academy upon arrival. Students will then make their way to their tutor group at the start of the day. Students will have a short assembly in the morning, before completing their first lesson of the day in their tutor groups, as well as receive their timetables for the new academic year. From Period 2 onwards, students will then follow their new timetable for their lessons.

**Uniform**

As stated above, students should arrive to school in their full school uniform. We would like to reaffirm the school's policy on uniform. All students are expected to wear the approved uniform correctly in school. Students must wear:

- A School Blazer
- White blouse or White Shirt **(A tie must always be worn with a Shirt).**
- Plain Black Trousers, traditional cut and formal in style.
- Black Skirt with a pleat, worn on the knee **(not a pencil skirt)**.
- Black Socks or Black Tights.
- Shoes must be black and formal **(Trainers can be worn but must be fully black, all leather and have no mesh)**.

All details can be found here: **https://www.theongaracademy.org/uniform/**

**Equipment & PE Kit**

From tomorrow, students should continue to bring the following equipment with them:

- Pens
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Calculator

It is recommended that all students bring PE kit on their first day, as some students may have PE on their timetable.

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**Food & Purchasing**

We kindly ask that parents and carers, ensure there is credit on students accounts in order to allow students to purchase food. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact communications@theongaracademy.org.

**Tutor Information**

| Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
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| 8A – Ms Lloyd (S10) | 9A – Mr Davies (S18) | 10A – Mr Gregory (G24) | 11A – Mr Dickson (S16) |
| 8B – Mr Huhulski (S24) | 9B – Mrs Auld-Josephs (F24) | 10B – Mrs Bolton (F21) | 11B – Mr Agombar (S17) |
| 8C – Mrs Norman (F6) | 9C – Ms Smith (S22) | 10C – Mrs Miah (S4) | 11C – Miss Faley (F17) |
| 8D – Mrs Mcintosh (S11) | 9D – Mr Ingall and Mrs Muncey (S23/S25) | 10D – Mrs Stewart (F16) | 11D – Mr Bourton (F19) |

**Further Support**

Finally, if you have any further questions, please contact your child's PAL (Pastoral & Learning Support):

Year 8 – Mrs Harwood on lharwood@theongaracademy.org

Year 9 – Mrs Chandler on nchandler@theongaracademy.org

Year 10 – Miss Dorman on edorman@theongaracademy.org

Year 11 – Mrs Jones on ljones1@theongaracademy.org

We look forward to welcoming our students back to the academy tomorrow for what we anticipate being an exciting academic year.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Hudgell and Mr Talbot (Head of Houses)