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3rd September 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Year 7 Welcome!

Last Friday, we had a fantastic Team Building Day. Our new Year 7 students threw themselves into all the activities, displayed great resilience and made some really strong bonds with their new classmates. All students made an amazing start to their journey at The Ongar Academy. We look forward to this continued effort, resilience and strong sense of community shown as the students start the academic year.

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

Tomorrow is our Year 7 Students first school day. Students should arrive in full school uniform and make their way to the main hall. They will be greeted by members of the senior leadership team, as well as their Form Tutor. There will also be members of staff on the front gate for any questions parents may have. Students will have a short assembly and then will be taken to their Form Room. During this time, students will receive their timetable, have another tour of the school and then have their biometric fingerprint taken for future food purchases.

Break & Lunchtime

Year 7 students will be taken to break and lunch 5 minutes early until October half-term. This will allow them to get their food before the rest of the students arrive and understand the school canteen system.

Food & Purchasing

All food on the first day will be provided for free. Once their biometric fingerprint has been taken, parents and carers will receive a ParentPay login. Parents and Carers, must ensure there is credit on the account in order to allow students to purchase food from Thursday onwards. If you have any questions regarding this please contact communications@theongaracademy.org.

Uniform

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct uniform. The details can be found here: https://www.theongaracademy.org/uniform/

Equipment & Kit

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

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

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

Edulink Accounts

During the first academic week, students will begin to receive log-in details to access both their personal Edulink accounts and Microsoft email Accounts. Students will be shown this during tutor time and their first Computer Science lessons. These platforms will be used for students to access homework, timetables and email accounts.

Tutor Information

7A – Mr McFarlane

7B – Mr Honu

7C – Mrs Ayettey

7D – Ms Piper

Further Support

Finally, if you have any further questions, please contact the Year 7 PAL (Pastoral & Learning Support), Mrs Dorman on cdorman@theongaracademy.org

We look forward to welcoming our new students to the academy tomorrow.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Hudgell and Mr Talbot (Head of Houses)